



NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF

**Tape Subject Log**  
(rev. 10/06)

Conversation No. 709-1

Date: April 17, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 8:36 am and 8:58 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President dictated a memorandum for the file.

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[Personal returnable]  
[Duration: 1m 24s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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Conversation No. 709-2

Date: April 17, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 8:36 am and 8:58 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Ronald L. Ziegler  
-Meeting with the President

Bull left at an unknown time before 8:58 am.

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Conversation No. 709-3

Date: April 17, 1972  
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Location: Oval Office

The President dictated notes for the file.

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[Personal returnable]  
[Duration: 5m 29s]

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Conversation No. 709-4

Date: April 17, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 8:36 am and 8:58 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President dictated a memorandum for the file.

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[Personal returnable]  
[Duration: 3m 48s]

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[Personal returnable]  
[Duration: 1m 16s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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Conversation No. 709-6

Date: April 17, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 8:36 am and 8:58 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule  
-Meeting with Henry A. Kissinger  
-William M. Colmer luncheon

Bull left at an unknown time before 8:58 am.

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Conversation No. 709-7

Date: April 17, 1972  
 Time: Unknown between 8:36 am and 8:58 am  
 Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

Tape of memoranda for the file

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 8:58 am.

Conversation No. 709-8

Date: April 17, 1972  
 Time: 8:58 am - 9:34 am  
 Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

Vietnam

- Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Jr.'s cable
  - Possible US action
  - Military situation
    - Predictions
  - Troop withdrawals
    - Conversation with Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.
    - Figures
    - Announcement
      - Timing
        - Numbers
        - Kissinger's recommendation
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
  - Message to the President
    - Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
    - Hanoi
    - US response
      - Soviet reply
  - Summit

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- The President's trip
  - Impact on domestic issues
- Kissinger's trip
  - Timing after bombing of Hanoi and Haiphong
- Soviet message from Dobrynin
  - Hanoi
    - Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
- People's Republic of China [PRC]
  - Chou En-lai

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[National Security]

[Duration: 1m 43s]

VIETNAM

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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- William P. Rogers
  - The President's conversation with Rogers
  - Kissinger's conversation with Rogers

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 8:58 and 9:03 am.

[Conversation No. 709-8A]

Request for a call to Rogers

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam

- Negotiations

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Conv. No. 709-8 (cont.)

- Resumption of Paris Peace Talks
  - Le Duc Tho
    - Plenary sessions
    - Cessation of bombing

The President talked with William P. Rogers between 9:03 and 9:10 am.

[Conversation No. 709-8B]

## Vietnam

- Negotiations
  - Resumption
    - Cessation of bombing
    - US response
- Blockade
  - Rogers's statement
    - Delays
    - Wording
    - Military targets
      - Ronald L. Ziegler
      - Necessity of weapons
- Military operations
  - South Vietnam
    - Courage
    - Air sorties
    - Figures
- Negotiations
  - Statement
- USSR and PRC protests
  - US replies
  - CIA analysis
    - Nature of responses
  - Summit
    - Cancellation
- Rogers's statement
- William F. ("Billy") Graham
  - Conversation with the President
    - Conversation with University of North Carolina Chancellor
      - Student protests
      - Students
      - Acceptance of US policies

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Conv. No. 709-8 (cont.)

- Support for the President
- The President's trips to the PRC and USSR
- Military operations
  - An loc
  - Ground action
    - Newspaper reports
  - Air power
    - Abrams
    - Military targets

[End of telephone conversation]

## Vietnam

- Blockade
  - Necessity
  - Legality
  - Timing
  - US commitment
    - Kissinger's trip to USSR
      - Return
        - Timing
      - Soviet responses
- The President's Administration
  - Kissinger' analysis
  - Impact of war
  - Lyndon B. Johnson's Administration
  - Confidence in government
  - John F. Kennedy's Administration
    - Foreign policy
      - Advisors
  - Johnson's Administration
    - Foreign policy
  - Successor
    - Democrats
      - Edmund S. Muskie
      - Hubert H. Humphrey
      - Edward M. Kennedy
    - Republicans
      - Spiro T. Agnew
      - Ronald W. Reagan
      - Nelson A. Rockefeller

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Conv. No. 709-8 (cont.)

