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Mr. Kissinger  
Mrs. Phyllis Cerf  
5/13/73; 1:00 p.m.

K: Hello.

C: Hello, darling Henry.

K: Phyllis, how are you?

C: I'm well. How are you?

K: Okay.

C: Tired I would think.

K: Yeah. I've just come back from a trip and I am going off again.

C: You are?

K: I am going off on Wednesday to Paris.

C: Oh, my God. I didn't realize it was so soon.

K: Yeah.

C: But then you will be back for your birthday celebration.

K: I'm counting on your coming.

C: I can't alas. I've invited guests. And what I was hoping is that maybe I could get you to come up either before the big festivities or after.

K: Well, let me look into that. I may do that.

C: That would be very nice.

K: The next day maybe.

C: Yeah. That would be terrific.

K: Good.

C: All right.

K: Now, Phyllis, do you still have something to do with Random House?

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C: Well, I have in terms that I know everyone there but I don't physically have anything to do with it or monetarily to do with it.

K: Because I have been trying to get Bob Bernstein and he is on a boat and i'll be leaving before he gets back.

C: I see. You want someone to be in touch with you?

K: It doesn't concern anything that I'm myself interested in but there is a newspaper man here who has written a book about me.

C: Oh, really.

K: And which Norton was going to publish. And Norton in an excess of zeal is trying to get him to cut out all references that might be critical of me and he thinks that this will destroy the symmetry of his book.

C: Yes.

K: And I don't give a damn whether it is entirely favorable. It's Marvin Kalb. I have a lot of respect for him.

C: Yes.

K: So I just wanted to -- I haven't read the book.

C: Do you want to?

K: No, I just want to get him in touch with Random House.

C: I can reach -- let's see -- Jim Silverman is the Editor-in-Chief there and I can certainly reach him and then he can contact Mr. Kalk where?

K: At CBS in Washington.

C: Now give me his name.

K: Marvin Kalb. And I can get you his phone number.

C: Well, either that.

K: Or let him call my office. We will get him the phone number. I want to make clear I haven't seen the book and for all I know it may take me over the

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coals. I just think it should be -- if he wants to publish a book . . .

C: It should be the way he wants it.

K: Yeah. I know him to be a decent and thoughtful man.

C: Yes. It's CBS in Washington, Marvin Kalb and probably the best time to get him would be tomorrow. Right?

K: Right.

C: Okay. I will do that dear Henry and then I will hear from you to see if I can get the pleasure of your company.

K: Good.

C: All right.

K: Marvelous.

C: And have a happy day.

K: Hope to see you soon.

C: And I you.

K: Bye-bye.

C: Be- bye.

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