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Sec Kissinger/President Ford
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K: I just wanted to have one word with you because I am having the Canadian Foreign Minister here and will be meeting the press on the way out and want to be able to say I talked to you about the Korean business. I have called a WSAG for this afternoon.

F: Right.

K: And am going to propose to them that we put our forces in Korea on the alert and that we do a B-52 exercise there. An exercise of just flying by those -- we were going to do that anyway. And then I am going to ask them if they can think of some retaliatory measure.

F: I am all for that. I think we have got to show a reaction. One that is understood by them. Because we cannot tolerate that.

K: Right. That is what I wanted to do and I just wanted to be able to tell the press we had talked and had gotten instructions from you.

F: Those are my instructions. I fully agree and ~~you~~ can you let me know what the reaction is from the WSAG meeting as soon as it is concluded?

K: Yes. It will be about 5.

F: Let me know as soon as you find out.

K: Good. And congratulations on the vote last night.

F: We are moving and I will have more time to talk to you about some other aspects but this Korean thing is far more important now.

K: Right, Mr. President.