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AG Levi
Sec. Kissinger
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L: Mr. Secretary.

K: How are you?

L: Fine, How are you?

K: O.K.

L: I understand you have some objections, even excitement, about the electronic surveillance bill.

K: Jesussss, I have no excitement whatever. It came up at one of my staff meetings in which people are regularly reporting and somebody said that -- I tell you exactly what happened. Monroe Leigh said should the Sate Dept present President prerogatives. Isn't it odd thatthe StateDept should defend it. I said you defend what is right if it is a Presidential prerogative even if you stand alone.

L: Do you think I should come over and explain it to you.

K: Sure, but I am not going on the barricade...

L: I never deal that way anyway but I thought it might be useful if I came over.

K: Would you want to have lunch tomorrow.

L: I can't have lunch tomorrow. I am having lunch with some press group.

K: If I have an unfavorable news story about me this week I know who I am going to come after.

L: (L missed the joke). That would be unfair. Perhaps you would have 10 minutes today.

K: Maybe around 12:30. Let me call you

L: I have to make a trip to Mississippi in order to pay homage to the great Senator Eastland.

K: I will call you within the hour.

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