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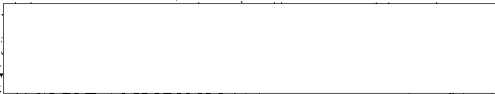
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FOR: AMBASSADOR MARTIN, ROME
FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGES ON ANDREOTTI. HE IS NOT SEEING THE PRESIDENT. I DID SEE HIM DECEMBER 2 AT A PRIVATE DINNER FOR THE INTERNATIONAL GROUP TO WHICH YOU REFER, INCLUDING STRAUSS AND PINAY. THESE MEN GET TOGETHER IN A PRIVATE CAPACITY TO A FEW TIMES A YEAR, AND I HAD DINNER WITH THEM A YEAR AGO ALSO.

THE EVENING WAS INNOCUOUS AND CONSISTED OF STRONG EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN BY MANY OF THE GROUP OVER GROWING SOVIET POWER AT THE EXPENCE OF THE WEST, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON INCREASING MARXIST INFLUENCE IN EUROPE. UNCHARACTERISTICALLY, I SAID LITTLE, WITH MY PRINCIPAL POINT BEING THAT THE EUROPEANS MUST DEMONSTRATE MORAL AND POLITICAL LEADERSHIP IF THEY EXPECT THE U.S. TO DO THE SAME. IT WAS GENERALLY A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION AND I DID NOT TALK TO ANDREOTTI BILATERALLY. ANDREOTTI HIMSELF SPOKE HARDLY AT ALL.

YOUR RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES IS JUST RIGHT. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR KEEPING ME INFORMED IF ANY FURTHER STORIES ON THIS SUBJECT DEVELOP.

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