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Ms. Tricia Nixon Cox/Secretary Kissinger
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Time: 4:35 p.m.

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K: Tricia?

C: Hello, this is Tricia Nixon.

K: How are you?

C: Fine.

K: I received your letter last week. I first thought it was from Julie but I called her and found out it was from you. I wanted to tell you that I was moved by it and that I think you are right. What you couldn't have known was that these news stories came out when I left for China and therefore I could do nothing about counteracting them but call your father. It was a vicious story. I never said any of these things in a coherent conversation. The whole conversation developed out of a conversation with the lady from Parliament asking me to name two outstanding Presidents, post-war Presidents. I said Truman and your father. Then she asked me questions criticising him. All of the comments were not representative of the questions she made. Then what I said about your father was really in the context of the fact that I was amazed that he had entered political life because he is a sensitive man.

C: We have all been misquoted.

K: This was a dinner conversation.

C: I read something that was sent to me from one of the Chicago papers. It was an editorial about what you were alleged to have said. The press were in another room so they must have gotten it garbled.

K: There was one girl who put a tape recorder on it. This was a two and a half hour dinner conversation they took out all the things that sounded critical of your father and printed them. They didn't put in anything where I contrasted your father favorably with Kennedy. Only the New York Times printed that.

C: I can't say that I am surprised.

K: One half of the things that were ascribed to me the lady said. They all admitted that you could barely understand what was said. I feel very strongly about the point you made.

C: Which one?

K: That your father did me the honor of appointing me Secretary of State, and that I should stand by him.

C: He still sticks by you.



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K: I have tried to stick by him and I call him regularly and try to help him with my colleagues here. I feel strongly that you should know I have not forgotten him.

C: That is all I care about. I said that our whole family really supports everything you are trying to do and we are proud that Daddy appointed you and that you are making a great representative for our country.

K: Your father designed the foreign policy that we are carrying out now.

C: Our country really needs you.

K: Above all I want you and your family to know that I have not forgotten your father and that I am sticking with your father also.

C: He is staying with you too.

K: It was a touching letter that you wrote me.

C: It was a letter of concern because even knowing how the press distorts things and gets them wrong I felt the letter was necessary.

K: I wanted to let you know that it made an impression. I hope to see you again.

C: Good. Bye.

K: Bye.