

A CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT NIXON ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE

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Miami Beach - "I'm sure of one thing. The war will be over. The war won't be hanging over us in a second term."

The President's tone was one of absolute confidence - that of a man stating a demonstrable and unarguable fact. Then, realizing I might suspect he had some special knowledge up his sleeve, he backtracked, to emphasize that his confidence that the war would soon end derived from no spectacular breakthrough in Henry Kissinger's negotiations. It derived, instead, from his own reading of the logic of the situation.

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