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Conversation No. 241-001

Date: February 2, 1973

Time: Unknown between 3:43 pm and 8:50 pm

Location: Camp David Hard Wire

Henry A. Kissinger met with Sir Burke Trend.

Nuclear negotiations

-United States [US]-Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] relations

-Commission

-Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] strategy

-Internal conflict

-Leonid I. Brezhnev

Kissinger talked with the Camp David Operator.

[Conversation No. 241-001A]

[End of telephone conversation]

Birthday

-Louis Kissinger

Nuclear negotiations

-Efforts

Kissinger talked with Louis Kissinger and Paula Kissinger.

[Conversation No. 241-001B]



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[See Conversation No. 186-003]

[End of telephone conversation]

Nuclear negotiations

- Strategy
 - Avoidance of, obligation
 - Commission
- United States [US]-Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] summit
- Delay

[Previous National Security (B) withdrawal reviewed under MDR guidelines case number LPRN-T-MDR-2014-008. Segment declassified on 09/15/2017. Archivist: DR]

[National Security]

[241-001-w003]

[Duration: 1m 6s]

Union of Soviet Socialists Republics [USSR]

- Negotiations
- Leonid I. Brezhnev

Nuclear negotiations

- Scientific changes
 - Harvard scientist
 - Peace community
 - Support for Great Britain
 - Nuclear deterrence
 - Germany



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- US-Great Britain policy planning
 - Cabinet disputes
 - Elliot L. Richardson
 - Defense Department
 - War office
 - State Department
 - Press relations
 - President's view
 - Agency support
 - Richardson
 - Kissinger's relations with Cabinet secretaries
 - Private groups' role
 - Whitehall
 - British representatives
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
 - Treaty
 - United States [US] reply
 - Timing
- United States [US]- Great Britain policy planning
 - North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO] summit
 - Working group
 - Kissinger's role
 - Defense Department

Kissinger's schedule

Conversation No. 241-002

Date: February 2, 1973

Time: Unknown between 3:43 pm and 8:50 pm

Location: Camp David Hard Wire

Henry A. Kissinger talked with the Camp David Operator and an unknown woman.



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[See Conversation No. 186-004]

Conversation No. 241-003

Date: February 2, 1973

Time: Unknown between 3:43 pm and 8:50 pm

Location: Camp David Hard Wire

Henry A. Kissinger talked with the Camp David Operator and Cmdr. Jonathan T. Howe.

[See Conversation No. 186-005]

Conversation No. 241-004

Date: February 2, 1973

Time: Unknown between 3:43 pm and 8:50 pm

Location: Camp David Hard Wire

Charles C. Sumrell met with an unknown person.

Room check

-Frank A. Sisco

-Access

-President's materials

Sumrell talked with an unknown person.

[Conversation No. 241-004A]

[See Conversation No. 186-006]

[End of telephone conversation]



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Raymond K. Price, Jr. [?]

-Location

[Music]

William Hirsch

[Pause]

Sisco entered at an unknown time between 3:43 pm and 8:50 pm.

Tapes

-Inspection

-Content

-Music

-Tape recorder

-Boxes

[Music]

Tapes

-Inspection

-Recordings

Sisco talked with the Camp David Operator and Charles A. Grunden.

[Conversation No. 241-004B]

[See Conversation No. 186-007]

[End telephone conversation]

[Music]

Sisco talked with the White House Signal Office.



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[Conversation No. 241-004C]

[See Conversation No. 186-008]

Tapes

- Sgt. Farrell D. Morlan
- Boxes
- Inspection
- Length
- Number
- Content
- Recording

Sisco talked with Morlan.

Unknown man talked with the Camp David Operator and [first name unknown] Douglas.

[Conversation No. 241-004D]

[See Conversation No. 161-001]

[End telephone conversation]

President's preference

- Morlan
- Tapes
 - Sony C-120
 - Supply
 - Buzz [last name unknown]
 - Length
- Request to telephone Morlan
- Location

[Conversation No. 241-004E]

[See Conversation No. 186-009]



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[End telephone conversation]

Tapes

-Length

Sisco talked with Ruth L. Krell.

[Conversation No. 241-004F]

[See Conversation No. 161-002]

[End telephone conversation]

Sumrell, Sisco and an unknown man left at an unknown time between before 8:50 pm.

Conversation No. 241-005

Date: February 2 or February 3, 1973

Time: Unknown between 3:43 pm, February 2 and 3:30 pm, February 3, 1973

Location: Camp David Hard Wire

Unknown men met.

Room arrangement

-President

-Furniture

-View

-Beech tree

-Town

Unknown men left at an unknown time before 3:30 pm, February 3, 1973.



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Conversation No. 241-006

Date: February 2 or February 3, 1973

Time: Unknown between 3:43 pm, February 2 and 3:30 pm, February 3, 1973

Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President met with Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon and Manolo Sanchez.

