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Secretary Kissinger/
Secretary Schlesinger

K: Hello.

S: Hi Henry.

K: I notice you and I have been in disagreement again.

S: On what.

K: Well our thoughts are different(?).

S: Where was that?

K: They said you and I differed throughout this. You were for moderation and I was not.

S: Where is that. an AP story.

K: Yes.

S: UP.

K: AP. Freeport. Well, we both know it is baloney.

S: Henry, looks the Thais are jumping all around and this fella Masters out there is heading a panic. Now, my judgment is it would be desirable for us to ~~show~~ show that in a moment of crisis - you know we don't care that much what all the nonsense is from the host government. I am not sure that won't have some therapeutic affect in Portugal, the X Azores, and so on. I am not sure that we ought to hop around to make them happy again. We ought to

K: Well, what - are my guys going to

S: No, no I am just making ~~xxxx~~ a general thing. I discovered this morning that we are pulling the Marines out and if I had ~~thought~~ thought about it, I would have said let them stay a couple of days until it seems to be

K: Well, I think we should - I haven't focussed on it but I wouldn't revert that order now.

S: No, that was my reaction. But if I had had a chance to think about it I would have been rather casual about it - a little more casual.

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- K: I would have ignored them and I am going to make sure that Masters isn't going to apologize all over the place.
- S: Well, you know we have had some trouble with him. You check that I don't mean the Department. We the United States have had some trouble with him. For one thing he refused to announce that downed chopper out there. Now just because he didn't want to be associated with these combat(?) activities. Now that is an aberation for an Ambassador. It may have been justified in these circumstances, but his telegrams that I have seen are kind of on the panicky side. He seems to think that Thai/U.S. relations doesn't need(?) consideration. Anyway,
- K: Jim, I am - personally have to run to a luncheon I am giving for the Shah.
- S: Right.
- K: But I think it ~~xxx~~ was beautiful of them and I think it was the best cooperation and the NSC of all of us.
- S: Right.
- K: And I feel very good about it.
- S: Well, that is right. It worked out very well, even those bastards in Thailand. I had a press conference last night about 3 or 4 o'clock - somewhere in there. And those God damn press people - it was the first time I felt my gorge rising. Now they really were frustrated that the United States was being humiliated.
- K: Oh, yes they wanted us to leave (lose?).
- S: And all these questions about the Marines being pinned down on the beach. Just dreadful. There was a pin down you know, but that was this crash crew. They were isolated at another part of the Island. We got them out too. But that was the only pin down.
- K: Yes.
- S: OK.
- K: Good, good. I will see you later.
- S: You bet.
- K: Bye. S: Bye.

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