- Possibilities for the nomination
- Legacy
  - US strength
    - Possible successors' strength and experience
    - Leadership evaluated
    - Muskie
    - Kennedy
  - Successors
    - Strength in foreign policy
- US credibility
  - North Vietnamese victory
  - Foreign policy initiatives
  - Policies
    - Criticism
      - Hue
      - Vietnamization
      - Muskie
    - Statements
- World War I
  - Verdun
    - Comparisons
      - France and Germany
    - Costs
    - South Vietnamese losses
      - Hue
      - An loc
      - Hue
        - New York Times* article
        - Unknown reporter
- North Vietnamese offensive
  - Hugh S. Sidey article
    - The President's demeanor
  - Jerrold L. Shechter
    - Conversation with Kissinger
      - Location
      - The President's instructions to Kissinger
  - Robert B. Semple, Jr.
    - New York Times*
  - Max Frankel
    - Leads
  - Victory

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- Consequences
  - Soviets
  - Middle East
    - Message for Golda Meir
    - Kissinger's call to Yitzhak Rabin
- Military operations
  - Kissinger's upcoming conversation with Dobrynin
  - Soviet Message
    - US reply
      - Wording
        - Kissinger's upcoming trip to the USSR
    - Summit
- Chou En-lai
- Soviet message
  - Private talks
    - US reply
  - Dobrynin
  - US response
    - Rogers's cable
- Kissinger's trip to USSR
  - Possible agenda
  - Reasons
  - Compared with PRC trip
- Press conference
  - Announcement
  - The President's statement
    - Kissinger's television appearance
      - Democrats' responses
  - Kissinger's trip to USSR
    - Possible North Vietnamese presence in Moscow
      - Announcement
- The President's schedule
  - Camp David
    - Kissinger's presence
      - Low key
    - Return to Washington
    - Meeting with Kissinger
      - Arrangements
        - Meeting in Paris
  - Meeting with Kissinger
    - Trip to Moscow

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Conv. No. 709-8 (cont.)

- Timing
- Place
  - The Executive Office Building [EOB]
- USSR
  - Dealings with US
- North Vietnamese offensive
  - Bombing
    - Target areas
    - Scheduling
    - B-3
      - South Vietnam
      - Timing
    - Public reception
    - USSR and PRC protests
    - Intensity
      - Kissinger's return to US
- Soviet talks
  - Kissinger's trip
  - Blockade
    - Soviet Summit
      - Possible cancellation
      - US stance
        - Impact
          - Tone to be used witho the Soviets
- Johnson
  - Differences
- North Vietnamese troop levels
  - Possibility of cease-fire during USSR trip
  - US conditions
    - Demilitarized zone [DMZ]
  - Cessation of bombing
  - Domestic opinion
  - Abrams
    - Air attacks
      - Intensification
- Military operations
  - Number of sorties
  - Naval action
    - Number of destroyers, cruisers and carriers
      - Location
  - Bomb damage

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- Haiphong petroleum, oil, and lubricants [POL]
  - Photographs of damage
- Rail cuts
- Railroads
- Hanoi POL
- Railroads in Hanoi
- Haiphong
  - Warehouse
  - Naval base
  - Shipyards
  - Warehouse
- Truck parks
  - Photographs

Frank J. Shakespeare

- Withdrawal of resignation

Vietnam

- An Loc
  - North Vietnamese tank losses
  - North Vietnamese maneuvers
  - Losses
- Hue
  - Military action
- Quang Tri
  - South Vietnamese movements and offensive
  - South Vietnamese tanks
  - Damage against North Vietnam

Kissinger left at 9:34 am.

Conversation No. 709-9

Date: April 17, 1972

Time: 9:35 am - 10:32 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman.

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## Richard G. Kleindienst confirmation

- Meeting with Samuel J. Ervin, Jr.
  - Clark MacGregor
    - Call to Ervin
      - Reason
      - Paul J. Fannin
  - Next move
  - Likely result
    - Options
  - Russell B. Long's statment
  - John N. Mitchell
    - Belief in success
  - MacGregor
    - View of Kleindienst's chances
  - Democrats' strategy
    - Washington Post* story
  - Replacement
    - Caspar W. Weinberger
      - Risks
        - Rejection
    - Lewis F. Powell, Jr.
      - Risks
    - William French Smith
      - Interests
        - Oil
          - International Telephone and Telegraph [ITT]
      - Prestige
    - Dean at Duke Law School
      - Qualities
        - John D. Ehrlichman
      - Charles S. Rhyne
    - Washington Post* story

## News summaries

- The President's instructions
  - Cambodia and Laos
  - Screening
  - Vietnam
  - Developing stories
    - Republican National Convention [?]
    - The President's attention

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- Haldeman's review
- Ehrlichman and Charles W. Colson

## Issues

- ITT
  - Colson
- Busing
  - Ehrlichman's project
- Vietnam
  - Cabinet meeting
  - Publicity
  - Alarmism

