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President Ford  
Sec. Kissinger  
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K: Hello, Mr. President.

F: How are you Henry?

K: O.K. I wanted to call you to tell you how much you have been on my mind all day.

F: We had a little incident that was one of those surprising things that developed. Kind of startles you. The Secret Service did a superb job and everything worked out fine.

K: I wanted you to know how really shaken we all were. I was at a lunch with a Congressional group. We were terribly shaken and terribly relieved.

F: I was about to say it is a little startling to look down to shake hands and you see a hand with a gun in it. The Secret Service moved in so very quickly it was all over in a fraction of a few seconds.

K: Was it actually pointed at you?

F: I could not say it was actually pointed at me. It was there and I saw it. The Secret Service were so alert that they were on the hand before I could honestly say it was pointed at me.

K: Well, Mr. President, we were all praying for you and it is such a sense of relief.

F: Thank you very much, Henry. It is awfully nice of you to call. How did the day go in Washington.

K: I was at the UN. We have tremendous support there.

F: On the basis of the speech that you gave.

K: The speech went very well but also the Middle East settlement. It is being very very well received.

F: I spoke about it virtually every time I had a chance to speak and the reaction out here is equally favorable, I think.



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K: It was very, very good here. But the speech was very well received also. We are in a strong position here.

F: Is there any development from Dunlop on the grain matter.

K: As I understand it Mr. President the next move is for you to get together with Meany and Hall.

F: All right. Let's program that as soon as we can on Tuesday or Monday.

K: Dunlop seems to think Tuesday is the first feasible day.

F: I will tell Don to set it up Tuesday or Monday afternoon. In the meantime I think, Dunlop, you and perhaps Earl Butz of somebody to give us their best estimate on the anticipated crop report and I think we ought to get whatever additional information we need on trade rate and the availability of those cargo ships to come out of \_\_\_\_\_.

K: I think I have figured a way to handle the trade rate, Mr. President.

F: I think that is important. If we can wean Hall away and have an impact on George Many that is the way I think to break the back of the matter.

K: I think -- I will know by Monday morning on the trade rate business.

F: Is there any possibility of your talking to Dobrynin or somebody at the Embassy as to how quickly they could act on this deal on grain and oil.

K: We had better not talk about this on the open phone but we are sending someone next week.

F: O.K. I will not pursue it any further. We will send someone next week. Thank you Henry. It was nice of you to call Say a little prayer and the Lord will take care of you.

K: It shows you how much we need you and the enormous affection for you. At the luncheon you would really have been moved by the reaction of everybody.

F: That is very nice to hear. We are going to keep plowing along. We are on the right track where we are.

K: I am thinking of you Mr. President

F: Thank you very much, Henry. Nice of you to call and I am grateful.