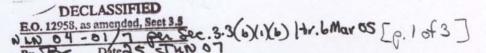
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TELCON (San Clemente)
President/Kissinger
July 4, 1973 - 11:00 a.m.

- K: Hello.
- P: Henry.
- K: Mr. President.
- P: I want you to take the Fourth off now so . . . I just looked over the news thing, nothing new here. It's relatively quiet. The Latin Americans are having there usual you know I think that Chilean guy may have some problems.
- K: Oh, he has massive problems. He has definitely massive problems.
- P: If only the Army could get a few people behind them.
- K: And that coup last week we had nothing to do with it but still it came off apparently prematurely.
- P: That's right and the fact that he just set up a Cabinet without any military in it is, I think, very significant.
- K: It's very significant.
- P: Very significant because those military guys are very proud down there and they just may right?
- K: Yes, I think he's definitely in difficulties.
- P: Well, we won't have to send the ITT down to help, will we?
- K: (Laughs) That's another one of these absurdities. Because whenever the ITT came to us we turned them off. I mean we never did anything for them.
- P: I never even knew they came.
- K: They came once because Flanigan had set it up. You didn't know it. I didn't tell you because it required no action and I listened to them and said "Thank you very much" and that was that.
- P: Frankly you know we left it to Helms and he and the Ambassador and so forth, they screwed it up.

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- K: Exactly. It's the Ambassador who screwed it up.
- P: You remember.
- K: OH yes, you remember,

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- P: That's a disaster.
- K: So it didn't do any good.
- P: Right. Did you enjoy your visit to LA last night?
- K: No, I went up, I saw the opening of Gigi. The music is very nice but the play isn't nearly as good as the movie was.
- P: Well, of course, the movie was one of the great movies.
- K: Exactly and so it suffers by comparison. Now the Chinese are leaking out that I'm coming and that I'm going to be discussing the Cambodian thing from which I conclude that they must have a certain amount of confidence that it's going to work because they wouldn't want to get their prestige
- P: Sure they're leaking it out rather than somebody like Mansfield.
- K: No, it's coming out of Peking and it says highly qualified diplomatic sources. And Bruce sent me a cable yesterday saying that Chou Kuan Hua you remember that fellow - has been saying it all over town.
- P: Good. Good. Well, that's fine. They'll probably give those Senators and Congressmen an earful when they're there. You know I hate to send those babes in the woods over there, don't you?
- K: Yeh, but the Chinese are not eager to embarrass us right now.
- P: No, no, I know that but I'm just afraid they'll embarrass the Chinese.
- K: This is a pretty good group that's going.
- P: It's a good group, a good group, but I mean minor leaguers.
- K: Oh no, they're not in the league with the Chinese.
- P: Yeh, they just don't know their

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- K: Mansfield is in Paris and he's been asking for briefings which are designed to illicit that we don't need so many forces over there.
- P: In Europe?
- K: Yeh. That's going to be his next thing.
- P: We can hang tough on the MBFR.
- K: Oh yeh, absolutely.
- P: We'll have to beat him.
- K: Absolutely. I think once we can get back to fighting substantive issues we'll gain the upper hand.
- P: That's right. That's right. Well, we'd better. We've got the month of July and thank God the month of August is going to be relatively quiet. You'll be gone.
- K: I'll be gone just a week at most.
- P: But the Congress'll be gone.
- K: Right. Wood of the service of the experience of
- P: We can then do some things on our own.
- K: Exactly.
- P: Approximately when do you figure the European thing starts to come off. When do we have to put for sake of planning?
- K: I would think for the end of October.
- P: End of October. That's plenty soon enough. We've got a lot of work to do.
- K: Yeh, exactly. There's a helluva lot of work to do. if
- P: Incidentally, the Latin thing comes up we're just going to have to push that until early 1974. I just can't
- K: Well, Mr. President, I have yet to see a mission to Latin America that didn't cause more trouble than it was worth.
- P: That's right.

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