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THE Secretary/Gen. Scowcroft
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K: (missed first part) . . . You know it is bad enough that you think that I was as irrational as the President only more disciplined.

S: Oh god, Larry called me and told me that.

K: It says that I asked her once who the most impressive man on the staff was and when she said Win Lord, I was terribly relieved.

S: Who the hell do you suppose that comes from?

K: That's what I wanted to ask you Scowcroft.

S: Oh, god damn you.

K I said to Case yesterday, when there is smoke there is fire. And he said that Dean Acheson said when there is smoke there is sometimes a smoke machine.

S: Well, I hope you know better.

K: Come on.

S: Oh boy.

Hey, that PFIAB meeting yesterday was an interesting thing.

K: (couldn't make out name) wants to lead a great crusade against the Soviets. I could see I was headed for trouble.

S: Well, after you left, he spoke out strongly on your behalf. We only talked about 5 minutes more.

K: The best man in that group was Williams.

S: He is going to be very useful I think.

K: He should have been CIA director. I like him. He is a liberal but he is tough.



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S: We didn't talk all that much but I was quite impressed. But (Chern?) is a real activist. We are going to have to steer that bunch.

K: Well, I just want you to know that I took pleasure in your association.

S: I am going to have to read this thing in self-defense.

K: Kay Graham told me this morning they have never had so much unfavorable mail.

S: I think maybe it might turn this thing around.

K: I think it is helping Nixon.

S: That is what I mean.

K: I am sympathetic as a personality.

S: I don't think anybody's sympathetic.

K: Somebody is going to write an intelligent piece about that once.

S: This book, had it been done by somebody thoughtful, could have recorded a great national and human tragedy. It is ashame that instead of doing that it is just filth. I am really pleased that it is being seen for what it is by more people than I thought.

K: Have you seen that Russel Baker article?

S: Yes, yes, it is really good. I think it is good.

Voronstov just came in with an oral note on the Soviet Mission thing.

K: What is it?

S: We are having it typed up now. It is essentially negative. That all of our publicity has made it impossible to do anything. And if we are to take retaliatory measures it would further worsen the situation.

K: Well, now we have got to take retaliatory measures.

S: I don't think we have any choice.



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S: I talked to Dave Elliot about all of that. He says if we jam them, it won't have any effect on televisions in that area. He says he can't be sure until it is tried but theoretically it shouldn't.

K: I would go ahead and do it then.

S: It is going to take them about two months.

K: I would start it and then see if we get any complaints.

S: I don't know how we will respond to the Soviets but we have got to start action.

K: I would not respond at all. We will say we feel free to take action as we feel appropriate.

S: I think we have got to go ahead now.

K: No question.

S: And if Jackson asks, we can say we have tried and now we are taking . . .

K: We are taking appropriate counter measures which we don't care to discuss. But I hope you realize that we have done this to ourselves.

S: Vorons tov said what really upset them was the publicity on it. He said it really infuriated them. I said we couldn't control that but if you people had of responded in December that wouldn't have happened. I said you waited so long that it got out of hand.

K: What did he say?

S: He said that both sides are at fault. It is unfortunate.

K: I think we could have avoided this think in Moscow. We just shouldn't have done it.

S: In retrospect that is probably true but I am not sure the people would not have leaked it anyway. It is just such an emotional thing.

K: Yeah, I think we should just jam them.

S: I think we better.



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S: Apparently, it will take 2 months to get everything ready. But apparently jamming some of the other places is very difficult. -- like that Riverdale thing.

K: Why?

S: Because there isn't any place near it.

K: Why not pull a truck up?

S: NSC is philosophically against jamming. They are moving very slow on this.

K: Tell them to go screw themselves.

S: They just aren't moving with any enthusiasm.

K: You tell them to approach it with enthusiasm. Don't give me that crap that they can't do it.

S: They have not really focused on it.

K: Order it immediately.

I have told Don to move the god damn carrier. I think that Lebanon thing . . . we can hold it now.

S: I think it is coming out very well. I think though that if the ceasefire doesn't hold, the Syrians better move in right away.

K: Yes, but we will have three weeks and we will be in a much better position.

What do you think of these Presidential attacks on Reagan?

S: I think he had to do it once. I don't know if he ought to do it any more. Reagan's last one was so personal. -- and on national television that he really had to do something.

K: But Reagan says he heard other people say he heard me say this. Zumwaldt claims it happened in a private conversation with me. Have you ever heard me say anything remotely resemble this?



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S: No, no way. The state of our national morality is such that I don't put anything past us. You may have said something about the will of the US but never about negotiating the best second place we could.

K: That is not my policy.

S: Of course it isn't.

K: Okay, I have got to run.

S: Okay.

K: Bye.