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Transcript of a Telephone Conversation Between the Ambassador to Chile (Korry) and the President's Assistant for National Security Affairs (Kissinger)

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K: I have talked to Irwin and there is no problem about staying until April as far as I know. He has to talk to the Secretary.

Ko: You spoke today? I had an unsettling talk this morning. Irwin said it could happen next week.

K: I don't believe it. I talked to him around noon. If it doesn't happen the way I said, I would be prepared to intervene.

Ko: It's terribly unsettling.

K: Of course, and you don't deserve it.

Ko: They are using me as a football indirectly with you. It goes back to the people around the Secretary with the development business. The President accepted the Peterson report and they think I ganged up with you. The recommendation that the Peterson Commission adopted would denigrate the powers of the Department. They haven't ever gotten over it and have been waiting ever since.

K: I didn't have any views.

Ko: I have explained that a dozen times. I don't know where I go from here.

K: Hold on a bit. Things are always in a state of flux.

Ko: With four kids . . .

K: You don't deserve to have to panic, and don't. We will do what we can.

Ko: Irwin's talk this morning goes back to our talk the other day.

K: I had hoped it would straighten out without White House interference, but I am prepared to intervene.

Ko: When I go back, we are entering a rough period on the copper thing. I will be sending cables. I will also write a letter with regard to your latest NSSM.

K: I would love that. Would you do that? I won't show it to anyone.

Ko: Thank you, Henry.