## The President's schedule

- Camp David
  - Henry A. Kissinger
  - Length of stay
- Monday
  - Kissinger's Paris meeting
- Kissinger's Soviet trip
  - Public statements
  - Cover
    - Ehrlichman and Ronald L. Ziegler
    - Comparisons to Key Biscayne
- Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
  - Return to US
- Kissinger's trip
  - Meeting with Haig
  - Report to the President
- Camp David
  - Time
- Press conference
  - Troop withdrawals announcement
- The President's trip to Capitol
  - The President's instructions
  - Press coverage
    - Ziegler
    - Problems
  - Entrance to building
    - Blocking reporters

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Kleindienst nomination

- Mitchell
- Support for Kleindienst

Ronald L. Ziegler entered at 9:49 am.

William P. Rogers's television appearance

- Time

Pandas

- Photographs
  - Ziegler's conversation with Constance M. (Cornell) ("Connie") Stuart
  - Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon's schedule
- Conflicts with table tennis event
  - Two People's Republic of China [PRC] stories
- Ziegler's call to Mrs. Nixon
  - Mrs. Nixon's location
  - Washington Post* story
- Musk oxen from the PRC
  - Sickness
- Treatment in zoo
  - Washington Post* story
- Photographs
  - Associated Press [AP] story
  - Postponement
    - Theodore H. Reed
- Musk oxen
  - Sickness
- Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon's schedule
  - Photographs with pandas
  - Table tennis match
    - Publicity
    - Schedule of team

Table tennis

- PRC's team visit
  - Publicity value
- Mrs. Nixon's schedule
  - Ziegler's call
    - Historic significance
  - Postponement of appearance with pandas

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-Scheduling problems

## The President's schedule

- Meeting with Polish Ambassador, Witold Trampeczynski
  - Photographs
    - Kissinger
    - Arrangements
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] trip
  - The President's upcoming conversation with Kissinger
  - Ramifications

## Soviet summit

- Ziegler's line
  - Answer to USSR and PRC protests on Vietnam
- Rogers
  - Melvin R. Laird
- Bombing
  - Impact
  - Ziegler's statements
    - Guidelines
      - Possible questions
- New York Times*
  - Terence F. Smith
    - Story about Hue
- World War I
  - France and Germany
  - Verdun
    - Losses
    - Symbolism
- White House staff
  - Conversations with *New York Times* reporters
    - Prohibitions
      - Robert B. Semple, Jr.

## Vietnam

- Ziegler's comments
  - Protests
  - Edmund S. Muskie and Hubert H. Humphrey
    - Counterattacks
  - North Vietnamese invasion
    - Failure

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- Resolutions in the US Senate
- Critics
  - North Vietnamese invasion
    - Lack of criticism
    - US policies
    - Rhetoric
      - Criticism
  - Support for the enemy and hostility toward South Vietnam
  - Rogers's statement
    - White House support
- Negotiations
  - Ziegler's statements
- Bombing
  - Limitations
    - The President's previous conversation with Rogers
  - Cessation
    - Nuclear weapons
    - Withdrawal of US forces across the demilitarized zone [DMZ]
    - Conditions
      - Wording
- South Vietnam
  - Praise
- US Air Force [USAF]
  - Praise
  - Defensiveness
- Bombing
  - Escalation of debate
    - Colson and Kissinger
      - Kissinger's view
  - Democrat attacks
- Critics
  - Answer
  - Need to defend South Vietnam and US airmen and seamen
  - Current line
  - Muskie
  - United Nations [UN] consideration
    - UN Security Council
      - Humphrey's resolution
        - President's view
    - Soviet and PRC vetoes
      - Humphrey as Vice President

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- Muskie's resolution
  - Cessation of all operations by US
- Ziegler's responses
  - Individual attacks
- Rogers
- The President's decision to bomb
- The President's instructions to Ziegler
- Press
  - Hugh S. Sidey and John F. Osborne
  - Boycott
- The President's decision to bomb
  - Ziegler's response
- Soviet summit
  - The President's previous conversation with Kissinger
  - Possible comments by Kissinger
- US policies
  - Hard line
  - Defense of policies
    - Attack from Democrats
    - Counterattack
    - Posture of confidence
- Negotiations
  - Ziegler's statement
    - The President's November 25th speech
    - US policies and record of Administration
    - Private channels
  - Release of record
    - Embarrassment of press
      - “Red faces”
  - Rogers's statement

Mrs. Nixon

- Ziegler's upcoming telephone call
- PRC related stories
  - Number
  - Pandas
  - Table tennis game

Ziegler left at 10:12 am.

