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Y did have a logg talk with his friend. As a whole Y's friend agreed and is satisfied with the understanding and the arrangements made between Y and K. Y asked if he could go into some details; K said yes.

First with respect to item 1 which Y's friend will take up on the first day. It consists of two factors: A) \_\_\_\_\_ and B) small room. Y's friend agreed to the substance and procedures of A and B. Y's friend will act as K and Y agreed at the last moment over the telephone. Y wanted to repeat it just to be sure. First with regard to the \_\_\_\_\_ question. K's friend asks ~~with~~ whether Y's friend has any ideas. Y's friend will first explain the importance they attach to the problem. The explanation will be of a general nature. Then Y's friend will ask K's friend to explain his general attitude and then Y's friend will ask K's friend if he has any suggestions. K said then his friend presents Plan 2. K said yes, but first some general discussion. Y said yes, he fully agrees--they will have some discussion. Then K's friend asks Y's friend if he has any \_\_\_\_\_. Y's friend suggests Plan 2, and then K's friend suggests another idea. Y's friend presents Plan 3, and both finally agree on Plan 3. K said his friend may say "I want to check this out and it will probably be all right, and I will let you know definitely tomorrow." But K said this would not change the outcome. K said his friend would signify his own personal agreement.

Y said then let's get to the second part on small room. Y's friend agrees with the understanding on certain \_\_\_\_\_, on the timing, as K just mentioned. Y said there will be no problem, but Y's friend is concerned about the security aspect of small room. Y said please to see that only K's friend and no one else is there. K said 'amd me.' Y said yes, K is a part of his friend. K said Y could be sure that no one else would be there.

Y said his friend would take up item 2 on the second day. Y's friend agrees with the substance and the procedures. But there has been progress on item 2 in the last few days. Next Monday, they are going to have something in Geneva so there might be some modification of the discussion of this between our 2 friends. But in principle Y's friend will stick to the procedure. Y's friend agreed to the substance of item 2, but ~~will~~ will not go into detail. K said Y's friend would go into paragraph 1? Y said yes, but what he means by detail is the figures. K said but Y's friend would state substance of

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the first paragraph? Y said oh yes, he accepted all those figures in principle.

Y said one other point on the same subject. Y's friend emphasized the need of separating item 2 from item 1. These two items will be taken up separately on different days. Item 2 should not be included in item 1 and should not be made public in any form. K said there must be some reference to the fact of the discussion, but no promise of understanding, right? Y said that was right.

Y said with respect to item 3 his friend agreed to it. He will put it in his public speech. Y wanted to know if K's friend would do something by the time Y and K mentioned. K said yes, he intends to and will explain it to Y's friend.

Y said what about item 4. K said we would do before the end of the year something that indicates that we will do it over the next 18 months. Y said good, he very much appreciated this.

Y said his friend has another item, the \_\_\_\_\_, Y's friend wishes to propose it to K's friend, and he hopes it will be accepted and welcomed. K said yes, it would be accepted and will come out all right.

Y said his friend feels there is no need for him (Y) to come next week, and it would be difficult to keep it quiet if Y did come. K said but what about if there are any misunderstandings? Y said K should get in touch with him; K's aides would know how. Y said he would be able to get in touch with his friend at all times.

Y said finally, his friend especially asked Y to thank K very much. K said he did for both of us. K said he appreciated this and looked forward to meeting Y's friend. Y asked if there was anything else. K said no, we understand each other--general discussion of first item. Y said he has to have understanding of timing with regard to small room. K said Y should leave that up to his friend. K said his friend may say he wants to think about that one thing over night, but that doesn't mean anything. Y said, then small room next morning? K said small room might be the next morning anyway--this won't affect the outcome.

Y thanked K; K said it had been a pleasure to work with Y. K said he hopes everything will work out; K sees no reason why it shouldn't.

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Y said he had reported to his friend about K's and Y's conversation this morning--he was very pleased. Y has two minor questions.

