

PM Chou: In the past yours, too, was an occupation army but that was because of the war.

Dr. Kissinger: I told the Foreign Minister a joke about Czechoslovakia which he can tell you.

PM Chou: He didn't tell it to me. But the people of Okinawa don't look upon the situation in that manner because their administration is ruled by you.

Dr. Kissinger: Not after the reversion of Okinawa when it will be put on the same status as the Japanese islands.

PM Chou: Then there is the question of your maintaining your nuclear bases there.

Dr. Kissinger: Bases, not nuclear.

PM Chou: They can come back any time.

Dr. Kissinger: That's true anywhere. I have suffered enough from our military for taking out nuclear weapons, so I don't want to suffer now from you for having them there. Our military is very unhappy because first we take the weapons out of Okinawa

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PM Chou: For us, we don't care. It's the people there.

Dr. Kissinger: I understand. I just wanted you to know we do not have nuclear weapons on Okinawa.

PM Chou: That's after the reversion?

Dr. Kissinger: After the reversion, but they are being moved out now.

PM Chou: So that is all about Japan this time, because we discussed it a lot last time. Anyway, you have fattened Japan a lot in these past-years.

Dr. Kissinger: This is true.

Let's go to the Soviet Union. I would like to hear your views.

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