Vietnam

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- Public relations
  - Press reports
    - Embarrassment
    - Colson
    - Spiro T. Agnew
      - Attacks
      - Patrick J. Buchanan speech
  - Nelson A. Rockefeller and Ronald W. Reagan
    - Joint statement
  - Agnew
    - Schedule and location
    - Buchanan
      - Draft of speech
      - Criticism of critics

## Rogers

- Relations with Kissinger
  - Conflict
    - Possible action taken by Kissinger

## Unknown treaty

## Vietnam

- Unknown lieutenant colonel
- North Vietnam
- Press
  - President's view

## Press

- Quality
  - Decline
    - Richard ("Dick") Wilson
    - William S. White
      - Public relations
- White House
  - Indifference to press hostility
- An Loc
  - Television media reports
- Terence F. Smith
  - Conversation with unknown White House aide
    - Identity of aide
      - Story of Hue loss

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-Joseph W. Alsop

## Moon shot

- Audience
  - Raymond K. Price, Jr.
  - Diplomatic Corps
    - Invitations
      - Acceptances
  - The President's daughters
  - Haldeman's children [?]
- Television equipment
  - Increase in amount of coverage

## The President's schedule

- William M. Colmer luncheon
- Bicentennial Gardens
  - Location
- Frank T. Bow
  - Meeting with the President
    - Future plans
- Colmer luncheon
  - Seating
    - Bow
      - Age

## Vietnam

- Edward M. Kennedy
  - Criticism about Vietnam
    - White House strategy
- White House position
  - Public opinion
  - Hawkishness
- Supporters
  - Rockefeller
    - Kissinger [?]
  - Young Americans for Freedom [YAF]
    - Input
- White House staff
  - Buchanan
  - Timidity
  - Show of pride for administration

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- Support for the President
- Criticism of administration
- Public reactions of leaders
  - British view [?]
- Public support for administration
- Leaders
  - Rockefeller
  - William F. ("Billy") Graham
    - Chancellor of University of North Carolina
- North Vietnamese offensive
  - State Department
  - Public relations value
    - Press reports
      - Compared with Cambodian invasion
      - North Vietnamese violations
        - Horror stories on television
        - Refugees
      - US-South Vietnamese atrocities
        - Reports
- North Vietnam
  - Propaganda about US advisors
  - Truck driver incident

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 10:12 am.

- US bombing of Haiphong
  - Sanchez's view
    - North Vietnamese and Soviet complaints
    - US responses

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 10:32 am.

- North Vietnamese invasion
  - US responses
    - Softness of American Society
- White House staff
  - Problems
- Soviet Summit
- The President's instructions to Haldeman

White House staff

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- Problems
- Dealings with aides
  - Ehrlichman, George P. Shultz and Herbert G. Stein
- Dealings with Cabinet officers
  - John B. Connally
- Ehrlichman and Haldeman
  - Dealings with Connally
    - Meetings with the President

## Weather at Camp David

- Spring
- Sunlight
- Rain and thunderstorms

## White House staff

- Kissinger's staff

## Vietnam

- Haig
- B-52s
- Navy
- Success
- Vietnamization
  - Muskie's criticism
    - Cease-fire
    - Problems

Haldeman left at 10:32 am.

Conversation No. 709-10

Date: April 17, 1972

Time: 10:32 am - 10:47 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule

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- Meeting with Witold Trampczynski
  - Photographs
    - Oliver F. ("Ollie") Atkins
  - Press

Henry A. Kissinger entered and Bull left at 10:32 am.

## Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]

- Message to US
  - Analysis

## The President's forthcoming trip to Poland

- Announcement
  - Trampczynski
  - Soviets
  - Possible cancellation

## USSR

- Soviet Summit
  - Collapse
    - Initiative
      - U-2 incident
        - Dwight D. Eisenhower
          - Possible similarities
- Joseph C. Kraft
  - Conversation with Kissinger
    - Soviet response

Trampczynski entered at 10:34 am.