With regard to item 1, since the existence of the small room has to be kept quiet ~~for~~ if some unfriendly people should ask Y's friend about the existence of such a small room, ~~or~~ <sup>or</sup> reporters should ask after our two friends talk, how should Y's friend respond? K said what does he think? Y said he thinks he should say that the important things ~~discussed with~~ ~~discussed~~ discussed with K's friend are stated in the                     . Y said his friend ~~x~~ would have to deny almost categorically anything such as small room--he has no alternative. Y's friend would like K and K's friend to appreciate and assist such a situation. In such event, Y's friend hopes a certain appropriate spokesman from your side could help. Y said after all, any spokesman of yours would have no idea about small room. Y asked if K could explain this to his friend. Y's friend would like to ask appreciation and cooperation from K's friend on this difficult question. Y said would you please help my friend on this point? K said yes.

Y said the second point is with respect to item 4--should Y's friend raise the matter to K's friend, or is this a matter that should be considered understood. K said he can raise it. K said we may not say a great deal. We will just say we'll consider it. But K has told Y what we will do.

Y asked if K would please understand this difficult question, and please give him some help? K said right.

K said about item 2--K has looked into the other place where people are talking. K thinks we should ~~not~~ keep that going in order to concentrate attention. But the outcome will be along the ~~line~~ ~~line~~ line of what we discussed. ~~With no change in that.~~ No change in that. Y said there will be two talks simultaneously? K said that was right and asked if that bothered Y. Y said no. K said it gives the chance of attracting formal attention to one of them. Y said K was quiet right and Y's friend would give K specific ~~instructions~~ directions to another one based on pre-understanding.

K said and we understand that on item 3, some significant action will be taken before June? Y said that's right--what Y's friend clearly intends to do. But it will not be mentioned. K said he understood, except for in the speech. Y said right, and he hopes it will be included as clearly as possible. K said right, and he will indicate it privately to my friend? 9

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K said that would be helpful. It will not be published, it will just be private information. Y said there would be publication at the time we discussed. K said yes, and done by you.

K said and item 4 will be handled as we discussed. Y said right.

K said with item 1 his friend will begin with general discussion of ~~such~~ their concern with this area and K's friend would reply however he wants, and then we will go to specifics. K said in other words, there will be one step before what we discussed. K said for Y to tell his friend this is done for bureaucratic reasons. K said we will not give a formal agreement at the end of the session, but this doesn't mean anything. Y said he fully understood, and would tell his friend.

K said there may be a possibility that they will go into the private room at the end of the first meeting. Y said he would ask his friend to be flexible. K said the initiative will be taken by his friend. K said it will make no particular difference; the reason is internal. Y said it must be handled in a natural way--K said yes.

Y said he didn't think there were any other questions. The first point Y raised this time concerned his friend. K said Y didn't have to worry. K said we just have to assume he will stick to it when it's necessary. Y said yes, certainly. Y said but on this side, many reporters are focusing on this question. That's why Y wanted to ask full appreciation and cooperation from K's friend. K said no ~~other~~ problem.

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K indicated that everything went perfectly and it is all settled. Y thanked K. Y wanted K to make quite clear, in order to avoid any misunderstanding, that with regard to the small room, that has to be kept quiet. K said that nobody knew anything here. Y said they are suspicious. K said it is being kept quiet and he gave Y his word. Y said if his friend should be asked such a question. . . . K said we would understand what he will say.

Y said it would be of a great help if they could talk about the mornings meeting. He wanted to know the minimum requirement from K's side. K asked -- what he should say or what he has agreed to? Y said both, and K should make it quite clear.

K said Y's friend should say that bilateral discussions on this item will be held to complete an agreement. Y asked, by the end of the year? K said a comprehensive agreement -- and he must mention the word comprehensive. And that he should use all his influence for this agreement to be reached by the end of the year, but it will be kept secret until "you know when." Y said March or April? K agreed, but that soon after the event, there will be a call in which both friends jointly call for a multilateral meeting, at which the two sides will take a common position and your side will do its utmost to assist us to achieve the agreed solution with other nations. Y's friend will say he will try to get it done in the present forum, or if not that one, then some other. K's friend will expect that. K said we understood this means this is to be a comprehensive limitation. Y added, rather than selective? K said yes, a comprehensive limitation to a level not to exceed the level up to June 30, plus annual growth factors. But he doesn't have to mention any of this. Y understood that ~~and~~ as did his friend. K said he has to go into the procedure though. K assumed Y's friend will say the existing forum should continue. Y said he thought his friend felt that would be the best way. Y's friend had already given instructions to his representative and perhaps not in that detail but he will do that. K said his friend would raise the issue and explain the importance to Y's friend. K said that would be the first item on the agenda. Then Y's friend should say, let me make this proposal that we have bilateral discussions to reach an agreement and to reduce to a precise understanding in writing. We will keep the understanding confidential. Right after, you and we together will call for the multilateral thing. Y was confused on ~~who~~ who would ask for the multilateral and K clarified by say that we would ask for it. Y asked him to make it clear. K said we would call for one soon after Y's thing. Then at the meeting you will support us along the lines of the understanding and do your utmost to assist us to achieve a similarly acceptable solution with the other **6**

