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Tape Subject Log
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Conversation No. 474-1

Date: March 26, 1971
Time: 9:40 am - 9:55 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger
[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

Seating

Central Intelligence Agency [CIA] figures
-Kissinger
-Kissinger's previous briefing
-Congressional leaders
-Memorandum for the President

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 9:40 am

President's schedule
-John D. Ehrlichman
-Cabinet meeting

Bull left at an unknown time before 9:55 am

Vietnam
-*Washington Post* story, March 26, 1971
-President's response
-Peter Osnos
-Quotes by an American major

Bull entered at an unknown time after 9:40 am

Washington Post delivery

Bull left at an unknown time before 9:55 am

Vietnam
-*Washington Post* story
-A major's quotes
-Admiral Thomas H. Moorer
-General Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.

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- President's view
 - Ranks
- Osnos
- Laos operation (Lam Son)
 - Content of press account
- Abrams
 - Washington Post* story
 - A major's quotes
 - President's concern

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Abrams

- Work
 - Kissinger's view
- Possible appointment as Chief of Staff
 - Army's needs
 - Kissinger's view
 - General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
 - General Richard G. Stilwell

Vietnam

- Washington Post* story
 - Laos operation (Lam Son)
 - Account
 - Congressmen
- Laos operation (Lam Son)
 - End of operation
 - Kissinger's view
 - President's March 14, 1971 press conference
 - US and South Vietnam command
 - General Nguyen Van Thieu's decision
 - Weather
 - Army of the Republic of Vietnam [ARVN] losses
 - Enemy losses
 - Number
 - Abrams
 - South Vietnamese morale
 - Ellsworth F. Bunker memorandum
 - Success of operation
 - Publicity
- Thieu
- Bunker
 - Cable

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- President's assessment
- Washington Post* story
 - A major's quotes
 - Haig
- Army and Air Force morale
 - Press
 - Public opinion
 - President's view Conv. No. 474-1 (cont.)
- Kissinger's previous meeting with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
- North Vietnam
- President's forthcoming announcement
- President's forthcoming speech
 - William P. Rogers
 - Melvin R. Laird
- Negotiations
 - Dobrynin
 - Timing
 - Kissinger's response
- President's forthcoming speech, April 7, 1971
 - Negotiations
 - Troop withdrawals
 - Number
 - Effect of Laos operation (Lam Son)
 - Length
 - Writer
 - Raymond K. Price, Jr.
 - William L. Safire
 - Winston Lord
 - October 10, 1970 Speech
 - Draft
 - President's delivery
 - Compared with Howard K. Smith interview
 - Delivery of draft
- Press
 - Kissinger's role
 - Stewart J. O. and Joseph W. Alsop
 - S. J. O. Alsop's position
 - Withdrawal
 - President's response
- Democrats' caucus
 - A vote on March 31, 1971

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- President's statements
- President's policies
- [Thomas] Hale Boggs

Southerners

Boggs

- Previous dinner with Kissinger
- Support for the President
- Compared with Republicans

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Republicans

- Support for President
- Congressional leaders
- Draft

Vietnam

- Television coverage
 - Effect
 - Abraham Lincoln's presidency
 - Shenandoah Valley
- Laos operation (Lam Son)
 - Evaluation
 - President's view
 - Press
 - Public relations efforts
 - President's view
 - New York Times*, March 25, 1971
 - Television
 - Coverage
 - Previous footage
- Public opinion
 - Effect
- Casualties
 - Decreases
- Future military action
 - Kissinger's view
 - Possible North Vietnamese attacks
 - Possible ARVN attacks
 - Effect on public opinion
 - Kissinger's view
 - I, III, IV Corps

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- US role
 - President's view
 - South Vietnamese role
- US role
 - Air power
 - A meeting with Laird and Moorer
 - Future
 - Military equipment and material
 - Air strikes
 - Number
- Attacks on Kissinger

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Kissinger left at 9:55 am

Conversation No. 474-2

Date: March 26, 1971
 Time: 9:55 am - 10:00 am
 Location: Oval Office

The President met with John D. Ehrlichman

Domestic Intelligence Advisory Board

- Executive Order
- Staff

Cabinet meeting

- Arthur F. Burns
 - A speech by Herbert Stein
 - Federal Reserve Board
 - Burns' previous meeting with the President
 - President's influence with Stein, Paul W. McCracken
 - A report on Cabinet meeting by friends
- Agenda [Stabilization of wages and prices]
 - McCracken
 - Ehrlichman's view
 - James D. Hodgson
- President's schedule
 - Meeting with Justinian Society

