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[The President met with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.]

Haig: Good morning, sir.

Nixon: Hi.

Haig: Sir, the Secretary [of State, William Rogers] is concerned about these telephone calls. I discouraged the Moroccan one. He would like to do the Mexican one at 11.

Nixon: All right.

Haig: And this would be a one-time statement rather than any give-and-take.

Nixon: Yeah. Will you just write it out or something?

Haig: Yes sir, I'll write it out. [Unintelligible . . .]

Nixon: Start off by – I have great respect for Mexico's tradition of independence in foreign policy. [Sound of Haig, writing.] However, I also, I know that because of our personal friendship that I can speak frankly to the President. I consider it very important – that it is vital to the United Nations, that I believe that clearly part of the Chinese issue...that it would be a disastrous precedent to have a nation, any nation, any government to be removed from the United Nations by a simple majority vote. And I think that on that basis, I urge you to support the Important Question. [Unintelligible . . .]

Haig: That's fine, sir.

Nixon: Just let him know that I personally – I would consider it a very great personal favor [unintelligible] between Mexico to the United States [unintelligible]... and I would appreciate the President's thoughts and consideration. And, ah, you can put in virtually the same thing on Morocco – because of our personal friendship . . .

[Conversation continues, irrelevant]