## Greetings

## Photographs

- Arrangements
  - Message for the President

## Warsaw

- Kissinger's visit

## Poland

- The President's last visit

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- Meeting with Wladyslaw Gomulka
  - Chou En-lai
  - Nikita S. Khrushchev
- Letter inviting the President to visit Poland
  - Premier Piotr Jaroszewicz
- Chairman of the Council of State, Henryk Jablonski
  - Visit to US

## US-Poland relations

- US aspirations
  - Differences
  - Similarities to the President's trips to the People's Republic of China [PRC] and USSR
- Polish-Americans
  - Special ties
- Mutual agreement
- Polish-Americans
  - The President's Polish acquaintances
    - Locations
    - John Cardinal Krol of Philadelphia
- The President's forthcoming visit to Poland
  - Lodgings
    - Size of party
      - Request from the Polish government
    - President and Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
    - Arrangements
  - The President's stop in Teheran
  - Meetings with officials
  - Mrs. Nixon
    - Tours
      - Schools
      - Hospitals
      - Areas of interest
      - Culture
- Poznan Boys' Choir
  - Past performances
  - Future performances
- Trampczynski's home town
  - Warsaw
  - Historic site
    - Memories

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- Kissinger's visit in 1964
  - Visit of Polish Jews
    - Kissinger's reaction
- Trampczynski's stay in US
  - Berkeley, California
    - University of California at Berkeley [?]
    - Return visit
- The President's trip to Poland
  - Symbolism
  - Benefits
    - Economic cooperation
      - Warsaw

Trampczynski left at 10:45 am.

## Vietnam

- Haiphong
- Kissinger's meeting with press
  - Ronald L. Ziegler
- US bombing
  - Haiphong and Hanoi
    - Visit of Polish Ambassador with the President
      - Invitation to visit Poland
    - Soviet attitude
    - Press reports

## Kissinger's schedule

- Meeting with press
  - Robert J. McCloskey, Daniel Z. Henkin and Ziegler
- Washington Special Action Group [WSAG] meeting
- Meeting with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
- WSAG meeting
  - Kissinger's attacks on Democrats
    - Support for North Vietnamese invaders

Kissinger left at 10:47 am.

Conversation No. 709-11

Date: April 17, 1972

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Conv. No. 709-10 (cont.)

Time: Unknown between 10:48 am and 10:51 am  
Location: Oval Office

Unknown persons met.

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1  
[Non-historical returnable]  
[Duration: 2s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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The unknown persons left at an unknown time before 10:51 am.

Conversation No. 709-12

Date: April 17, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 10:48 am and 10:51 am  
Location: Oval Office

Unknown persons met.

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1  
[Non-historical]  
[Duration: 33s]

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Conversation No. 709-13

Date: April 17, 1972

Time: 10:51 am - 11:03 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

## Vietnam

- Daniel Z. Henkin's speech
  - Democrats' criticism
    - White House response
      - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman and Ronald L. Ziegler
      - Defense of the President
      - Attacks on Democrats
        - Escalation in rhetoric
          - [Forename unknown] Coleman [?]
          - Previous conversation with the President
  - Resolutions in Senate
    - Curtailment
    - Hanoi's response
    - Charge of defeatism
    - Administration's attacks
  - Press coverage
  - Edmund S. Muskie
  - Hugh Scott and Michael J. Mansfield
    - Trip to People's Republic of China [PRC]
      - PRC statement
      - Mansfield statement
- The President's Soviet trip
  - Kissinger's conversation with PRC Ambassador
- Mansfield
  - Administration attacks
- Soviets
  - Kissinger offer

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- Interim solution
  - Le Duc Tho
  - Paris Peace Talks
- North Vietnamese invasion
  - Defeats
    - Attitude after bombing
  - US conditions for negotiations
    - North Vietnamese refusal
- Prisoners of war [POWs]
  - Exchange
  - Sick and wounded
- Democrats
  - Criticism
  - US policies
    - Possible hardline
    - Blockade
    - End of war
    - Involvement of Soviets
- Negotiations
  - May announcement
    - Timing
      - Kissinger's view
      - Upcoming press conference
  - Troop reductions
    - Show of confidence
      - Paris Peace talks
    - Public impact
      - Upcoming press conference
  - Number
- Soviets
  - Kissinger's trip
  - Conversation with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
    - Message for the President
    - Reason for the talks
      - Reply
        - Administration's position
        - Soviet summit
- Blockade
  - Joseph C. Kraft
  - Soviet response
  - Option

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Conv. No. 709-13 (cont.)

Ziegler entered at 11:01 am.

## Soviet summit

- United Press International [UPI] story
- The President's itinerary
  - Locations
  - Ziegler
- Source from the Kremlin

Kissinger left at 11:02 am.

