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John McCloy/Sec. Kissinger  
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 11:10 a.m.

K: Jack.

M: Hello.

K: How are you?

M: O.K. How are you. Hope you are well.

K: I have had the flu but I am back on my feet.

M: Sorry to hear that. You have a lot on your plate for the next couple of weeks.

K: I certainly have and I just wanted to have a very brief chat with you.

M: Right. Do you want me to come down.

K: I don't know yet what my situation will be over the weekend. What is yours?

M: I was going up -- I have a weekend place in Connecticut but it is  
 always easy to get away. I am just going up for the weekend -- Sat. and  
 Sun. there.

K: I will call you later.

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M: I had a call the other day from Shep Stone.

K: A good man. A fine man.

M: He is bubbling over because he has been bustling around the European  
 scene. He says he has a lot of dope. He spent time in Bonn and in London  
 and it is all sort of preparatory to the Feb. 11 business. I am having lunch  
 with him today. He sent me a long letter. He says he has a lot of under-  
 cover chatter he has heard from the second and third rounds of the Foreign  
 Offices as to what the European attitude should be towards this thing.  
 He says they are also in shambles. It is in ruins there -- the United  
 Europe business. I might pick up something.

K: The basic problem we are having is that the French are doing in the  
 energy field what they did in the Atlantic Declaration and everything else.  
 This time no one can say we did not consult. No one can say we were  
 not generous. We want nothing from them but the same as in the Marshall  
 Plan -- cooperation on the structure. We are reaching the point now where  
 we feel if it does not work we will have to take on the French in an all out  
 confrontation. It will hurt the Community. We cannot have the Community  
 organized against us as ~~an~~ anti-American.

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M: That is what it is becoming. They take the least common denominator which is the French attitude.

K: They tell us we are sorry; we love you but we have to go with the French. We don't care if they love us or not if they have to go with the French what good does that do us. I cannot tell you on the phone but they are pursuing a more active anti-US policy in the Middle East than the Russians.

M: I gather that is right.

K: That is absurd. Before we do anything like this, I would like to talk to you.

M: Right.

K: Let's talk this afternoon.

M: You give me a ring this afternoon.

K: If I don't call you by 4:30, will you call me?

M: Fine. Through the White House?

K: Yes or 632-9630.

M: O.K.

K: Fine.

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