

TELECON
Mr. Schlesinger/Secretary Kissinger
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K: Jim, how are you? I called you to tell you how much I regretted what has happened. I hope you know it wasn't my idea.

S: From what I know, this was not your idea.

K: You know, it is a pity our relationship developed as it did because I think you and I could have held this thing together.

S: That is correct.

K: And perhaps only you and I.

S: I am afraid there maybe something in that, Henry. Someone today said Henry has the best mind but we have to be careful. I myself will be careful in the sense of protective -- there is a lot of unfair stuff about you going around.

K: Some time when this thing quiets down I would like to sit down with you and figure out what went wrong.

S: I must say that your auspiciousness was a part of the problem. I tried to keep it under control.

K: It would have been easy to say there was nothing to it but Jim you know that was sort of minor league harrassment -- that was not a cause for what happened.

S: That is a judgment / with which I would inclined to concur.

K: What I have said to people is that when you and I are back in academic life our views will be only tactically different -- even about the Soviets.

S: I think we are reasonably close.

K: I really want you to know I regret it and it never occurred to me that anything like this could have happened.

S: I never occurred to me either.

K: I did my best to prevent it. I wish you well.

S: Thank you Henry.

K: Have you decided what you will do?

S: I just don't know. O.K. Henry.

K: I hope we can stay on contact.

S: Righto.

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K: All the best to you and your wife.

S: I think you are going to have a difficult time.

K: Of that I have no doubt -- bureaucratically not to speak of domestically.

S: O.K. Henry.

K: Nice to talk to you, bye.