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Mr. Kissinger
The President
10/28/71; 6:50 p.m.

P: Were you able to get that fellow?

K: Yes. And he appreciated that very much.

P: It just did not strike me who they were. I was thinking of something else. I said hello to Shelly and nodded to Holdridge. How did you explain it.

K: I said the President asked me who was in my office when he called. I said it was the Chinese Foreign Minister. He said good God that must have been the people sitting out in the hall and I just want them to know that I don't forget my old friends.

P: Maybe you could have told them about the defense thing.

K: I told them it would be done next week.

P: Say that I approved it.

K: I did.

P: Don't you think they know this is the way it had to come out?

K: Oh, yes, but this doesn't make it less painful. Arthur Burns has been calling me saying that you told him to discuss something with me.

P: This is part of this whole deal and I don't want you to do it until next week. But, on Monday or Tuesday when you are rested up -- set it up for Tuesday. I would like for you to talk to Shultz first. Burns has this idea that we have to move quickly with Europe. I told him you know about political problems. I indicated that Brandt has more to say what happens in Germany than banker(?). Pompidou has more to say than _____ . Play a mysterious game. What he wants -- says that the French ~~XXX~~ are the key to it -- that the French won't make a deal unless we raise the price of gold. It will basically be a modification of the old. It is my view that we can't. I don't want you to say that to him but just remember that Arthur is pushing for cutting a deal with the French. It would get us back into it like the old one. Shultz and I feel that that would be a mistake. We have to keep free. But see Arthur. I think

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you can say that you would like to see him and set up a time. He is very much worth your seeing. The other fellow you have to talk to is Peterson. He takes so much time. Don't worry too much. The first thing to do is talk with George a little. I would like to get it where you, George, Connally and I -- would make this decision. I want to put Burns, McCracken and Peterson off.

Another phone call at 7:00 p.m.

P: Are you going to New York tomorrow?

K: I was going to New York tomorrow afternoon.

P: I was thinking about going up to the mountains -- Camp Hoover. But you should go to New York. Get away from all this.

K: I was going to go up and see some of my family.

P: Do you have to go out tonight? Have you had anything to eat? Just pot luck -- come on over.

K: Thank you, Mr. President.

P: Can you come now?

K: In five minutes.

P: Fine.