## Vietnam

- North Vietnamese invasion
- William P. Rogers's televised statement before Senate Foreign Relations Committee
  - Number of North Vietnamese tanks with equipment
  - Frank F. Church
  - Criticism of Congress
  - Length

## Thelma C. ("Pat" ) Nixon

- Schedule
  - Visit to National Zoo
    - S. Dillon Ripley III
  - Table tennis game
  - Planning

## PRC

- Table tennis game
- The President's schedule
- Thelma C. ("Pat" ) Nixon
- Changes in schedule

Ziegler left at 11:03 am.

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Conv. No. 709-13 (cont.)

Date: April 17, 1972  
Time: 11:07 am - 11:33 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

- The President's schedule
  - Meeting with Ronald L. Ziegler
  - Edward C. Nixon
  - Dinner

Weather

- Vietnam
  - William P. Rogers's statement
  - President's view
  - Edmund S. Muskie
  - Rogers's difficulties
- Democrats
  - Woods's opinion

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1  
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- Pandas
  - Thelma C. ("Pat" ) Nixon's schedule
    - Table tennis team visit
    - Constance M. (Cornell) ("Connie") Stuart
      - Conflicts with Ziegler
        - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
      - John B. Connally
        - Trip to Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]

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Conv. No. 709-14 (cont.)

- Ziegler
- President's view

Soviet Trip

- Mrs. Nixon
- Schedule
- John V. ("Jack") Brennan
- The President's schedule
  - People's Republic of China [PRC] trip
    - White House staff
      - President's instructions
        - Rogers
          - Mrs. Nixon

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[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 8m 39s]

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The President's schedule

- Meeting with retiring members of Congress
  - Alexander P. Butterfield
  - Army Chorus
- Newspaper editors event
  - Arrangements similar to Christmas parties
  - The President's instructions
    - Chorus
    - Entertainment
    - Music
      - Location
    - Reception line
      - Number of people
        - Entertainment

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Conv. No. 709-14 (cont.)

- Duke Law School class event
- Whittier College class event
  - Enjoyment of party
  - Dinner
- Navy comrades event
- Social events
  - The President's Canadian trip [?]
  - Concert
    - John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
  - Organization of American States [OAS] function
  - Concert
    - Kennedy Center
    - Buffet
    - Preparations
      - White House staff
- Mexican President's visit
  - State dinner
    - The President's Canadian trip
    - Previous State dinners
- Concert
  - Buffet
  - Toasts
- Navy comrades
  - Party
    - Reception
    - Army Chorus
      - Uniforms
    - Planning
      - Butterfield and Lucy A. Winchester
      - The President's view
  - Modern dancers
    - Nancy Hanks
    - The President's request

Arts

- Modern dancers
  - Makeup of dancers
- Hanks
- Modern music
- Modern painting
- Entertainment during administration

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Conv. No. 709-14 (cont.)

- Quality of entertainment
- President and Mrs. John F. Kennedy
  - Reputation for support
    - Pablo Cassals
- Current administration
  - Invitations
    - Stuart
  - Press distortions
    - Entertainment at the White House
  - The President's memorandum
    - Stuart
    - Publicity

Woods left at 11:33 am.

Conversation No. 709-15

Date: April 17, 1972  
 Time: 11:35 am - 12:02 pm  
 Location: Oval Office

The President met with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman.

- Richard G. Kleindienst confirmation
- John N. Mitchell's report
    - Negotiations with Samuel J. Ervin, Jr. and Paul J. Fannin
      - Robert Mardian
      - Clark MacGregor

Vietnam

- William P. Rogers's testimony, Senate Foreign Relations Committee
  - Rogers's hearing
  - Press coverage
  - Clifford P. Case's questions
    - Support for the President and Vietnamization
    - Criticism of air war
  - Press coverage
    - Rogers's bearing

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Conv. No. 709-14 (cont.)

-Frank F. Church's questions

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 11:35 and 11:50 am

[Conversation No. 709-15A]

[See Conversation No. 23-1]

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam

-Rogers's testimony

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 11:35 and 11:50 am.

[Conversation No. 709-15B]

[See Conversation No. 23-2]

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam

-Rogers's testimony

Kleindienst confirmation

-MacGregor

-Mitchell

-Advice on Kleindienst

-Speech

-Scheduling

-Ervin's tactics

-Delay of testimony

-Michael Gravel case

-Supreme Court

-Privilege of Congress

-Criticism of Ervin's position

Vietnam

-Rogers's testimony

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Conv. No. 709-15 (cont.)

