

TELECON

Adam Walinsky

Mr. Kissinger

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Mr. Walinsky began with, "Don't say I didn't give you any notice." K responded with, 'when I left Harvard, some of my Harvard SDS friends inscribed a memento "with admiration and affection until we meet on opposite sides of the barricade".'

W said the Oct 15 Moratorium is the biggest thing going now -- he's never seen anything like it. It's bigger than 1968. He doesn't know who's telling what down here in Washington, but you cannot carry a country that feels this way. K said, 'we're not talking for publication?' W said no. He went on to say if there is no response, the consequences will be very serious and he thinks the Administration is going to have to make a shift. This started with what the 6 RAND fellows said (K said he had not seen it). W said these 6 individuals who work on Vietnam at Rand have said you have to start to get out, and be out in a year. W said there is nothing else that is going to do it. W said he called K because he respects him and because of his sense and judgment.

K told W they were at one time part of essentially the same cause, and he likes to believe that whatever may happen in the meantime he won't forget and W won't; however, you have to be true to whatever you are doing now. W agreed, but said on top of that is the country. K said but they[other side] must have a little compassion and understanding for the ~~fact~~ fact that we (the Administration) want peace and not the way Johnson said it. When Johnson talked, you were interrupting his primary concern for winning the war.

W said he was trying to give K an obvious judgment -- what we are talking about goes beyond the combat. W said he also has made a considered judgment about K's boss politically -- he is done. K said W was right in June and if he is even approximately right now..... W said he was trying to get through -- not to just K -- but all others in Washington because he doesn't want to see a profound constitutional crisis in the country. In response to query by K, W said the President is finished -- he is not going to get re-elected and he should realize that is where he is. W said the President is at the point worse than LBJ was two years into his term in 1966. W said, agin<sup>d</sup> disregarding the question of where people want to go or can go -- K will not believe what is going to take place. He said Roswell Gilpatrick will be reading lists of war dead at Trinity Church on October 15. K said all those who got us into this should keep their mouths shut.

W said it should be realized if there is any thought of riding this out, they won't. If we think October 15 is big, the storm on November 15th will not be believed -- there's no stopping it. W said the greatest recruiting device for the October 15 was the Press Conference. He said by the time you take it into the winter, he would have to say -- in the face of what is showing now, what he can see and what every sensitive observer has seen -- he would be on the part of those who engaged in the Moratorium. W said the man who decides to carry it on in the face of that, you could only call one of the greatest lacks of literal responsibility in the history of the country; it corresponds to Buchanan -- inviting that kind of division. W said it will be worse because there is not going to be one group of Americans. You are not going to get anybody to stand up and say he is for it -- he doesn't care what John Tower says about it.

K said W could be sure he will tell the President before the day is out about this call -- W could have his word on that. However, he reiterated the query to W that he would not give this any publicity. K said he appreciated W's calling -- it's a sign of friendship and confidence. W can be sure he will communicate this. K hoped he would see W when he was in Washington. W said yes, but after the 15th.

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