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RN: Looking in the future, of course, speaks in terms of our common interests and, uh, normalization of relations, uh, and, uh, our common interests in, uh, starting to build this long process of, of, of better relations between the two countries.

Now, let me get down to some cold turkey. Uh, what brought us together? Uh, some rather naïve, uh, reporters have indicated that uh, observers, have indicated that what brought us together is that, uh, well mainly, both China and the United States, the People's Republic of China and the United States realized that we really didn't have a, uh, that really that despite our philosophies we really weren't all that far apart, and that if we'd just get to know each other better-that, uh, everything would be a lot better with each other. Not true at all. Getting to know each other better will reduce the possibility of miscalculation and that we have established, because we do have an understanding. And I know them, and they know me. And, I hope that would be true of whoever happens to be sitting in this office in the future. That means that there will be talking and rather than having that, that, uh, inevitable road, uh, of suspicion and miscalculation, which could lead to war. A miscalculation which, incidentally, led to their intervention in Korea, which might have been avoided had there been this kind of contact at that time.