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Pierre Brousalette/Secretary Kissinger

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Presidency of France)

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K: Nice to hear from you.

B: Thank you for calling me back. I'm calling you on behalf of the President. He wants to me present a question to you. We have been under some pressure lately from Spain and Tehran, both would like us to buy in the future nuclear powered submarines. We have been very cautious. The people from Tehran have been hinting that the U.S. might sell them in the future - the nuclear powered submarine.

K: I'm sure this isn't true.

B: I'm calling to see if there was any truth in this.

K: I'm certain there isn't but in order to make sure, let me check it. It's inconceivable to me that this is true.

B: Yes.

K: But I'll check just to make 100% sure. I'll call you no later than tomorrow.

B: You'll call or send a message.

K: I'll send you a message.

B: Thank you very much.

K: I think you can assume it's not true.

B: I was surprised.

K: It's inconceivable and there's no way a subordinate department can do this without my knowing about it. I'm 99.9% sure.

B: I'll say that to the President this evening.

K: I think you can be certain.

B: There was hardly a doubt in my mind.

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K: It's inconceivable.

B: I understand that. Thank you.

K: I appreciate it. I think this is a good contact to have established.

B: Anytime you want anything, don't hesitate to call me.

K: And the same to you.

B: Thank you. Goodbye.

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