

# KISSINGER ON CHINA, 1971

**“THE WAR IN VIETNAM MIGHT IMPEDE DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY IN AMERICA; IT WAS NO OBSTACLE TO RECONCILIATION WITH THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA....IT WAS WIDELY HELD THAT CHINA WOULD INSIST ON REASSURANCE THAT WE WERE WITHDRAWING FROM ASIA. THE OPPOSITE WAS TRUE. CHINA DESPERATELY WANTED THE US IN ASIA AS A COUNTERWEIGHT TO THE SOVIET UNION.”**

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