

**Conversation: 487-007**

**Date: April 23, 1971**

**Time: 11:56 a.m. - 12:19 p.m.**

**Location: Oval Office**

**Participants: Nixon, Kissinger, Ziegler**

*Nixon's concerns regarding Korry proved well founded, when Korry wrote a letter of complaint to Nixon once he learned of the President's decision to replace him. Nixon emphasized to Kissinger that it was imperative that Korry be appointed, at least "until after the [1972 Presidential] election," since the ambassador "has a hell of a lot of information of what we did down there."*

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[487-007\\_Clip1](#) (508k, 0:31)

**Kissinger:** Mr. President, we have one problem with an ambassador, which you may have to step in to. It is Korry, sir. He's just written you a long letter complaining bitterly about his mistreatment.

**Nixon:** By whom?

**Kissinger:** By essentially Rogers and us.

**Nixon:** What did we do?

**Kissinger:** Second—Well, it's—He says he's tried to carry out his orders faithfully, and he's taking a beating as a result of it. [Senator James L.] Buckley (Conservative Party, NY), who was down there to see him, has written us a letter.

[Omitted here is a brief exchange with press secretary Ronald Ziegler, who entered at 11:56 a.m. and left at 11:57 a.m.]

[487-007\\_Clip2](#) (1.3m, 1:20)

**Kissinger:** I—I hold no brief for him except that he [Korry] needs the money, and that he has a hell of a lot of information of what we did down there. Bill is furious with him for something he did: for recommending that AID [U.S. Agency for International Development] be moved out of the State Department, and he's being tough. But I hold no brief for him except that I think we ought to keep him employed until after the election—

**Nixon:** And he's intelligent.

**Kissinger:** Yeah. He just knows too damn much.

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**Nixon:** I agree with you. I think it's a problem that what the hell are you going with him when he gets out and starts writing his books?

**Kissinger:** I'd make him an ambassador somewhere.

**Nixon:** Can we move him out of there?

**Kissinger:** Well, he is being moved out of there. That's already decided—out of [*Chile*]. It's already been announced. That can't be reversed.

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**Nixon:** Yeah. I know. I know what you mean, but, uh...

**Kissinger:** Let me see whether I can work something out, or—

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