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Kissinger's Birthday  
Party Is a Little Chilly

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Henry A. Kissinger's 50th birthday was celebrated Saturday night at a private party at the Colony Club attended by 80 friends, including at least three couples whose telephones he reportedly had had bugged.

Watergate, which was alluded to in the after dinner toasts and discussed quietly among the guests, cast its shadow over the black-tie, engraved invitation gathering at the exclusive women's club.

"There was rather a cold atmosphere, said one guest. "There weren't the jokes, there wasn't the humor you'd expect at a 50th birthday party. Everyone there had quite mixed feelings: very happy to have been invited and to be there but

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aware that these are very heavy times."

Those invited, including academic colleagues, high level journalists, members of Kissinger's staff and entertainment personalities, were the nominal guests of Professor Guido Goldman, executive director of the West European Studies program at Harvard, who wrote his thesis under Kissinger and was a protege of his.

Actually, most of the arrangements were handled by Nancy Maginnes, who works for Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller and is a frequent companion of Kissinger, as she was Saturday night.

CORRESPONDENT

Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brandon, whose telephone had reportedly been tapped. He is the Washington correspondent of the Sunday Times of London and is considered among Kissinger's best friends in the press.

There was speculation last week whether they would attend.

"Henry has denied that he had anything to do with bugging our telephone," Mrs. Brandon said at week's end. "We've chosen to believe him and we're going to go and raise a glass."

PRESS

Others in the press contingent included Katharine Graham, publisher of the Washington Post; Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Evans Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wallace; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cronkite; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Alsop; Mr. and Mrs. William Safire, and Barbara Walters.

The Joseph Krafts decided not to attend in protest against the wiretap. "We just didn't think it would be appropriate, Kraft said yesterday.

Governor and Mrs. Rockefeller led a group of 15 members of his staff to the party, reflecting the years during which Kissinger had been Rockefeller's foreign affairs adviser.

CAMPAIGNS

In his toast to Kissinger, the governor said he had been associated with him in three presidential campaigns. "We succeeded in the third," he said. "Henry went to the White House."

The guests had begun the evening with quiche Lorraine and "bacon-wrapped something or other," according to a member of the party, who described the hors d'oeuvres as "lousy."

They then entered the dining room, where they were seated at tables of eight. Mrs. Rockefeller sat at Kissinger's right; at his left sat Mrs. Winston Lord, wife of a just-departed member of Kissinger's staff. The Lords were among those whose telephones were reportedly tapped in an attempt to discover who was leaking infor-

mation to the press.

DINNER

The guests dined on smoked salmon, sliced filet mignon, braised celery, tomatoes stuffed with puree of peas, watercress and endive salad with Brie. For dessert there was lemon and raspberry sherbet with pineapples and strawberries. "Hotel-type food," said one of the diners.

The wine was Chateau Margaux 1964, which sells at Macy's for \$24 a bottle.

After dinner, the first to offer a toast was the host, Professor Goldman. Senator Jacob K. Javits of New York then delivered a toast and was followed by Ambassador Peter G. Peterson, the former Secretary of Commerce.

RESPONSE

In his short response to the toasts, Kissinger noted that the group was "gathered at a time of great anger that followed the end of the war that we hoped would mean great reconciliation."

It was his wish, he said, that "we all remember that the country will be here a great deal longer than the differences between us."

Frederick Brisson and his wife, actress Rosalind Russell, were there, as were Kissinger's brother, Walter, and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kissinger.

Among those who declined invitations were Frank Sinatra, Kirk Douglas and gossip columnist Joyce Haber.