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Mankiewicz/Sec. Kissinger
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M: I had no idea when I last spoke to you that you were sort of -way down the aisle. I asked if you were going to Acapulco or Syria and you thought I had gone out of my mind. Very well done. I congratulate you. She always struck me as a marvelous woman. I am a great admirer.

K: We have got to get together soon.

M: I have two matters to tell you. One is the trip that I told you about is now on.

K: Wait a minute now -- what trip was that?

M: To the Caribbean.

K: I must have blanked out ^{on} ~~of~~ that.

M: I told you that I might be doing a television interview with....

K: Yes, yes, I know exactly -- of course. Good. Then I want to see you.

M: Yes. Well it's a

K: When?

M: Well, it's six weeks away.

K: Well, let's do it when I get back from the Middle East.

M: When you get back -- early in May?

K: Yes.

M: I'm going to England on the 17th of May so maybe sometime in between there, or even after the 1st of June. It will be late in June.

K: I must see you before you do that.

M: I think there might be something useful in that. I'm delighted to hear about the Chilean. You're leaving at the end of this week and coming back....

K: I'm leaving on Sunday.

M: Do you think before you leave you could get us a tentative date. I'm told..

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K: Let me look it over.

M: ...that our seminar file is in your action file. We've been talking to Eagleburger and to Gompert. If you could just give them a tentative date before you go that would be good.

K: Good.

M: Now you mentioned one other things once which I think would be very useful in light of a lot of things that have happened, which is, you suggested that ~~xxxx~~ Holly and I should put on a very discrete evening with critics of a kind that you're not likely to meet.

K: I would like that.

M: ...in your normal travels. Nothing public or anything like it. Responsible concerned people who are not members of the foreign relations committee, or even members of the Senate but who have some influence. Are you still interested in that?

K: Yes, I am, very much.

M: Maybe we could try to work that out -- May I think is probably too quick, but maybe after the 1st of June.

K: Why don't you and I talk as soon as I get back.

M: Alright. But we'll have to do that, we'll talk sometime between the 5th and the 17th of May.

K: Right. I don't think I'll be back until the 10th.

M: Alright, whenever it is.

K: We'll talk in that period and then we'll set that evening.

M: And then if you could tell Larry or somebody, if you can pick a date after the 10th, anytime in the rest of May for this seminar thing. That will be fine. And then we'll talk about the other thing when we talk, because it looks very serious and I think it's not without significance.

K: It is of significance because it fits in with other things.

M: Exactly. The time cable strikes me as an interesting one and of course I will say not a word to anyone.

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K: And the NY Times with it's great acumen has missed the whole point of what we did with Cuba at the OAS.

M: Really? I haven't seen the Times.

K: Well, ~~they~~ have an editorial complaining.

M: Complaining that you didn't do ~~z~~ anything.

K: That the Latin's know what we're doing.

M: Of course they do. I got that from the AP. If you know how to read and if you know how Latin's talk, it was quite obvious. I wasn't surprised when this other thing came along. I think we can make all kinds of ground.

K: Exactly. What you're doing may fit really very nicely into it.

M: I hope that you will not mention it to anybody.

K: Look, it's against my interest.

M: Where it could get back to them. Above all, we certainly don't want them to think....

K: No, no. What you can do is to give your impressions. I don't want you to be a messenger.

M: But in any event, you don't know that I'm going or at least you're not treating it very seriously because otherwise they get the impression that I seem to be but that I'm indeed some kind of

K: ~~z~~ No, I'm not going to talk to anybody about it.

M: Good.

K: There's no ~~z~~ need for me to talk to anybody.

M: But file the information away that that happened a day or two ago, it should effect your thinking about other things, perhaps.

K: Exactly. No, I don't consider it an ~~accident~~ accident.

M: I don't either. Just put it into your file and I think it's significant, if you want to know, that this was the only one accepted.

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K: What channels did they use? I mean, they didn't use the Soviets, that's all I....

M: No, they used their own UN mission.

K: OK, well that's fine.

M: And simultaneously did not accept major networks, all of which had been asking for the same thing.

K: That's intelligence.

M: In other words, they want exposure, but.....

K: But from somebody with political sophistication.

M: Exactly.

K: Very intelligent.

M: And whom they have reason to believe, you know, if not friendly, at least open.

K: Exactly.

M: So, it all sort of fits together and I'm.....

K: Look, as soon as you hear that I'm back, will you call me.

M: Yes, I will.

K: Good, Frank.

M: I will and if you could give them a date, we'd set something up for late May on the other thing.

K: Right.

M: Alright, Thank you, Henry and congratulations.

K: Thank you, Frank.

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