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SECRETARY OF STATE  
AND  
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BEFORE A BILATERAL MEETING  
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SECRETARY KISSINGER: I didn't know we had any problems until a few days ago.

SECRETARY MACEACHEN: Well, do we have any?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: No.

SECRETARY MACEACHEN: I don't think so either.

SECRETARY KISSINGER: We have an excellent relationship.

SECRETARY MACEACHEN: I've been saying to you and to myself and to all others that the state of our relationship was excellent. In fact, I think it is better than it has been for some time.

SECRETARY KISSINGER: I think the state of our relations is excellent. Between two countries of our size there are always some problems, but we are solving them in a spirit of cooperation and friendship. Our relations are good. The Prime Minister and the President's relations are very good also.

SECRETARY MACEACHEN: Well, that is, I am glad to say, this is the interpretation that the Prime Minister has put on all these comments that have been made recently in the House of Commons. And his interpretation is that his relations with the President are good and with you.

SECRETARY KISSINGER: Of course, without problems life would be dull. But the problems we have...

SECRETARY MACEACHEN: Of course, there are problems and we have agreed that we want to consult about them and work them out.

SECRETARY KISSINGER: I think that our relations haven't been better, at least since I have been in Washington. This is my assessment of the situation.

SECRETARY MACEACHEN: Well, I agree with that. I can only comment with respect to my own period in office and I think the atmosphere is better now than it was a year and a half ago.

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