



COURTESY MARK MOORE GALLERY, SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA

Untitled (spray), by Kenichi Yokono, was shown last fall at Mark Moore Gallery, in Santa Monica, California.

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*From a memorandum of conversation for a meeting held in Beijing on February 17, 1973, attended by U.S. National Security Adviser Henry Kissinger; Chairman Mao Zedong, Prime Minister Zhou Enlai, and Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs Wang Hai-jung of China; and two female interpreters. The document was released by the State Department in February.*

MAO ZEDONG: The trade between our two countries at present is pitiful. You know China is a very poor country. We don't have much. What we have in excess is women. [Laughter]

HENRY KISSINGER: There are no quotas or tariffs for those.

MAO: So if you want them, we can give a few to you, some tens of thousands. [Laughter]

ZHOU ENLAI: Of course, on a voluntary basis.

MAO: Let them go to your place. They will create disasters. That way you can lessen our burdens. [Laughter]

KISSINGER: Our interest in trade with China is not commercial. It is to establish a relationship necessary for the political relations we both have.

MAO: We do not understand your affairs. Your domestic affairs, we don't understand them. There are also many things about foreign policy that we don't understand either.

KISSINGER: You have a more direct, maybe a more heroic mode of action than we do. We