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K; Mr. President.

N: Hi, how are you, Henry.

K: I just want to bring you up to date on how that conference went.

N: Yes. Fine.

K: I gave the talk and Simon gave a very good talk. We just laid out the problem. Then Ohira, everybody gave talks supporting our position. Ohira was excellent. Schmidt spoke for Germany because Scheel had represented the European community. Schmidt was superlative, and if you have a chance to say something to him tonight you might mention that. Home was pretty good. Good you could say. And he was supported, well to make a long story short, everybody was good. Except Jobert, who was a bastard. He made a really vicious speech, in fact people were groaning, misquoting your State of the Union Address, quoting democratic Senators as to how bad our policy is, it was awful.

N: Yes. We'll just ignore that.

K: I think we should ignore it tonight. Where we will be tomorrow now is simply this; if the other eight Europeans stand up to Jobert we can have a good communique, if they don't stand up to him then I should think we should say the hell with it and that we met and we had a nice meeting. I don't think we should fake a great success because the Saudis have now come to us and offered us bilateral deals and we shouldn't bind ourselves so we can't get them to work with us. Incidentally I hardly dare tell you but we have _____ assurance.

N: Al told me, I got that.

K: And also the Egyptians are going to announce that restoration of diplomatic relations with us shortly after that.

N: That's good, well, I just hope the Europeans will stand up to this fellow, but who knows.

K: That's really where we stand at the conference.

N: Right.

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K: We have superlative support if you look at Time magazine they have a picture of Pompidou, you'll see that he's.....

N: Yes, I know.

K: He's just no longer functioning. It was a really disgraceful speech.

N: Well, we expected that, I guess.

K: Well, Mr. President, if anybody has been pro-French, it's been you.

N; God, yes.

K: What have we done to these people. If they did this to Kennedy, that's one thing, but I suppose French domestic politics, and if you look at French history.

N: Well, we'll see, they can change too. I don't know whether they will, but I hope.

K: Well if he dies, everyone thinks that Giscard is staying on as one of his possible successors. He would be much more cooperative.

N: Of yes, yes. He's a sensible man.

K: You've met him?

N: Yes, yes. Well, we'll do our best.

K: You might flatter Scheel a little bit. He'll probably sit next to you, because he's the ranking member.

N: Yes, I know.

K: He'll respond, he's been pretty good, he's a weakling.

N: I know.

K: But we need him to get that communique through.

N: Right, OK. I'll give him a little pat on the back. Thank you Henry and get a rest.

K: Right.

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