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Mr. Colby/Secretary Kissinger

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K: What is that Sy Herst story today? Did we do it?

C: He called me yesterday..

K: I am not asking you what Sy Herst did. Did we or did we not support the truckers strike.

C: We did not. He refers to 1972.

K: The President has said publicly we only supported the political parties.

C: That is the point I made..on the A, B, C..

K: I am getting sick and tired of the way the Intelligence Community... if this keeps up we'll have to talk to the President to see how to keep it under control. The President said and I said that we only supported the political parties. Now you say the A, B, C, story.

C: No, I said we gave it to the political parties. We gave it to the parties to sustain them. They did not put it in the bank but what they did with it, I don't know.

K: We did not give them money, then?

C: Not to the truckers, no.

K: Did we know it would go to the truckers?

C: I don't know. I'll have to check.

K: Did we, ~~the~~ did the 40 Committee know?

C: No, because the money was given to the parties.

K: It is incredible how the Intelligence Community can talk so much.

C: I don't know who the source is.

K: The 40 Committee has existed for years..the SOB leaders in this country know this is the case and they are all letting us take it as though this is a scandal.



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C: We gave support....I indicated yesterday that I did not use the word destabilization and it is not a fair representation of our policy and I stick to it.

K: My point is if the President says something and I say it and it is then made out to be a lie.

C: But it isn't. We gave money to the political parties..but it is not a ..of destabilization.

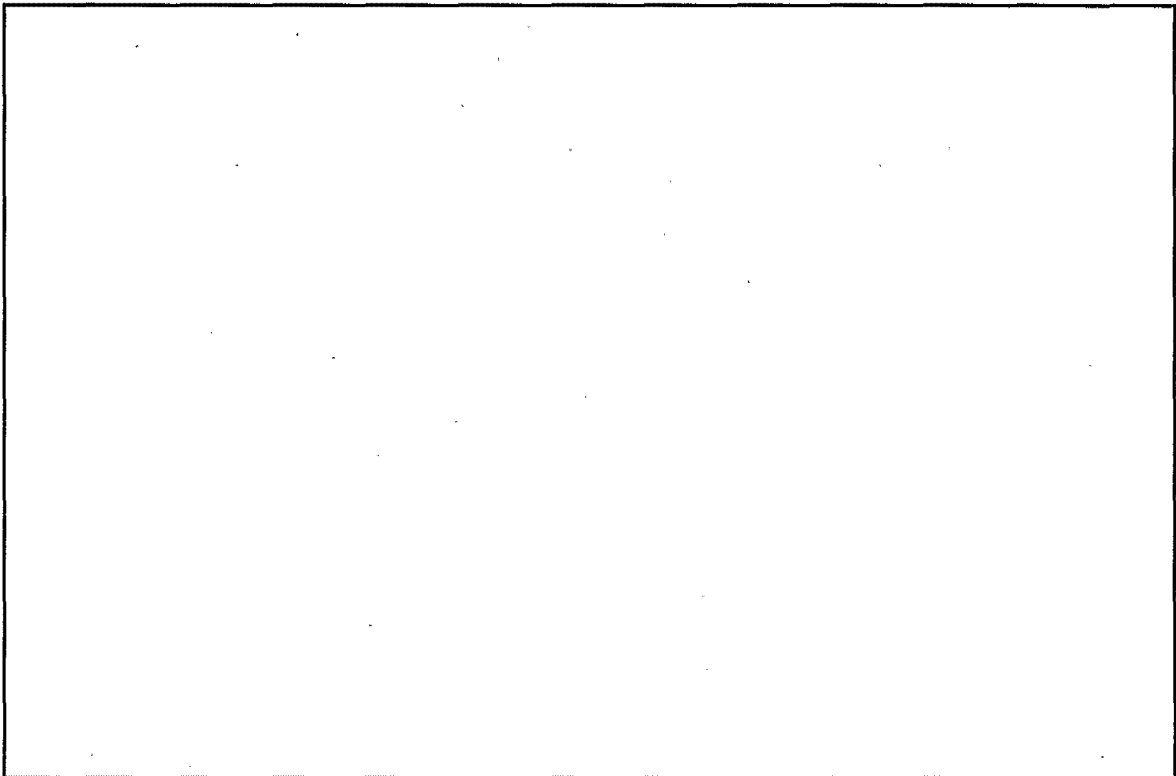
K: We did not know this?

C: Let me check. I know we didn't do it in 73. I know that the idea was suggested and turned down. It alleges that in the fall of 72 among the ones sustained were the organizers of the truckers strike. I am sure we did not give...

K: Did it go before the 40 Committee?

C: No, the 40 Committee approved giving it to the political parties.

K: Thank you.



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