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Mr. Zablocki. We can come back to the real thrust of the purpose of these meetings, what the United States future role will be. I think you touched on one particular issue; that is, the emotional and political one. There is no doubt in my mind, certainly, as to your views on Okinawa. My question would be because I believe there is a timetable involved and before 1970 when the Mutual Security Pact must conclude something must be done about Okinawa.

I think it is going to be directly involved with a future security treaty. What are your views as to what arrangements for the return of the Island to Japan should be made prior to 1970, and realizing the domestic political problem, the acceptance of the public announcement at this time or any time in the future.

Mr. Reischauer. You are talking about this country?

Mr. Zablocki. This country.

What guidance, what advice will you give this particular period in question?

Mr. Reischauer. Well, the Japanese-American relationship is the most important thing to us in that whole part of the world. Everything else in a sense depends upon that. There are two things that make that relationship different. One is the great Japanese worry about our situation in Vietnam, we paid a high price for it. The other is the fact that we still have almost a million Japanese under our semi-colonial control, which is not sound.

You have the specific problem of 1970 being a time that opposition groups in Japan have always aimed at as a year to break the relationship between America and Japan. For this reason I think it is essential that in calendar 1969, after the Presidential election is passed, it would be easier to do, we should solve the Okinawa problem.

The solution I would like to see is the return of Okinawa to Japan. At the very least we can get a elear date-for its return; it is tied down but I don't see why it can not be returned in 1969. The problem is American bases on Okinawa. At the present time they do not have the restrictions in Japan proper with regard to the utilization of nuclear weapons or movement directly into combat elsewhere.

Actually, we are not in a position where we could carry out a major military commitment in an area near Japan without Japanese cooperation and support. Hence, I see no danger in putting the bases in Okinawa under the same restrictions, meaning that we need Japan's support before we could really utilize it that we have for the bases in Japan itself.

Either we have a close relationship with Japan, including Okinawa, or we run the risk of having no relationship with Japan.

Mr. Zablocki. But the Japanese also have a political problem. The base agreements between the United States and Japan on the Mainland of Japan are entirely different.

Mr. Reischauer. They are different in only two respects. That is, we have agreed you have prior consultation with the Japanese before we utilize those bases for direct action militarily anywhere,

Actually, two and a half years ago when some B-52s did come out of the Okinawa bases and bombed Vietnam there was such strong political reaction we realized we lost the possibility of using those bases as we saw fit for actions of that sort. This one is already eroded, the remaining one is the nucleus. I think this is something that should be examined very carefully. While I am not an expert in this field and therefore should not really give you hard testimony on it, I suspect very strongly that the American nuclear position, including defense of Okinawa, Japan and all the rest can perhaps be done as well without nuclear bombs. This is true, the problem can be solved very easily and it would be a great plus in our relationship with Japan, which is a most important thing to all of us in that part of the world.

Mr. Reischauer. Yes. After all you have the Polaris submarine and the long distance ones that are in real nuclear striking power for that part of the world; or anywhere else. You have lots of other possibilities for storage such as Guam and other places, so you don't have to have it in Okinawa, I believe.

As I say, I am not an expert on this but I believe we could probably get along without it. Since this is such a crucial matter in our relationship with Japan, which is already in a tenuous position because of the pressures Vietnam brings, this is something maybe we ought to concede.

Mr. Zablocki. But you are an expert on political sciences, Mr. Reischauer. Do you think that certain factions in the United States will accept this policy? I am speaking of at the present time there are several veterans' organizations decisively opposed. What can be done to change their views?

Mr. Reischauer. I doubt if there is that much feeling about this. After all, we lost men in Normandy and we don't claim Normandy, and a lot of other places. This is obviously an invalid kind of argument.

Mr. Culver. Retrospect.

Mr. Reischauer. Maybe I should not have mentioned that.

Mr. Zablocki. Mr. Buchanan.

Mr. Buchanan. I hate to dwell on the subject, but I want to make sure I understand what you are saying about Thailand. You say on page 4 that while we ought to seek to withdraw from this kind of commitment, it would be impossible to say how this can best be done until the outcome in Vietnam is clear, but in any case, it would not be easy or wise for the United States to back out of commitments until satisfactory substitutes are made available for the guarantees we have given.

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Then you suggest maybe a regional organization or an international.

Now given the fact that we do have those commitments, that they do now exist and that there are not at present substitutes, you do advocate that we honor those commitments?

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