

TELCON
Ambassador Dobrynin/Secretary Kissinger
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10:09 am

D: Hello.

K: Anattyl.

D: Hello, Henry. I am really glad to hear your voice.

K: I am so busy doing your work in the European Security Conference and elsewhere that we're not in contact anymore.

D: Well, for a change I think it is useful. Really. To do something.. well, Henry have to thank you for the opportunity to meet on Monday because I go for a rather long vacation on Tuesday.

K: Ok, can we have lunch on Monday.

D: Yes, that is very good. Yes, and if you don't mind to look through on those agreements which have an understanding on what we are going to do from an organizational point of view. When we will begin it and..

K: Absolutely. And also I want to tell you what we have done on the European Security Conference, because I think we have got it in a very positive direction now, if you cooperate a little bit on Basket III.

D: Well, do you have any concrete suggestions.? This is important.

K: I think we have broken the back on the Summit idea.

D: Already.

K: I think we are well on the way. But don't go around saying this.

D: No. no, no.

K: No, you won't, but sometimes your people in the lower regions are not as subtle as you are.

D: On this only Gromyko and myself are looking, otherwise he will keep this close to his heart. It is a project he likes very much. So, Henry, then...

K: And I also want to talk to you about SALT. Not that there is a wild urgency, but I really think before everybody goes crazy....

D: Henry, Brezhnev asked me if you could just a little bit more liberate these ideas of yours. Because he himself is going for a vacation. He will want to go for three days in Poland, in a few days. But then he will spend all his time ...

K: What did you do to my Egyptian friends ?

D: What did we do. We just give a chance to explore all depths of their talks til October, so we hope they will explore it fully.

K: Well, now they are all upset and worried.

D: On the contrary, we give them a full chance to make a soul searching...

K: I will stop advising you when you people start getting clever, we'll be in deep trouble.

D: They decided really to give them a chance.

K: I need you clumsy.

K: You are going to stay here, not go on any vacation.

K: No, I think I need to show some of my opponents in this town that I did not survive for five and a half years by being a pushover.

D: I notice this, but I think what they are going is a crazy idea and a stupid one. Because no chance of...

K: Anajoyl, I am bound to win.

D: No, no. I am sure about it. That's why I am rather surprised by the stupidity of them to try it because it is a clear-tight case and..

K: No, no. Actually I want to stay in town. I just want to stay here for about four weeks to restore a little discipline.

D: This is important.

K: How long are you going to be gone.

D: I guess until the middle of September.

K: Well, Somebody told me you are going to become Foreign Minister. Is that true ?

D: Well, you know, not always are your sources of information the best ones.

K: Well, we'll have to take that wiretap off the Kremlin then.

D: Well, this is another story, or you have to fire those who are making them, there not good enough and get a better one.

K: Well, Anatoyl I would/very torn. On the one hand, I would like to see you in a higher position, on the other...
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D: No, I ~~was really eager~~ am not really eager. It is troublesome work. In a way, I may say, it is more difficult than yours.

K: Much more, much more.

D: In one way. A rather important one. In a sense, when you have to get a message...

K: You have fifteen, and you have a Politboro member who thinks he is an expert.

D: So this makes it much more difficult. In your case, it is easy, you have only one man.

K: No question, and I would also hate to lose a personal friend here. I don't know how it squares with Marxist ideology to have personal friendships at the diplomatic level.

D: I think it is quite alright. I hope until next meeting here, until next summit I'll be here.

K: Oh, good.

D: These are my intentions. Ok, Henry,

K: Good.

D: And I'll see you on Monday at 1:00.

K: Are you going away for the weekend.

D: Probably yes, Probably will go to the big bay, this is my intention.

K: Today?

D: No, tomorrow. Today, I will stay here.

K: And you'll be back on Sunday.

D: Yes.

K: Ok, well if I want to get a hold of you I can call you there.

D: Well, ok. It is alright with me, but I am sure you can wait until Monday.

K: It will wait Monday. See you for lunch on Monday.

D: Yes, thank you very much.

K: Good, bye.

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