- Substance
  - Haldeman's opinion
- Television appearance
  - Bearing
- Criticism of invasion
- Prisoners of war [POWs]
- Plane loss
  - Figures and casualties
- US bombing
  - Military reasons
  - Diplomatic reasons
    - Importance
- Talents
  - Legal abilities
  - Public relations sense
  - Clarity
    - Compared with Henry A. Kissinger
- North Vietnamese intentions
  - Negotiations
    - Possible offer from North Vietnam
  - US bombing
    - Cessation
      - Conditions
  - Violations
    - Cessation
      - Demilitarized zone [DMZ]
- US bombing
  - Conditions for cessation
- Changes of policy under the President
  - Compared to 1968
  - Troops
    - Retaliation for attacks
      - Protection of troops
        - Rogers compared to Kissinger
- North Vietnamese invasion
  - Mechanized forces
    - Source of supply
      - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
    - Petroleum dependence
      - US attacks on dumps
        - Purpose of bombings

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Conv. No. 709-15 (cont.)

- News coverage
- Edmund S. Muskie's resolution
  - Comments
  - Dangers to Democrats
    - Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson's criticism
    - George C. Wallace

## Wallace

- Tax reform
  - Letter to the President
    - Congress
    - Donald H. Rumsfeld's reaction

## John B. Connally

- Return from Texas
  - Timing
  - Haldeman's call
- Appointment with Haldeman
- Vacation in Texas
  - Benefits
  - Lyndon B. Johnson
    - Need to get back to Texas

## Vietnam

- US bombing
  - Haiphong
  - Supporters
    - William F. ("Billy") Graham
    - Nelson A. Rockefeller
    - Charles W. Colson briefing
      - Albert E. Sindlinger poll
        - Hawkishness of public opinion
        - Voluntary reaction
  - Sindlinger's press conference
- The President's previous conversation with Kissinger
  - Desire for negotiations
    - Possible partial deal
- Negotiations with the USSR
  - Blockade
    - Imposition
      - Timing

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Conv. No. 709-15 (cont.)

- North Vietnamese troop withdrawal from South Vietnam
- Blockade
  - Johnson's compared with the President's policies

White House staff

- Donald B. Rice
  - Job with Rand Corporation
  - Meeting with the President
    - Value
- Departures
  - Meetings with the President
    - Kissinger's people
- Rice
  - Meeting with the President
    - George P. Shultz
    - Reasons
- Departures
  - Meetings with the President
    - Scheduling
      - Alexander P. Butterfield
        - Individuals to meet with the President
    - Stephen Hess
    - Capitalization on White House job
      - Meetings with the President
        - President's view
          - Unknown accountant [?]

Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon's schedule

- Mix-up with pandas
  - Two People's Republic of China [PRC] related events on same day
    - Rescheduling
- Constance M. (Cornell) ("Connie") Stuart
  - Upcoming conversation with Haldeman
  - Work with Ronald L. Ziegler
  - Soviet trip
    - Ziegler's staff
    - Plane
    - Reason for trip
      - Favor to Mrs. Nixon
    - Haldeman's conversation with William R. Codus
    - Stuart's staff people

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Conv. No. 709-15 (cont.)

- Problems
- Mrs. Nixon's trip to Africa
  - Codus
  - Stuart
  - Job description
- Assignments
  - Work with Mrs. Nixon
  - Lucy A. Winchester
- Soviet trip
  - Restrictions
- Hairdresser on Soviet trip
  - The President's insistence
- Work on previous trips
  - Helpfulness
  - Value to Mrs. Nixon

## Soviet trip

- Warsaw stopover
- Announcement

## Vietnam

- Rogers's testimony
  - Haldeman's call
  - Complements
- The President's call
- Blockade
  - The President's previous conversation with Rogers
  - Rogers's statement
- Options
  - Exclusions
    - Ground forces
    - Nuclear weapons
- Rogers's testimony
  - Blockade question

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 11:52 am.

## The President's schedule

- Luncheon with William M. Colmer
- Meeting with Rice
  - Length

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Conv. No. 709-15 (cont.)

- Next job
  - Rand Corporation
- Family
- Gift
- Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger
  - MacGregor
  - Ervin

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:02 pm.

Kleindienst confirmation

- Ervin
  - Meeting with MacGregor
- Jack Gleason

Haldeman left at 12:02 pm.

Conversation No. 709-16

Date: April 17, 1972

Time: 12:02 pm - 12:06 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Donald B. Rice, Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger and George P. Shultz; Stephen B. Bull and the White House photographer were present at the beginning of the meeting.

Rice's next job
 

- Locaiton

Photographs

Rand Corporation

- Rice's job
- Experience
  - Office of Management and Budget [OMB]
    - Shultz
  - Press office
- Location

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Conv. No. 709-16 (cont.)

