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Alan Ginsberg/Mr. Kissinger

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- G: I am calling at the request partly of Senator McCarthy. Senator McCarthy told me to call you. My idea is to arrange a conversation between yourself, Helms, McCarthy, and maybe even Nixon with Rennie Davis, Dillinger and Abernathy. It can be done at any time. They were willing to show their peaceableness and perhaps you don't know how to get out of the war and who by private meeting --
- K: I have been meeting with many members representing peace groups but what I find is that they have always then rushed right out and given the contents of the meeting to the press. But I like to do this, not just for the enlightenment of the people I talk to but to at least give me a feel of what concerned people think. I would be prepared to meet in principle on a private basis.
- G: That's true but it is a question of personal delicacy. In dealing with human conscienceness, it is difficult to set limits.
- K: You can't set limits to human conscienceness but --
- G: We can try to come to some kind of understanding.
- K: You can set limits to what you say publicly.
- G: It would be even more funny to do it on television.
- K: What?
- G: It would be even more useful if we could do it naked on television.
- K: (Laughter)
- G: It might be too _____ but under some kind of circumstances. What shall I tell them that would be encouraging?
- K: That I would think about it very seriously.
- G: Good deal.
- K: I will call Senator McCarthy. I am leaving town for a conference that I have had scheduled for some time but I will be back on Monday. When did you intend to do this?
- G: During the May Day Meetings in Washington. They will be lobbying and they could meet with you. May 2 or 3.

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K: May 2nd or 3rd. Damn it! I would like to do it in principle but --

G: It is a good principle.

K: Now wait a minute. I don't know about those dates, I may not be in town. If not, we can do it at some other reasonable date.

G: I gather you don't know how to get out of the war.

K: I thought we did but we are always interested in hearing other views.

G: If you see Helms, ask him if he has begun meditating yet.

K: [About what.]

G: on the opium market Long Chin (spelled phonetically). He promised to meditate one hour a day. I still have to teach him how to hold his back straight.

K: How do I reach you?

G: City Lights, San Francisco.

K: Where are you calling from?

G: Sacramento, California -- I just gave a talk on gay liberation (?) to the students here, and I am going to San Francisco to join the march there. I will be at the following number --

K: I won't be able to call you, I am leaving town. How can I reach you after Monday?

G: I will be there until June 15th.

K: You are not coming here?

G: If I were needed, I could arrange --

K: No, no -- I will call McCarthy.

G: Talk to him, I will try to arrange a private meeting. It would be good to talk to the Army too, you know the war people and the anti-war people.

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K: It is barely conceivable that there are people who like war.

G: They might have some ideas, they have been to Hanoi.

K: I will call McCarthy. If we can set it up on a basis of --

G: You may have to subject yourself to prayer.

K: That is a private matter that is permissible.

G: Of course.

K: Okay, I will call McCarthy.

K: What

G: It would

K: (Laughter)

G: It might be true
What shall I tell

K: That I would think

G: Good deal

K: I will call Senator McCarthy. I am leaving town for a conference
that I have had scheduled for some time but I will be back on Monday.
When did you intend to do this?

G: During the May Day Meetings in Washington. They will be job interviews
and they could meet with you. May 2 or 3.