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David Frost
7/3/72 10:45 a.m.

K: Where are you?

F: I'm in Acapulco?

K: Oh, isn't that great.

F: I've got to go back to New York tomorrow, but I sipped down for two or three days. I wanted to sketch out as book which I've managed to do.

K: On what?

F: It's a novel in fact. I've never written a novel before and I've had this idea brewing around in my head for about 6 months and I thought if I just set in front of an electric typewriter I could do it and I think I have. I haven't written the book obviously but I've written a 40-page synopsis. So I'm full of moral compacency today.

K: How is the weather in Acapulco now?

F: Marvelous, quite hot, but really delicious.

K: Well, I adore Acapulco.

F: It's a marvelous spot. You ought to come down for dinner tonight Henry. You've done a lot of traveling lately and I don't blame you for wanting to stay in one place.

K: I'm going to stay in one place now for two weeks.

F: I was calling you, A to great greet you and B, I've had three calls this morning about a hilarious diplomatic matter that I just wanted to ask you whether you thought it was worth anyone at the White House, from yourself down, as it were, doing anything about. It's an extraordinary story. Can I tell you about it?

K: Certainly.

F: It's ax about America's gift to the world of chess -- Bobby Fischer.

I got to know him when he appeared on my show. He came to the party in Bermuda and so on.

K: That's right.

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Now the question is, is it worth someone doing that?

K: Yeah, I'll do it. I do all the nutty things around here. Where is he?

F: Well, now, I've got two phone numbers. Now unfortunately, . . . he is staying at the moment with a Mr. Fred Saidy who is a Broadway writer of things like Brigadoon. And his son is a gradd master in chess. S-A-I-D-Y in Douglaston Long Island. And the man who knows

K: I think if I call him I should just call him and tell him from a foreign policy point of view I hope the keeps hell he gets over there.

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F: Right. And I think he would be so thrilled. Let me just give you this number in case he's left Saidy's and then your secretary could find out

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K: I'll give him a call. When does he have to get over there?

F: Well, that's the hell of it Paul was saying. The only flight is an Icelandic airlines flight through the night tonight.

K: Okay, I'll give him a call.

F: If he says, oh, I've got to fly through the night. He does get in at 5:00 in the morning and he's then got 12 hours to rest. He has to be on the court... or what are you on? On the board, on the chair at 5:00 tomorrow afternoon. So he has 12 hours to rest.

K: Does it mean he's already starting three games behind?

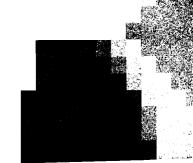
F: No, they gave him the . . . it should have started Sunday and they gave him the maximum postponement which is two days. And if he's not there tomorrow he's disqualified.

K: Right. Okay, fine, I'll call him.

F: It makes a change Henry, doesn't it?

K: Yeah.

F: How long are you in California?



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K: Two weeks, until the 16th or 17th.

F: I think I may be incarcerated in New York that length of time, but I'll call if I'm going to be anywhere near.

K: Would, it would be great to see you.

F: And Dihann sends her love.

K: Thank you and give her mybest regard.

F: I will indeed.

K: Bye.

F: Lovely to hear you Henry.

K: Thank you, bye.