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**Tape Subject Log**  
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- Democratic Caucus
  - Vietnam negotiations
  - Congressional lines of attack
    - Administration response
  - Past votes on resolution
- The President's policy
  - Henry A. Kissinger
  - Bombing
  - May 8, 1972 decision
  - Three conditions
    - Prisoners of War [POWs]
    - Cease-fire
    - Free elections
  - Peace with honor
  - Moscow Summit
  - 1972 campaign
    - George S. McGovern's policy
- Vietnam War
  - Progress
  - Ground combat
  - Draftees
  - Serious negotiations
    - Paris
  - Settlement
    - “Peace with honor”
  - May 8, 1972 decision
    - Questions
      - Nuclear weapons
      - Bombing
      - No comment
- Ziegler's conversation with Kissinger
  - US response
  - Press perception of US policy
  - May 8, 1972 decision
- October negotiations
  - North Vietnamese tactics
    - US response
    - Settlement
- Bombing
  - Purpose

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- May 8, 1972 decision
  - Limitation of force
  - Serious negotiations
  - POWs
  - Cease-fire
- Negotiations
  - Delaying tactics
  - Congressional relations
    - Interference
    - Sensitive period
    - Responsibility

Kissinger entered at 9:57 am.

- POWs
  - Delicacy of issue
  - Nguyen Van Thieu
  - Exchange
  - Release of political prisoners
  - May 8, 1972 decision
- Congressional relations
  - Democrats
    - Number opposing resolution
  - Consultations
- Vietnam negotiations
  - Possibility of breakdown
    - Public statements
  - Role of Congress
  - The President's consultations with Congressional leaders
    - Michael J. Mike Mansfield
    - Carl B. Albert
  - Speculation
- Congressional relations
  - Charles W. Colson
  - Kissinger's telephone calls
  - J. William Fulbright
  - F. Edward Hebert
  - John C. Stennis
  - Gerald R. Ford
- Bombing