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Dear Henry,

I write this first note to you at the White House because I will be in Washington April 15 through 18 and have just realized that 13 months have passed since our last private talk.

That startles me a bit when I recall that in the previous six years there were only two or three occasions when I did not have a background session with Mac or Walt during my (normally) bi-monthly Washington visits. You (and your secretaries and assistants) have been equally gracious but somehow a succession of tentative appointments have remained tentative.

Many other sources of information and analysis, of course, are available on the foreign policy, defense and arms control subjects on which I have to comment on behalf of The Times, but they cannot make up entirely for the White House gap. This is an especially great loss because telephone contact with the NSC staff between my Washington visits has also declined. In the past, hardly a week went by without telephone contact with at least one of a dozen Bundy-Rostow assistants. We didn't always agree; but we talked and, at the very least, exchanged and cross-checked data.

The attitude in the White House basement (and across the street) in those days was one of welcoming all opportunities to contribute grist to the mill and to comment on on-going situations while they were being mulled over here rather than after The Times had published its comment. These days there seems to be a preference for post-publication remarks, some of which (if accurately reported to me) I find rather curious in view of the pre-publication opportunities passed up!

In any event, this letter is simply to say that my assistant, Ed Mossien, will be making the usual phone calls in the coming days to arrange the schedule for my Washington visit and will be in touch with your office.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Bob
~~Robert Kleiman~~
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