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**Tape Subject Log**  
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Conversation No. 234-3

Date: December 6, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 5:31 pm and 5:54 pm  
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation 157-18]

Conversation No. 234-4

Date: December 6, 1972  
Time: 5:54 pm – 5:59 pm  
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President talked with Col. Richard T. Kennedy.

[See Conversation No. 157-17]

Conversation No. 234-5

Date: December 6, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 5:59 pm and 8:16 pm  
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President met with H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman.

- Vietnam negotiations
- Henry A. Kissinger's cable
- Option Two
- Breakdown in talks
- Kissinger's frame of mind
- Option One
- Prisoners of War [POWs]
- Return of Option Two

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Conversation No. 234-5 (cont'd)

- Six month period
  - POWs
- Effects
  - Soviet Union
  - People's Republic of China [PRC]
  - Congressional relations
    - Republicans
  - Second term
    - Failure to end war
  - South Vietnam
    - Honorable peace
  - US bombing of North Vietnam
    - POWs
- Option One
  - South Vietnam
  - North Vietnam
    - Cessation of US bombing and mining, US withdrawal
    - POWs
- Poll
  - Cessation of US bombing and mining of North Vietnam, US withdrawal
  - Withdrawal of North Vietnamese troops from South Vietnam
    - Settlement agreement
- Kissinger's cable
  - Settlement agreement
    - POWs
    - US aid to South Vietnam
    - Vietnamization
    - Cessation of US bombing and mining of North and South Vietnam, US withdrawal
    - South Vietnamese self-determination
    - Separation of military and political issues
    - North Vietnam's intransigence
    - Minimum position
      - US withdrawal
      - POWs
    - Political issues
- Kissinger's view
  - Option Two
    - Publicity
    - US bombing of North Vietnam