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Jerry Schecter/Mr. Kissinger

K: Hello

S: Hi, nothing in this world can happen without involving you.

K: That's right. I admit this is true, but when did you find this out.

S: Well, it's taken me a while but it always seems to come back here particularly on Friday afternoon, and Saturday when you want to go on vacation. We're doing a cover on Whirlwind next week.

K: Oh, Jesus, now what have I done.

S: And Sous berger (spP) had a column on Wednesday saying that Whirtland sent a letter of protest about bombing last December to President Nixon. Mr. Nixon had Henry Kissinger tell the Australian Embassy the President disdained to answer the letter. With some ugly and hostile remarks to Australian Cabinet members. Our people in New York wanted to know whether that is right or not. That was last December.

K: Oh yeah, I--were there nasty remarks.

S: That's not the Cabinet. It doesn't say anything about what these things were but--

K: It's total nonsense to say that we disdain to answer the letter.

S: Yeah. But the letter wasn't answered.

K: Well, because there wasn't much point in it. You know, there were official communications. Our Ambassador gave a reply, there wasn't a written reply. We had our Ambassador give a reply.

S: But you also talked to them here in Washington?

K: Well, because we were leaving town that day, and what happened was that their Ambassador was on the way back and sent the letter over.

S: I see, so you just--

K: Well, when you don't answer a letter you don't have to say you're not going to answer the letter. Wouldn't you think.
S: That's nice, I'll explain it that way. (Laughter)

K: I think that will become evident--

S: Yeah, when you don't answer a letter, you don't have to--

K: We don't have to--well now listen you will notice we are not answering that letter.

S: Okay. Well, when would you like to see me in Acapulco? Particularly if I got a job down there as a beachboy.

K: Oh, I don't take anyone who doesn't have a blond wig.

S: You didn't give me a chance to finish. I was going to bring a little entourage with me. I could use a little relaxation too.

K: You have never tried to corrupt me and I'll never forgive you for that.

S: Well, when I do, I'm going to do it right. When you come back. Well, have a good trip.

K: Right.

S: Hope to see you out on the West Coast.

K: Good, that will be nice. Well, I'll be back here before then.

S: Will you?

K: Yes.

S: Good, thanks Henry. Bye.

K: Bye.