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TELCON Mr. William Randolph Hearst Secretary Kissinger 10/17/73 10:02 a.m.

H: Thank you for getting on the phone. Congratulations--and that's twice within a week or so, I must say you are deserving of that big job.

K: Thank you

H: You deserve the peace prize, but I must say that other son-of-a-bitch didn't deserve to share it with you. I swear to God, isn't it amazing when you have to bomb them to the table and then they give him a prize --he didn't live up to a damn thing he promised, has he?

K: I couldn't agree more.

H: Listen, Henry, honest to goodness, I appreciate also the fact that there's going to be a Hearst writer on--I'm going to put Johnny Wallich on the airplane.

- K: Okay.
- H: He's the --a capable member of our group you know of the two of us. And he's fine--do you like him a lot.

K: I like him very much--he's a fine man.

- H: Yeh, he's a good boy. Now Henry, look something very, very crucial, I'm going to be in Tokyo anyway for reasons that I'm not going to bother boring you with--it's a personal reason and so, if somebody falls off the airplane or something like--you can let me know in Tokyo--I'll be in touch with you and Jack in Tokyo. I'm going to try to have a visax, so I can just go in and out. I don't want to report, but I'd love to make the trip if I could. I'll be in Tokyo and that's all.
- K: Right.
- H: And I'm not going to be a pest.

K: No you couldn't be a pest.

H: Well anyway, I think a hell of a lot of you and I^tm not complimenting you to get on a airplane either, but I^tll see you in Tokyo--but you may put if off a day or two, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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K: Yeh, I may,

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H: I'll keep in touch with John and he'll keep in touch with Bob McCloskey.

K: Excellent.

H: And good going, I wish you all the success you deserve.

K: Thank you.

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