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Ted Koppel/Kissinger
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K: Hello.

TK: Hi. Thanks very much for calling back. I just wanted to ask you very quickly whether you think someone is -- is someone out to get you on this Chile business?

K: Look, even though it is a ridiculous thing.

TK: Well, I was a little confused by Anderson's statement.

K: Oh no, did he do something again?

TK: Well, you know, it was an unsolicited response to a question that wasn't asked in which he gave us a breakdown of the forty committee and the fact that the committee has to reach unanimous decisions ...

K: That is also not true.

TK: It's not true?

K: Look, _____ reach a unanimous decision. It doesn't have it.

TK: Well, what he told us is that it has to reach unanimous decision and then it goes to the President for his decision and the implication of what he was saying, of course he didn't say this, I was just reading between the lines, is that you somehow felt that you were going to be held to account solely for what happened in Chile...

K: Look, none of this has anything to do with the coup anyway. So this is all total nonsense. I do not think it is proper to go into the breakdown of what this money was spent for. It has nothing to do with the coup, Ted, believe me. But I have another call I must take. I'll call you back in five minutes.

TK: Alright, fine, thanks.

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K: Hello.

TK: Yes.

K: Ted, incidentally, I was talking background.

TK: Yes, I understand.

K: I just don't think this is the story, and ...

TK: Well, is Cy Herst's story essentially accurate as far as it goes?

K: I just don't want to -- look, the forty committee happens to represent the most secret activities of the government and I just am not going to talk about that. Everything has been done by regular procedures for defense purposes and I just will not go into it.

TK: I can understand that. The only problem, though, is that you've got a couple of the State Department people before you came into that office who are on the record as saying that we had absolutely no intervention in internal affairs of Chile, which is, of course, a much broader thing than saying we had nothing to do with the overthrow of the ~~Chilean government~~ Allende government.

K: Well, I understand that.

TK: Can you still, on behalf of the State Department, say that?

K: Well, it depends on what you consider intervention in internal affairs.

TK: Well, if any of those charges...

K: Well, what are the charges? They don't know what the money was spent for.

TK: Well, buying ^{votes} ~~money~~ in the Chilean Congress.



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- K: As I understand the story it said that was abandoned.
- TK: It said it didn't work. Something like I think \$350,000 was set aside for that.
- K: As I remember the story correctly the argument was that this idea was abandoned.
- TK: O.K. But could I have you at least on background saying that there is, that the United States was not involved in the internal affairs of Chile? Or intervening in the internal affairs of Chile?
- K: Well, how can I say it on background?
- TK: Well, if you say it on background then I have a high State Department official denying it without it being you personally.
- K: I just don't want to go beyond what I said today and what was said -- I don't know what was said today.
- TK: Well, I understand you're going to have a backgrounder tomorrow afternoon?
- K: Yeah.
- TK: Is this going to be a regular thing? I really hope it would be. It's been kind of a disaster downstairs for the past few weeks. I think more things are confused ^{as a result of} ~~more~~ those briefings than are really clarified.
- K: Well, that's one of the things I am willing to discuss tomorrow, whether it's worthwhile to have them regularly.
- TK: I wish you would.
- K: Well why don't you ask me this question.
- TK: O.K. Fine, will do. Thanks very much. Bye, bye.