

TELCON

Marvin Kalb/Kissinger

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K: Hello.

MK: Hi, Henry.

K: Marvin, how are you?

MK: Fine, thank you.

K: I just talked to the Random House people who said they have already been in touch with you.

MK: Within 20 minutes after I got home.

K: Oh.

MK: Some guy called from New York and he said did I understand and I said yes and he said please as soon as you feel free, give us a call and he said. . .

K: Well, he checked - I just want you to know - they wanted to know whether I would be offended if they published something that was in part critical and I said "no" unless it were a hatchet job that the publisher should have known.

MK: Well, that isn't the case.

K: Which I knew was not the case here.

MK: Yeh, I mean this is something. . .

K: So I said they should take this entirely on its merits and there was no possible way it could offend me. And I told him I had cooperated with it because of my high regard for you.

MK: That's wonderful. That's stupendous!

K: So I think they're extremely interested.

MK: Well, God bless you and thank you.

K: Have you told Norton yet?

MK: I am sitting here, Henry, my stomach is turning over and I was just thinking how to quite say it, but I think that this call from you has given me new heart and I'm just going to do it. K: OK. MK: God bless you. Thank you.

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