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[The President and Henry Kissinger talk regarding international economy, IMF, etc.]

Nixon: Connally was saying today that he was thinking that maybe we ought to remove the surcharge from the Canadians and the Mexicans.

Kissinger: That's another possibility.

Nixon: In return for something or other. I think that's great. I'd like to see us do that – reward a couple of countries that *did* treat us properly, correct?

Kissinger: I think that's – that was the other option that we discussed –

Nixon: I think we can move on that. Now, with regard to the others, I can remove the surcharge when they start acting properly! But I think...uh...you could remove it for the Third World countries once you . . . [unintelligible].

[Conversation continues with discussion of surcharge and Japan]