



TELCON:

Ron Zeigler - Secretary Kissinger

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4:20

K: Very much want to avoid coupling the President's departure from this announcement. Whatever headline you get, you will pay the price for Tuesday or Wednesday.

Z: Don't want to....

K: Separate it...disconnect it

Z: Just want you to know its absolutely impossible to convince them

K: If you hyper it, you will pay the price. The strategy here is to slow things down.

Z: I only raised it because I wanted to point out that its going to very difficult to keep the press from interlocking.

K: Why don't you just step back on the plane, and give an account during the day, that I talked to the President several times.... What time did you announce the President's departure?

Z: Announced two hours ago.

K: Oh, well, that's pretty good. You can say at 4:00 he decided after first reviewing the situation with me, to move to the Council

Z: Right, we'll say this decision for a meeting was made at 4:00 and what I would like to do is to say that Mr. McCloskey at the St. Department can give details.

K: If you follow the announcement of his departure with announcement of the Council meeting, we will really be in trouble.

Z: The reason I raised it before, but they will combine them even so, the meeting and his returning

K: Well, just keep it slow and keep it calm.