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Afternoon
Mr. Kissinger/
Ambassador Dobrynin

(Picked up in middle of conversation)

D: You have the paper in front of you?
K: No, I have it of course but I don't have it in front of me - my staff assistant is not here - but you go ahead and read it to me.

D: First, the United States and the USSR will proceed on the premise that it would be impossible to improve mutual relations.
K: No - that is a typing error. Of course it is possible not impossible. It is a typing error.

D: I don't know . .
K: Well, let me check it. That word should be "possible" and I will call you right back.

D: Secondly, what about the ... biological . . .
K: On a personal basis I have very strong recommended it to the President and it is inconceivable that he . . .

D: Moscow is asking me for a reply
K: There will be a reply.

D: Officially you are not going to do it . .
K: No we will get a positive reply by Monday night.

D: It is soon the 20th already - between the 20th and the 24th.
K: They are now thinking of the 28th.

D: ... British proposal . . .
K: I don't care just as long as we get them to do it.

D: In the middle of March - . . Moscow . . .
K: Are you talking about in the middle of April?
D: No, I am talking about March - we discussed between the 20th and 24th. The British said the 28 of March.

K: Let me first get the President's agreement and then State will work out a mutual reply & no later than Monday.

D: Is it right to presume it will be March.

K: It is possible.

D: Will you be here on Monday.

K: Look I have the paper now - the word should be 'possible" - it is a typing error.

D: ...