

TELECON

Ambassador Dobrynin/Secretary Kissinger

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D: Hello Henry.

K: Anatoly, before you start yelling at me..you know this shatters my..

D: I am going to the Tchaikovsky concert to hear the Leningrad Philharmonic.

K: You didn't invite me.

D: I was invited by Flanigan. He has special tickets from the White House.

K: Well, sit in the second row so you won't be too conspicuous.

D: I will be quiet...

K: Now, Listen, our heroes at Defense have announced we are sending an aircraft carrier into the Indian Ocean in answer to .. in the Mediterranean. You will see this on the ticker. Within the next hour they will publish a retraction and say this is simply a routine mission.

D: Can you dalm them down. We are used to our military which is 100% under control.

K: Our is 90% under control.

D: Yes and the other 10% is on our side.

K: Look, for God's sake, don't be a sore winner. I am apologizing. I am getting a retraction. It is the best I can do.

D: I know that. They will publish a statement?

K: The Defense Department will publish a retraction and if that does not get enough publicity, I will get Ziegler to do it from the White House tomorrow.

D: I think that would be good. OK, I will listen quietly to Tchaikovsky and not to your aircraft in the Indian Ocean.

K: No, no. ...and the Ziegler retraction at the White House.

D: Alright, see you tomorrow.

K: Tomorrow evening.

D: Thanks for your call.