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TK: Good morning.

K: How are you?

TD: Fine. How are you, Mr. Secretary? I have a personal favor to ask you. ABC is beginning a Today type program 6th January from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

K: It depends on who the girl is.

TK: A damn nice one but she is in NY. We would like very much to get it off with a big start and do an interview with you on the 6th of January.

K: I don't think I could do it. I have promised Bill Moyers I would do an interview with him for the public TV and I don't think I should do it before his.

TK: When is that?

K: 15th of January.

TK: Would that be in terms of over-all look at foreign policy.

K: Yes.

TK: Could you do it if we limited ours to a particular area. We would like to start with the biggest drawing card we can find. I know you are going off on vacation.

K: I am going on Thursday. I will call you tomorrow.

TK: One other thing. A couple of quick questions about the CIA story.

K: We have asked for a written report on that story and I cannot really make any comment until I have seen it. I don't know what they could be referring to specifically and I want to see what Colby comes up with.

TK: Hirsch's story said studies involving foreign wars and the students.

K: There were two reports in the newspapers which were analytical studies of foreign powers in student movements locally. Those have been in the newspapers -- along time ago. It did not involve individual names.

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TK: Studies conducted by the CIA.

K: Yes. But it did not deal with the domestic student movement as I remember them.

TK: Those studies that Hirsch is referring to, you are fairly confident they dealt with out students ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ overseas.

K: NO, they dealt with the degree to which foreign countries were infiltrating foreign student movements. The degree of communist influence in foreign student movements. I want to check on that. To my almost certain knowledge they had very little to do with American student movements.

TK: That would be important.

K: That is not the issue. There must be some allegations that can be made that do not finally wind up with us.

TK: That is why I would like to get it straightened out.

K: I am so sick of these things. They have been in the newspapers thousands of times. They are normally intelligence reports. To tell you the truth I don't know all of the intelligence reports prepared over time. The basic allegation that Americans were being investigated was not being done.

TK: If I can go on the air and say the only reference to you is with regard to studies that have been publicly released and studies involving foreign students.

K: I know, except that it then starts the all Goddamned cycle one goes through every four months.

TK: YOU know the cycle has begin and it will keep going and your name will be pulled in.

K: It will not.

TK: If you know for a fact that these ~~XXXXXX~~ ^{studies} referred to in Hirsch's stories are studies that are already publicly made on foreign students.

K: I think it did not have anything to do with this country. I think it was foreign student movements in foreign countries. Had to do with who ran the for example.

TK: In your recollection, there was no...

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K: Let me check. I am not eager to get into it again. To tell you the truth I don't give a damn anymore. It just reaches absurd proportions.

TK: Could you have someone get back to me.

K: I will try.

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