

Telecon  
The President  
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P: What's happening in Chile?

K: There's been a turn for the worse but it hasn't triggered anything else. The next move should have been a government takeover, but that hasn't happened.

P: You mean if something happened the people would get so disturbed that they would take over the government?

K: That was the theory but they're a pretty incompetent bunch.

P: They're out of practice.

K: The election is tomorrow and the inauguration is the third. What they could have done is prevent the Congress from meeting. But that hasn't been done. It's close, but it's probably too late.

P: The meeting with Gromyko got a lot of play.

K: In the news summary it said it was the leading item everywhere and reported positively.

P: A meeting like that once in a while, even though no one says very much helps. And anything has meaning when you talk that long about something.

K: Especially if you do it in an unsentimental way.

P: I talked with Rockefeller last night. He doesn't keep his cool very well.

K: That's what I was going to say. He ~~read~~ really lost his cool; he did a bad job of debating Goldberg.

P: He's looking at the polls every week -- you shouldn't do that. He thought Lindsay hurt him on the city, but it might have helped upstate.

K: Did you see the Evans and Novak article today about a little poll of their own? They polled one hundred people. In New York Goodell is in a hopeless position. Of thirty-five who voted for you only one would vote for Goodell. Most of them had switched to Ottinger. According to Evans and Novak Goodell is through.