

# Kissinger Bars 'Politics' From Foreign Policy

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Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger has told an interviewer that he would resign, and speak out publicly, if he ever felt foreign policy was being manipulated for domestic political purposes.

Kissinger's remarks appear in an American Broadcasting Co. hour-long television special to be aired tonight. The interview was taped Saturday, before Kissinger held his extraordinary press conference in Salzburg, Austria, to announce that he would have to resign unless questions raised about his character and credibility over the issue of wiretapping are cleared up.

In the course of the same program, titled "Kissinger: An Action Biography," the secretary explains the origin of the wiretaps following a series of "leaks" of national security information. "The President ordered the institution of the system of wiretaps," he said. "I was ordered as part of this system to supply the names of individuals who had access to information that had leaked." He said: "In no case did it concern any other matter except the leakage of national security information."

But in his press conference in Salzburg on Tuesday, Kissinger said there was also another category of taps, on those who had "advise information in their security files."

And in the Saturday interview, speaking of his relationship with the President on issues of foreign policy, he said: "It almost never reaches the point where he says, 'I order you to do this.' He'll ask my opinion . . . and I'll give it to him. But finally he makes the decision of what needs to be done."

The hour-long show has clips of Kissinger in action as well with former presidential chief of staff H. R. (Bob) Haldeman, former National Security Council aide Morton Halperin, columnist Tom Braden and Joseph Kraft, Harvard Professor Stanley Hoffman as well as with world leaders and current Kissinger aides.

Halperin, who has filed a suit against Kissinger for having been tapped, said that Kissinger had always suffered from a "certain paranoia." Halperin disputes the suggestion that the taps were instituted for the purpose of getting at leaks, saying that he had agreed, with Kissinger, to be cut off from the most sensitive material. Then it would be clear that any leaks that occurred could not have come from him because he would not have had that information. "I agreed," said Halperin, "which, of course, made the tap on my phone absolutely absurd."

In another film clip Ted Koppel, the show's producer and narrator, says that Haldeman "implied . . . and he would go no further . . . that Kissinger knew more about Watergate than is generally assumed."

Koppel had asked Haldeman whether the White House was

so compartmentalized that those concerned with foreign policy knew only about foreign policy, and those dealing with domestic affairs kept on their own track.

Haldeman responded that the situation was quite the contrary.

"We had a daily senior staff meeting every morning in my office," says Haldeman. "Henry . . . used them to keep us posted on his affairs . . . as well as to keep himself posted on non-national security affairs. And . . . the intercommunication was in no way limited to the daily staff meeting . . . Henry worked very closely with John Ehrlichman . . . with me . . . with George Shultz and with others in the White House over the years . . ."

Koppel asked Kissinger whether "it is possible that a man who has such sensitive antennae . . . who is so attuned to the careful nuances of language . . . could be around the White House and attend those senior staff meetings that Haldeman referred to without being aware of Watergate and its related matters . . . the cover-up?"

Kissinger replied: "Watergate was never discussed at any of the staff meetings. Indeed, Mr. Haldeman took the position that he didn't know anything about Watergate and, therefore, it couldn't be discussed."

Reminding Kissinger that he had defended the President's current trip to the Middle East and his forthcoming trip to Moscow, Koppel asked what the secretary would do if he ever felt that foreign policy was being manipulated for domestic political reasons.

"I would resign," Kissinger replied, "and I would say so publicly. Foreign policy has to reflect the continuing values of the American people and it cannot be the subject of partisan policy."

As he has before, Kissinger conceded that Watergate has affected his own handling of foreign policy. "As a professor," he said, "I would have said that it is impossible for the central authority of a government to be so systematically under attack . . . without our foreign policy suffering. Nevertheless, it is also true that I have not noticed any significant impairment of the conduct of our foreign policy."

## Earthquake Kills Three in Venezuela

CARACAS, June 13 (UPI)—Dozens of old house and part of a village hospital collapsed in an earthquake that left at least three persons dead and several injured in the eastern provinces of Venezuela, official sources said.

A spokesman for Caracas' observatory said that the tremor registered 5.5 on the open-ended Richter scale. The epicenter was located near Carupano, in Sucre Province.