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P: But also, there is a different relationship with China; they need us.

K: Exactly.

P: They need us.

K: Well, I told Haig this morning they are our best ally right now except on Vietnam.

P: You know, come to think of it, they are.

K: Because they are tough. They fear our assessment of the Soviet Union.

P: Yeah. I have another thought that might be of interest. In this case, rather than my writing, or maybe if you think I should, I think we ought to get a note to about a dozen of the top people in these estate types about your visit to China. What do you think?

K: Yeah, that might not be a bad idea. I think it ought to come from you.

P: Right. We can say I just wanted to give you a report on Dr. Kissinger's visit to China.

K: At least the reliable ones; Heath, McMahon --

P: Heath, McMahon, and I think you could even cover the Mexican President in a thing like this.

K: No, that son-of-a-bitch has really not behaved too well.

P: You mean, he's kicking about our --

K: Well, he got after us again in New York. It's inexcusable.

P: You mean about not helping Latin American --

K: Yeah, and that you didn't seem to know much about this salinity issue.

P: Oh, I didn't see that.

K: Yeah.

P: I didn't know about it; Christ, I knew too much, that's why I didn't want to make the deal.

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- K: No, we shouldn't do anymore for him. Now for the Brazilian we might do it.
- P: Let's do it for him then. Fine. Maybe he was just pandering to those -- he met with a shocking group, I don't know why State would ever have done it. I. F. Stone -- what the Christ is he meeting with him for?
- K: That's right; Arthur Schlesinger --
- P: What the hell is he doing? Why did State arrange such a thing in his schedule? They're always wanting to meet with intellectuals but why with total enemies?
- K: I couldn't agree more.
- P: What do you think? Don't you think that was poor planning?
- K: I think it was a great mistake. Very wrong.
- P: That's where he said all this you know.
- K: I know it.
- P: He was pandering to them. But he should have said a lot of positive things because Good God, we built him up, we gave him that kind of treatment. I saw him twice at great length. You know, all they do is talk and talk and talk.
- K: Exactly. Frankly, that's why I'm mad at him.
- P: Haig will tell you. I mean, we just bent over backwards for that fellow.
- K: Exactly. Exactly right.
- P: What do you think, some Left Wing influence?
- K: Oh, yeah. He's trying to cater to the Left Wingers.
- P: Um-humm. Well, I suppose that's the problem.
- K: So I wouldn't reward him right now, quite honestly.
- P: Fine. But I would cover Heath, Pompidou --

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