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- Ehrlichman's role
- Length
- Agenda
 - Hodgson's proposal
 - Discussion
 - President's remarks
- President's decision
 - Announcement at meeting Conv. No. 474-2 (cont.)
 - New York Times* story
 - Signing of Executive Order on March 29, 1971 in San Clemente
 - Attendees
- Hodgson's previous meeting with George Meany
 - Meany's response
 - Support
 - Call to a building trade union president

Ronald W. Reagan

- Position on California Rural Legal Assistance [CRLA]
 - Possible meeting of Ehrlichman and President on Air Force One
 - Possible call from President
 - Forthcoming meeting with President
 - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman and Ehrlichman's previous meeting with the

President

- Possible responses

The President and Ehrlichman left at 10:00 am

Conversation No. 474-3

Date: March 26, 1971

Time: Unknown between 10:00 am and 11:12 am

Location: Oval Office

Nellie L. Yates [?] met with unknown men [maintenance]

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Non-historical]
[Duration: 38s]

[UNINTELLIGIBLE]

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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Yates [?] and the unknown men [maintenance] left at an unknown time before 11:12 am

Conversation No. 474-4

Date: March 26, 1971
Time: 11:15 am - 11:17 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

- President's schedule
 - Justinian Society
 - Number attending
 - John A. Volpe
 - President's role
 - Roosevelt Room
 - Anthony J. Celebrezze and [Name unintelligible]
 - White House Conference on Drugs
 - Religious leaders
 - President's role
 - Time of meeting

Bull left at 11:17 am

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Conversation No. 474-5

Date: March 26, 1971

Time: Unknown between 11:17 am and 11:22 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

President's schedule

- White House Conference on Drugs
 - Religious leaders
 - White House theater
 - Oval Office
 - President's remarks
 - Length of President's meeting
 - Oval Office
 - Scheduler
 - Length of meeting
 - Number attending
 - Time involved
 - President's role

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at an unknown time after 11:17 am

- H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- President's role

Haldeman's location

- Meeting with Henry A. Kissinger

President's schedule

- Justinian Society
- Drug conference
 - Time
- Justinian Society
 - An afternoon event
 - Tour
 - Volpe
 - President's role
 - Tour of Oval Office
 - Volpe, President

The President, Bull, and Butterfield left at 11:22 am

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Conversation No. 474-6

Date: March 26, 1971

Time: Unknown between 11:22 am and 11:35 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

President's schedule

- Meeting with Justinian Society lawyers
 - President's role
 - Arrangements
 - President's role
 - John A. Volpe's understanding
 - Cabinet meeting
- Number attending
- Tour of Oval Office

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:35 am

Conversation No. 474-7

Date: March 26, 1971

Time: Unknown between 11:22 am and 2:54 pm

Location: Oval Office

A tour group [members of the Justinian Society] met with the President outside the Oval Office

Greetings

[General conversation]

Recording ends at an unknown time before 2:54 pm

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Conversation No. 474-8

Date: March 26, 1971

Time: Unknown after 4:09 pm until 4:53 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Melvin R. Laird, Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, David Packard, Henry A. Kissinger, General Alexander M. Haig, Jr., and John B. Connally

[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress; discontinuities occur during the recording]

Vietnam

- US casualties
- General Nguyen Van Thieu
 - Laird's previous conversation
 - Air capabilities
 - Helicopters
 - Fixed-wing aircraft
- North Vietnamese losses
- South Vietnamese troops
 - Supplies
 - US role
 - Thieu's election
- Soviet Union
- South Vietnamese forces

Kissinger left at 4:25 pm

- Democrats in Congress
 - Connally's view
 - Laos operation (Lam Son)
 - Chubb plantation operation
 - US withdrawal
 - South Vietnamese supplies
 - Carl B. Albert
 - Caucus, March 30, 1971
 - Recess schedule
 - Albert
 - President's trip to California
 - Laird's conversations
 - President's previous conversation with Albert and [Thomas] Hale Boggs
 - Support for the President

