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Chairman Mahon/Secretary Kissinger
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K: On another tiem. We must have, before March, aid to Portugal.

M: Oh my goodness.

K: I should have mentioned it . But they have the elections in March and if we are going to do it, this is the time.

M: We will have a Foreign Aid Bill by the end of January.

K: We are not talking about a hell of alot of money.

M: We are having a full committee meeting in a few minutes. Maybe you could take that up in the Senate.

Aid² to Mahon: Would it be helpful if during the debate you raised that and say another bill will be introduced early in the year, make reference to Portugal and recognize that Portugal is a critical situation...

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K: That would be a terrific help. /You can't put anything in for Portugal now?

M: I don't think so...we have to go before the Rules Committee...you might try it in the Senate.

K: It is a hard case to deal with in the Senate. We really need it before the elections.

M: If we had another week or so we could have reported a foreign aid appropriations bill.

K: I realize that. I have been cooperative with your problems.

M: We have done all the work except the formal mark-up and I don't see why the Committee could not organize the week they are back and then report it the second week.

K: Let me talk to the Senate side.

Aid² to Mahon: Mr. Chairman, we have Full Committee at 4:30. We have yet to introduce the Bill and it has to go to Rules. We are having an awful time.



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K: I understand. I would appreciate it if you could take a look at it and see if it is possible.

M: We are getting this thing in order to introduce it.. But we are in a squeeze here and it is a real jam.

K: Ok.

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