[Previous PRMPA Personal Returnable (G) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift during chronological review 2007-2013]

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[Personal Returnable]

[241-006-w001]

[Duration: 1m 3s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Room decoration

-Package

-Wall hangings

-Prints

-Closet

-Winston M. Churchill

-Marrakesh



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The President *et. al.* left at an unknown time before 3:30 pm, February 3, 1973.

Conversation No. 241-007

Date: February 2 or February 3, 1973

Time: Unknown between 3:43 pm, February 2 and 3:30 pm, February 3, 1973

Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President [?] met with an unknown man.

Future meeting

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 3:43 pm, February 2, 1973.

Locating something

President [?] *et. Al.* left at an unknown time before 3:30 pm, February 3, 1973.

Conversation No. 241-008

Date: February 3, 1973

Time: 3:30 pm

Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 161-003]



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Conversation No. 241-009

Date: February 3, 1973
Time: Unknown between 3:30 pm and 5:18 pm
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The Camp David operator talked with the President.

[See Conversation No. 161-004]

Conversation No. 241-010

Date: February 3, 1973
Time: Unknown between 3:30 pm and 6:15 pm
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President dictated a memorandum for the file.

[*Previous PRMPA Personal Returnable (G) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift during chronological review 2007-2013*]

- President's critics
 - Divisiveness
 - Patrick J. Buchanan
 - William P. Rogers
 - Cabinet meeting
 - Ronald L. Ziegler
 - Press relations



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Eisaku Sato

- Welcoming

Camp David

- Date, time

Vietnam settlement

- Cease-fire agreement
- Paris

Dictabelt tape

Sato's dinner

Edward R. G. Heath's visit

- Background material
 - Henry A. Kissinger's office
 - Detail
 - Arthur F. Burns, George P. Shultz, Peter M. Flanigan's contributions

Prayer breakfast

- President's conversation with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- President's statement
 - Notes
 - Mark O. Hatfield
 - John C. Stennis

Hatfield

- Hypocrisy
 - Haldeman
 - Honorariums
- Behavior
- Wife

President's Inaugural speech



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- Applause
- Respect
- Prayer breakfast
- Press coverage

Mail to the President

- Lyrics
- Prayer breakfast

President's schedule

Henry A. Kissinger

- Personality
 - Vietnam settlement
 - “Peace is at hand” statement
 - 1972 election
 - Effects
 - Negotiations
 - United States [US] bargaining position
 - December 1972 bombing
 - Press briefing
 - Negotiations
 - North Vietnam
 - Motivations
 - Kissinger's viewpoint
 - New York Times*
 - Harry Reasoner
 - Nobel Prize
 - Irony
 - Negotiations
 - December 1972 bombing
 - President's role
 - Effect on negotiations
- Mood
- Public perceptions
 - Kissinger's cable



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-Files

-Interview with Marvin L. Kalb

-President's conversation with Ziegler

-Television [TV] ratings

-Public interest after cease-fire

Joseph C. Kraft's meeting with Charles W. Colson

-Kissinger

-Conversation with Colson

-Colson's knowledge of Kissinger's call to Kraft

-Kissinger's viewpoint

Kissinger

-Contradictory remarks

-Helmut ("Hal") Sonnenfeldt's conversation with Colson

Kissinger's interview with Kalb

-Questions

-Colson and others' viewpoints

-Answers

-People's Republic of China [PRC]

-Bombing

-Role of advisors in decision making

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 3:30 pm.

Call from Tricia Nixon Cox

The President talked with Tricia Nixon Cox between 5:18 pm and 5:22 pm.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[Personal Returnable]

[241-010-w001]



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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[Conversation No. 241-010A]

[See Conversation No. 161-005]

[End of telephone conversation]

Kissinger

- Morale
- Schedule
 - New York
 - Hockey game
- Colson's opinion
 - Kissinger's personality
- Role of advisors in decision making
 - Historical records
- Press relations
 - H.R. ("Bob") Haldeman, Colson
 - Writers
 - Speeches, articles

Nobel Prize

- Paul Miller
- Hugh Scott, Robert J. Dole
- Walter Annenberg
 - Personality

Press relations

- Editorials



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-Haldeman

White House staff

-Stephen B. Bull

-Alexander P. Butterfield

President's meeting with Heath

-Heath's demeanor

-Support for bombing

-Toast

-President's role in Vietnam settlement

-Courage

-Discussions

-Content

-Former United States [US] Presidents

-Lyndon B. Johnson

-Death

-Vietnam

-Psychological toll

-Press relations

-Departure from Washington, DC

-Dwight D. Eisenhower

-Retirement

-Gettysburg

-Travel and leisure activities

-Golf

-Augusta

-Palm Springs

-Bridge

-Memories

-Herbert C. Hoover

-New York

-Gen. Douglas MacArthur

-World Capital

-Johnson

-Ranch



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- Visibility compared to Eisenhower
 - President's visit
 - 1972 Democratic candidates
 - George S. McGovern's visit
 - Johnson's endorsement
- President's call to Claudia A. ("Taylor") ("Lady Bird") Johnson
 - Letter
 - United Nations [UN] position
 - Claudia Johnson's reply