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- Laos operation (Lam Son)
- President's actions
- Vietnamization
- US troop withdrawal
 - Date set by President
 - Reasoning
 - South Vietnamese stability
 - Prisoners of War [POWs] Conv. No. 474-8 (cont.)
 - Negotiating position
 - Effect of possible democratic resolution
 - POWs
 - President's view
 - Thieu, Nguyen Cao Ky
- President's Vietnam accomplishments
 - Political situation
- US withdrawal
 - Date set by Congress
 - Effects
 - South Vietnam's future
 - President's view
 - Date set by President
 - Effects
 - Date set by Congress
 - Effects
- Possible cutoff of funds
 - Possible Congressional action
 - Effects
 - President's assessment
 - President's conversation with Boggs and Albert
- US troop withdrawals
 - Air power
 - Effect on South Vietnam
 - Air power
 - B-52 strikes
 - Number
 - Gunships
- Democrat Caucus
 - Laird's meeting, March 30, 1971
 - Possible conversation
 - President's policy compared with Democrat actions
 - Potential political considerations
 - President's forthcoming speech

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- President's policy
 - Compared with Democrat action
- Laos operation (Lam Son)
 - Moorer's briefing
 - Colors on chart
 - Representations
 - General Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.'s view
 - North Vietnamese forces
 - Casualties
 - Effectiveness
 - Infiltration routes
 - South Vietnamese forces
 - Position
 - Demilitarized Zone [DMZ]
 - North Vietnamese tanks
 - Number
 - Attacks
 - Number
 - Helicopters
 - Military situation
 - Khe Sanh attack
 - Assessment
 - US action
 - Withdrawal
 - Supplies
 - Helicopter
 - North Vietnamese Army
 - Reinforcements
 - Supplies
 - Artillery attacks
 - DMZ
 - North Vietnamese Army attacks
 - Compared with Laos operation
 - Supplies and artillery
 - US air strikes
 - Moorer's assessment
 - Weather
 - Targets
 - Timing
 - President's view
 - Future strikes
 - President's view

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- Weather
- Reconnaissance
- North Vietnam artillery presence
- US air strikes
- Considerations
- President's view
- Press coverage
 - An Associated Press [AP] dispatch concerning casualties Conv. No. 474-8 (cont.)
 - Army of the Republic of Vietnam [ARVN]
 - Number
 - Tammy Arbuckle
 - Department of Defense response
 - Compared with reports on Cambodia
 - President's concern
 - Television
 - Effect
 - Accuracy
 - Department of Defense response
 - ARVN
 - Abrams
 - Pentagon action
 - Accuracy
 - President's view
 - Current stories compared with 1968 Tet offensive
 - Reasons
 - Civil War, World War II
 - President's view
 - Administration policy
 - Laird's call to AP
 - Moorer's March 25, 1971 press conference
 - Democrats
 - Laird's forthcoming meeting on Capitol Hill
 - Laird's possible call to Russell B. Long
 - Laird's previous meetings
 - Senators
 - Briefing for Armed Services Committee
 - Senators' response
 - President's view
- Forthcoming Congressional testimony
 - William P. Rogers
 - Coordination with Laird

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-Middle East
-House testimony

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

[National Security]
[Duration: 3m 39s]

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MIDDLE EAST

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

President's schedule
-California trip
-Weather
-Samuel Goldwyn
-Medal of Freedom award
-Health

Farewells

Laird, et al. left at 4:53 pm

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The President talked with the White House operator

Call to John N. Mitchell

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Conversation No. 474-10

Date: March 26, 1971
Time: Unknown between 4:53 pm and 4:55 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man

- President's schedule
 - Meeting with George P. Shultz
 - California trip
 - Departure time
 - Meeting with Shultz

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 19s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

The President and the unknown man left at an unknown time before 4:55 pm

Conversation No. 474-11

Date: March 26, 1971
Time: Unknown between 4:53 pm and 4:55 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man

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President's call to John N. Mitchell

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 4:55 pm

Conversation No. 474-12

Date: March 26, 1971

Time: 4:55 pm - 4:59 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President talked with John N. Mitchell

President's helicopter

Unknown issue

-Mitchell's advice

-President's view

Economy

-President's policy

-Wage-price boards

-A response

-Davis-Bacon Act

-Public relations

-President's previous dinner for businessmen

-John B. Connally's role

Conversation No. 474-13

Date: March 26, 1971

Time: 4:59 pm - 5:04 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with George P. Shultz

Economy

-A previous meeting

-Maurice H. Stans

-Administration spokesman

-Need for business support

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- Paul W. McCracken
- Ezra Solomon
 - Speaking ability
- Public relations efforts
 - McCracken
 - Solomon

The President and Shultz left at 5:04 pm

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