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K: Hello.

M: Hello.

K: How are you?

M: I'm fine, Dr. Kissinger, how are you?

K: O.K.

M: Listen, excuse me for bothering you, I know you've got enough....

K: I'm a great fan of yours.

M: But I felt free to call you because I really feel I have a bit of a problem and I don't know what to do. I'll just tell you exactly how it happened. I was approached yesterday by Stephanie Phillips who is my agent and she said, "You've been invited to go to Israel for the State Department. And you will be the first ~~entertainer to ever do~~ that." And I said, "To entertain"? And she said, "No. It's to say hello to the troops." I said, "Oh, alright." And everything got very excited around me, you know? But they went ahead and they've made all these plans, and I suddenly thought, "I don't want to endorse anything. I don't know what to say."

K: Well, when were you supposed to go?

M: I'm supposed to go tomorrow.

(silence) Hello?

K: Yeah, I'm thinking.

M: I'm afraid of going as a woman, and I don't understand why, because I once spent some time there.

K: Yeah, I think it will be alright.

M: Well, I have to make some kind of a statement and I don't want to get....

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K: Well, just say you're going, that you're an entertainer, you're not making any political judgments, you're going on, you know, you're doing this because of your friendship for the people you know there.

M: My personal friendships.

K: Your personal friendships.

M: Alrighty. O.K. I'd like to meet you sometime.

K: I would enjoy that.

M: Me too.

K: Do you ever come to Washington?

M: Sure.

K: Well, when you do, when you can, will you let me know?

M: Yes I will, sir.

K: Good, I'd love to meet you.

M: O.K.

K: Good, and all the best.

M: .. see ^{me} on the news, I hope I say the right thing.

K: Well, say as little as you can about politics.

M: Yes, well, I know nothing so I can't say anything.

K: That hasn't stopped some of your colleagues from saying things.

M: I know, but some of my colleagues I don't admire.

K: Good. I hope to meet you. All the best. Call me when you get back.

M: O.K. I will. I love you, bye.

K: Bye.

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