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Mr. Hyland/Secretary Kissinger
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- K: Bill, it was an interesting memo you sent me about Victor Lloyd. I am wondering whether when Dobrynin comes back I shouldn't tell him about it.
- H: I think you should. I think there might be some kind of game going on against him.
- K: The damage these bastards have done here -- the Jackson crowd -- is unbelievable.
- H: It may be irreparable. That is the problem, unless something changes over there. I think it is tied up with Brezhnev's position.
- K: I know, but we triggered it. Sooner or later these things always come to an end, and usually for some sensible reason.
- H: There is no doubt that what Jackson did after Vladivostok -- it was a bad blow. ~~When he challenged them they had to call the whistle.~~
- K: When he challenged them they had to call the whistle.
- H: That is what I think too. I think Dobrynin may be the scapegoat.
- K: You think?
- H: I have never felt Gromyko was all that close to Bodrynin.
- K: But Dobrynin is much abler than Gromyko.
- H: That is one of the problems. The successor didn't make it too happy. You know they sent Gromyko's son over here to the Embassy, and I think they shipped him out. That was part of the ~~x~~ intrigue. I think it would be a good idea --
- K: He is not here so I have to wait until --
- H: There was a cable saying he wasn't coming until mid-March. So he will be back after you leave?
- K: Yes. He asked whether there was any sense in his coming back before I left.

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H: It's better you don't have to talk to him before you leave.

K: That's what I figure.

H: It is still a strange game, I think. Keep an eye on it, I think.

K: Well, it is the most depressing period in our foreign policy and totally unnecessary.

H: It has unleashed a lot of other things and a lot has coincided to make it all the worse, especially with Turkey and the Russians. How can they lose?

K: OK. Bye.

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