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All of this Y's friend should say. K said we understand that what we will arrive at are those figures that we will not mention. Y asked if the figures will be raised in other places. K said no, unless you want us to. We will instruct our negotiators to hold out for these figures, but that is natural. Y said perhaps K's negotiators will have much tougher line. K agreed and ~~they~~ then they will come in with softer one. Y wanted clarification again on who would call for the multilateral and K said we would.

Y was confused since K's proposal gives the impression somewhat different. K thought we would continue with what is already going on. Y was not talking about the procedure. K said the substance remains the same, the procedure differs. Y understood and said all his friend has to say is what K has told him. K asked if Y minded if he sat in for those few minutes to make sure everything is clearly understood. Y didn't see any problem and asked if that would mean someone on their side would come in. K said he would be coming through a different door. ~~K said if someone else comes in~~

K ~~says~~ said as long as Y's friend says exactly what we have agreed to, he didn't think he needed to be present. He should not deviate. If he does, K's friend will not accept. Y asked if K would repeat it again.

K said (1) bilateral discussions should be held to complete an agreement, and they in fact already have begun. (2) this agreement should be reduced to writing in all the particulars. (3) that he makes himself personally responsible that there will be a comprehensive agreement. (4) that after the event, the U.S. should call for a meeting in multilateral form under GATT that at this meeting Y's friend will do his utmost to assist us to achieve similarly acceptable international solution along the lines of our basic understanding. In accordance with our confidential understanding it would be kept secret until those meetings and then, of course, that the matter should not be linked in any way with what when on today. K said if Y's friend says all of this, K's friend will accept. But he must say it precisely because K's friend is not sufficiently briefed of the details so if there is a deviation, he will have to interrupt and that would be ~~it~~ difficult. Y asked K to repeat the final point again. K said that this would be kept secret until GATT meeting and that he should not mention this item in any way. K said we would agree to that. Y asked if he was right in understanding that this particular           ? would not be used or mentioned in the joint communique. K said that was correct. If everything else is done as we have discussed. Y said his friend would make specific request to K's friend about that. K said his friend would agree.

Y said K had no idea how grateful his friend was with respect to Item 2 and <sup>7</sup> asked if there were any other topics. The only other thing was Item 3 and K said we are assuming Y's friend will make concrete suggestion. It would

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be very well received if it was suggested that some of the import restrictions "you know what I mean." K said his friend would raise the suggestion of post-Vietnam. Y agreed. K said we would not require prior agreement on this. This is just for Y's information so that his friend is prepared. K said the only agreement that we have is that before June 1, something is done on Item 3. K's friend has already agreed with Y's friend on Item 4 Y asked if Item 3 would be mentioned in the joint communique. K said only that it was discussed. He said we would phrase it as generally as possible. With regard to the wording of Item 3, Y asked again if it would be inserted in the joint communique. K said he understood Y's problem and we will try to live by it. Y thanked K and said he would give this to his friend and will make it clearly understood so his friend would proceed as K suggested. K asked if we could count on that. Y said certainly. K thought we were in good shape and looked forward adding that this is only the beginning of long cooperation.

Y asked if K would see that his working people have no idea so .....???

K said he would take a look at the final communique. K asked him to do it at the very last moment. K said he would have to wait until after the morning session since he was not supposed to know what was going on. Y said he was sure K would handle this in a very discrete way and asked K to keep his eye on it.

Y asked K to call if anything happend and K told him to relax about it.

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Textile - not in communique  
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Item I - Nuclear issue - 1<sup>st</sup> day ✓ -

Item II - Textiles ✓

✓ Item III - Trade Liberalization - Public Speech  
 June 1, 1970

Item IV - MacB -

Item V - Helo line

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Importance of problem  
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 General discussion

Suggestion

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