- Work
- Home
- Rice's family

## Presidential gifts

- Money clip
- Cuff links
- Wife
- Compact
- Golf balls

Best wishes

Rice and Weinberger left at 12:05 pm.

## Vietnam

- Bombing of Hanoi and Haiphong
- Troop withdrawals
- Negotiations
  - US peace offers
  - US bombing
    - Soviet Summit
      - Possible cancellation
      - Toughness
- Blockade
  - Implementation
- North Vietnamese invasion
  - Number of divisions
    - Lyndon B. Johnson's Administration
- US response
  - Defense of South Vietnam
    - Odds
- Ground forces
- Press reports
  - US Marines

Shultz left at 12:06 pm.

Conversation No. 709-17

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**Tape Subject Log**

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Date: April 17, 1972

Time: Unknown between 12:06 pm and 12:15 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President talked with an unknown person in Henry A. Kissinger's office.

Kissinger

-Location

-Meeting with Washington Special Action Group [WSAG]

Adm. Thomas H. Moorer and [David] Kenneth Rush

-Location

Conversation No. 709-18

Date: April 17, 1972

Time: Unknown between 12:06 pm and 12:15 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President talked with an unknown person in Henry A. Kissinger's office.

Kissinger

-Return from meeting

-Meeting with the President

-Length

-The President's departure

-Time

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Conversation No. 709-19

Date: April 17, 1972

Time: 12:15 pm - 12:28 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

## Vietnam

Kissinger's conversation with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin

-William P. Rogers's testimony

-Praise from Kissinger

-Kissinger's conversation with Dobrynin

-Purpose

-Interim compromise

-Difficulties

-Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Jr's report

-Demilitarized zone [DMZ]

-North Vietnamese capabilities

-US response

-Negotiations

-US bombing

-Soviets

-Pressure

-Dobrynin

-Blockade

-Implementation

-Immediacy

-Upcoming elections

-Interim agreement

-Rejection

-Consequences

-Possible Soviet actions

-Advantages according to Kissinger

-Soviet Summit

-People's Republic of China [PRC] summit

-Possible Middle East settlement

-Problem

-1972 election

-Continuation of war

-Possible outcome

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Conv. No. 709-19 (cont.)

- Haig's report
- Cessation of offensive
- Prevention of future offensive
  - Timing
  - Assurance by the Soviets
- North Vietnamese offensive
  - Possible actions by Hanoi
  - US response
    - Timing
    - Prisoners of war [POWs]
  - Failure
    - Concern from Kissinger
  - Blockade
    - Impact
      - Compared to 1969
    - Weaknesses
      - Circumvention
  - Interim Solution
    - POWs
- Haig report
  - Military Region One
  - South Vietnamese performance
    - Increase in South Vietnamese strength
  - US bombing
    - Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.
    - Carriers
      - Bombing support
    - North Vietnam
    - Number of sorties
      - South Vietnam
        - increase
    - I Corps
      - North Vietnamese weakness
      - B-52s
- Ground action
  - South Vietnamese strength
    - Improved situation
      - Compared with Laos operation
      - Retreats
      - Provincial capitals
      - Demoralization of North Vietnam

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Conv. No. 709-19 (cont.)

- US strategy
  - Military action
    - Toughness from the President
  - Peace offers
    - Soviet Summit
      - Preservation of US integrity
- Blockade
  - Implementation
    - Timing
  - Threat
- Soviet Summit
  - Meeting with Polish Ambassador [Witold Trampczynski]
  - Cancellation
    - Chances
  - Symbolism
    - Kissinger's Moscow meeting
      - Press reports

Kissinger left at 12:28 pm.

Conversation No. 709-20

Date: April 17, 1972

Time: 12:28 pm - unknown before 12:31 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule

The President talked with the White House operator at 12:28 pm.

[Conversation No. 709-20A]

[See Conversation No. 23-3]

[End of telephone conversation]

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Conv. No. 709-20 (cont.)

The President's schedule

- Call to William P. Rogers
- Meeting with William M. Colmer
- Trip to and from Capitol Hill
  - Clark MacGregor
  - William E. Timmons

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:31 pm.

Conversation No. 709-21

Date: April 17, 1972

Time: Unknown between 12:28 pm and 12:31 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown person.

President's schedule [?]

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 12:31 pm.

Conversation No. 709-22

Date: April 17, 1972

Time: Unknown between 12:31 pm and 4:53 pm

Location: Oval Office

Manolo Sanchez met with an unknown person.

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Conv. No. 709-22 (cont.)

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Sanchez and the unknown person left at an unknown time before 4:53 pm.