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Saturday, January 15th. Kissinger called this morning, first to report that Shakespeare has agreed to hold up until he talks to Henry after he gets back from his trip, and second...

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...to report secretly that he met with Rabin this morning. That State has scheduled another meeting with Rabin on Monday, and that they've given him a document regarding negotiations that he's to review with the Israeli Cabinet which they'll do on Sunday. And that'll be the item of discussion Monday. State has told us nothing about that. Henry's reviewed all the negotiations with them with Rabin and so on...

...and he's now concluded that he can't leave the government now because of the country and the President. He said he's sent Rogers an order that all communications have to be cleared with him. He wants me to back up the directive, and also make the point to Rogers that he's got to deal with Kissinger, and he's got to have advance notice on any meetings that they set up. He wants me to tell Rogers that I understand Kissinger's Senate directive that reflects our understanding.

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January 15th, 1972, continued from a previous tape. Subject Kissinger's phone conversation regarding his problems with Rogers.

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He says another issue he's trying to get a copy of the State Department study on European security. But Rogers has claimed that he has exclusive jurisdictions on this area and will not give Henry the study. Henry's view is that this must be in the NSC system. That it's one of the big issues for the summit, and there's no basis for Rogers's objection because State is a part of the NSC.

President called at noon from Camp David, where he's working on the speech, and asked for Rogers's reaction to my report to him on Vietnam. Told me to talk to Haig about the problem, make the point that Rogers may be right in his view that we should not put out the papers relating to the secret talks. Because it would just get us into a battle on who said what to whom. He told me to suggest to Haig that if the details are made public it will look bad about Henry's negotiating skill. The best thing would be to put the substance out, but not the details.



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The President made the comment about poor old Ashbrook and McCloskey, up there trudging through the snows of New Hampshire. Reflected on the real problem of the Democrats, which is, where do they get their dough? He can't understand how any of them can have enough money to campaign at all, considering the deficit that the Party has. He called a little later to say that he's having Kissinger come up for a couple hours, that he just read his draft on the Vietnam speech, and it's a complete mess, completely confused. He wanted me to get Safire from the Super Bowl tonight to get to work on it tomorrow. He called in a couple hours later, after his talk with Henry, to say not to have Safire come up after all. To let it go, because they don't have things set with Thieu, and they're going to have to have four or five days of further negotiations, so he's moving the speech to the 25th. He wants me to therefore clear the schedule on the 25th, move the Dutch to the 26th, and drop the GOP leaders.

End of January 15th.