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Mr. President:

Two short items based on telephone calls:

1. Henry Kissinger called to express his distress at the New York Times article. He has not seen Nelson Rockefeller in six months. He then talked to him about pacification. Although Emmett Hughes is working on Rockefeller to change his Vietnam position, Kissinger is doubtful that he will in fact change his position. In any case, if his advice is asked he will urge Rockefeller not to change his position. I asked Henry what his own position was. He said: "I have supported the President; I will support the President; whatever comes of my present activities, the President can be absolutely sure there will be no public discussion from me." He added that he thinks you (and I) have been "very noble" in holding the line on what is right for the country.

I said that his remarks were appreciated; that I would pass them along; but as for myself, I was raised in the view that it was a man's duty to hold a position in a storm if he believed in it; and I couldn't be more comfortable about it.

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