

A. The Secretary: As I pointed out yesterday evening in my toast, we judge our relationship with Canada not by the other links that Canada may have, nor by whether the motives are those of independence or so-called special relationship, but by whether on the fundamental issues we can achieve a certain parallelism of action. We believe that the international system will be most stable if the key countries in it, among which we count Canada, feel that it is in part their own. Therefore, we see no incongruity between an independent stance and close association with the United States. In fact, we would make the argument that a sense of independence makes the closer ties more meaningful. Therefore, we do not object to a contractual relationship between Canada and Europe, or to any other options that Canada chooses to develop, as long as opposition to the United States does not become a cardinal principle for its own sake, which we do not believe is the case. I have found in practice that we can deal with Canada on the basis of equality on the specific issues that concern us and achieve a substantial area of agreement. Therefore, I consider our relationships to be very healthy.

Q. Peter Thomson, Montreal Star: Dr. Kissinger, I wonder if I could trade on your reputation as a diplomat to give us an opinion on whether the umpire blew a call last night? (Laughter)

A. The Secretary: That's really testing my reputation as a diplomat; I am a Red Sox fan, so I'm a little biased.

Q. Mr. Kalb, C.B.S.: Dr. Kissinger, the word from Washington is that in the State Department you have not responded to the subpoena from the Pike Committee for the memorandum on the Cyprus affair. Can you tell us, Dr. Kissinger, whether you informed Mr. Pike that you would not comply and whether you feel there is any possibility of a citation for contempt?

A. The Secretary: I believe you received some press reports that were somewhat premature. Quite frankly, my associates did not look at the subpoena in sufficient detail to realize that it had a time and not just a date on it. So we thought that we had all day in order to respond; in fact, shortly before noon I submitted a letter to the Pike Committee in which I stated my views on the subject and made some proposals to the Pike Committee on how the matter might be resolved. So we have responded in some detail to the request of the committee.

Mr. Kalb: Dr. Kissinger, could you state your views, or give them to us in shorthand form, and outline, perhaps, some suggestions you may have made?

A. The Secretary: We plan to release the letter, but in shorthand form our view is that any officer of the Department of State can testify as to facts available to him. Any policy-making officer of the Department of State, that is, any presidential appointee, can testify as to the recommendations he received and recommendations he passed on; and I am, of course, prepared to testify as to the opinions I received and as to the opinions, recommendations I made. We are not prepared to attach the opinions we received to the  
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