Congressional relations

- Michael J. Mansfield
 - Chou En-Lai
 - Foreign policy hardliners
 - Hugh Scott

Press relations

- President's news summary
 - Travel to Camp David
 - Press entourage
- Ronald L. Ziegler
 - Dan Rather's report
 - Press conference
- Washington Post*
- Vermont Royster's column
 - Coverage of Vietnam settlement
 - Television [TV]
- Ziegler
- Colson
- Television [TV]
 - Public opinion of news commentary
 - Presidential statements
- Need for national unity
 - Role of press
 - Critics of administration
 - Reconciliation



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- Mistakes in reporting
- Support for President

Middle East

- Kissinger' delayed actions
 - Israeli elections, October 1973
- President's strategy
 - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
 - Arms
 - Kissinger's limited role
- Egypt
 - Hafiz Ismail's visit
- Israel's position
- United States [US] position as mediator
 - Interim settlement
 - Israeli compared with Egyptian, Arab positions
 - United States [US] assurances of future settlement

North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO]

- President's discussions with Kissinger
- Defense budget cuts
 - Kissinger's lack of comprehensive strategy
 - Tactical compared with strategic approach
- Role of military planners
- United States [US] and European commitments
 - Credibility with Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]

John B. Connally

- Weakness of dollar
- Trade bill
 - Trade sanctions
- Energy bill
 - Central Broadcasting Service [CBS]
 - Series on energy, environment
 - Crusade
 - Effect on President



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- Appointment of Richard M. Helms as Ambassador to Iran
- President's conversation with William D. Rogers

President's meeting with Heath, February 2, 1973

- Walk at Camp David
 - Weather
 - Laurel Lodge
 - Secret Service escort
- Dinner, February 2, 1973
 - Menu
 - Conversation
 - Blacks
 - Commonwealth
 - Relations with Asian populations
 - Asian emigration to Great Britain
 - Labor issues
 - Enoch Powell's statement
 - Black contributions to Great Britain

Blacks

- President's view
 - Abilities
 - Strength
 - Artistic talent
 - Public speaking
 - Hard science
 - George Washington Carver

President's conversation with Heath

- Heath's visit to United Nations [UN]

President's conversations with Lady Cromer

- Daughter of Viscount Rothermere
 - Publisher
- Supporter
- Views of social set



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-Attitudes toward Vietnam, United States [US] role

Alice Roosevelt Longworth

Rose Mary Woods

- Telephone call to Roy L. Ash
 - President's reaction to news summary
 - Telephone call compared with letter to supporters
- Telephone call to Coy Stennis
 - Health
 - Admiration for President

Telephone calls to supporters

- Woods
- Haldeman, John D. Ehrlichman
- Personal appeal
 - Woods compared with staff members

Press relations

- Tex McCrary
- Letter
- Max Feldman's article
- 1972 election victory
 - Camp David
 - Barry M. Goldwater [?]
 - Peter G. Peterson's leak to the press
 - Art Buckwald
 - Cabinet reorganization

Press conferences

- Press coverage
 - Timing
- Location
 - Television [TV]
- Effects of Watergate
- Washington, DC biases



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- Public opinion
- President's statements

Press relations

- Kissinger's statements to *Newsweek*, *Time*
- Ziegler

Vietnam settlement

- 1972 election
- Reactions
- Opponents of President's war policy
- Kissinger
 - Liberals

State Dinners

- Woods
- Tables
- Seating

Kissinger

- Press conference
 - Transcript
 - Press coverage
 - Elitist viewpoint
- Kissinger's interpersonal style
- Lady Cromer's viewpoint
 - Winston S. Churchill's character
- President's opinion about Churchill's leadership style
- Colson, Haldeman's opinion
- Kissinger's breadth of knowledge
- Public statements

Vietnam settlement

- Cambodia, Laos
 - Cease-fire
 - Return of Prisoners of War [POWs]



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- Press reaction
 - United States [US] appreciation
 - Le Duc Tho
 - Kissinger's reception
 - People's Republic of China [PRC]
 - Propaganda
- Signing ceremony
- Hard-line approach
- Language
- Expert analysis

Bombing

- Opposition
- Kissinger

President's conversation with Haldeman

- Marion Smoak
- Staff functions
- Bull

Dictabelt tape

- Purpose

The President played back tape of dictation at an unknown time between 5:18 pm and 6:15 pm; the tape was cut off at an unknown time before 6:15 pm.