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Date: June 17, 1971
Time: 5:15 pm - 6:10 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

[Previous PRMPA Personal Returnable (G) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift 02/13/2018. 2m 13s segment cleared for release. 4s remain closed as 525-001-w001.]

[Personal Returnable]
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[Duration: 2m 13s]

President's schedule
-Helene and Jack Drown

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
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[Duration: 4s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO.1

President's schedule



- Rose Mary Woods conversation with Thelma C. ("Pat") (Ryan) Nixon
 - Dinner arrangements
- Lucy Alexander Winchester's schedule
 - Conversation with Helene Drown

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

- Florida trip
 - Packing
 - Drown's potential travel
 - President's opinion

H.R. ("Bob") Haldeman entered at 5:16 PM

Woods left and John D. Ehrlichman and Henry A. Kissinger entered at 5:17 pm.

Pentagon Papers

- Administration response
 - John N. Mitchell's court efforts
 - William P. Rogers' statement
 - Need to win court case and public relations case
 - John B. Connally
 - Rogers' statement
 - Quality
 - Lyndon B. Johnson comments
 - Possible press conference
 - Bryce N. Harlow's role
 - Kissinger's previous call to Lyndon B. Johnson
- Effect on administration
 - Personnel
 - Connally
 - Spiro T. Agnew
 - Gen. George A. Lincoln
 - General view of President's position
 - Connally
 - Attack on Presidency
 - Attack on Nixon and Johnson



- Rebuttal by administration
 - Media coverage
 - Criteria for *New York Times* coverage
- Desirability of comment by President
 - Possible space
 - Rogers' statement
 - Letters to Senators
 - Legality of comments
 - Court case
 - Kissinger's statement
 - Quality
 - Content
 - Need for comment by President
 - Proper scope
 - Outline
 - Scope
 - Preparation
 - Coverage by "Northeastern press"
 - New York Times*
- President's comments on security
 - Follow up
- Debriefing of employees
- Enforcement of security laws
- Responsibility of office heads for security
- Timing of administration counter
- Connally's action
 - Meeting with staff
 - Treasury Department relations with the press
 - Consequences of leaks

[Previous PRMPA Privacy (D) reviewed under PRMPA regulations 12/01/2017. Segment cleared for release.]

[Privacy]

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Pentagon Papers

- Administration response
 - John B. Connally's action
 - Meeting with staff
 - Charls E. Walker
 - Trouble with facts
- Staffing

Pentagon Papers

- Administration response
 - President's remarks
 - Issuance of memorandum
 - Content
 - Ehrlichman's role
 - Times use of press cards
 - Mitchell
 - Reprinting problem
 - Times action
- Haldeman's follow up to Congress
- Daniel Ellsberg's story
 - Washington Star
 - Kissinger's remembrance of Ellsberg
 - Vietnam service
 - General demeanor
 - International Security Affairs [ISA] background at the Department of Defense
 - John J. McNaughton
 - Intellect
 - Change of political opinion
 - Contact during transition

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[Privacy]
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[Duration: 17s]

- Pentagon Papers
 - Administration response
 - Potential drug use
 - The President's desired use of information

- Pentagon Papers
 - Administration response
 - Contact with Henry A. Kissinger
 - Massachusetts Institute of Technology [MIT] speech by Kissinger
 - Ellsberg heckling
 - "Murder in Laos" article
 - Obtaining documents
 - Research and Development Corporation [RAND] copies of Vietnam story
 - Ellsberg action compared to Alger Hiss and Whitaker Chambers action
 - Reason for Ellsberg action
 - Reason for *Times* action
 - Opposition to President's Vietnam policy

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[Privacy]
[525-001-w003]
[Duration: 15s]

- Pentagon Papers
 - Administration response
 - Potential drug use
 - The President's response



Pentagon Papers

- Administration response
 - President's comments
 - Ehrlichman's role
 - Haldeman's role
 - Remarks
 - Patrick J. Buchanan
 - Kissinger's comments at North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO] lunch
 - Response
 - Remarks by President
 - Content of papers
 - Principle of secrecy
 - Times* determination of national interest
 - Embarrassment of Johnson and John F. Kennedy
 - Defense of principle
 - Reaction to loss of security
 - President's legal obligations
 - Reasons for the law
 - Congressional mandate
 - Kissinger memo
 - Declassification procedures
 - Case before Supreme Court
 - Possible action by the President
 - Need for remarks by President
 - Impact
 - Rogers' statement
 - Impact
 - Content
 - Political predispositions of authors, et al.
 - Conviction of Johnson
 - Relation to Joseph McCarthy era
 - Prosecution for advice
 - Times*' previous view
 - Lack of content
 - Stewart J.O. Alsop editorial
 - Times* previous stance on security of communication
 - Adlai E. Stevenson, III and Kennedy



- Use by administration
 - Timing
- Need for running battle
 - Ronald L. Ziegler and Herbert G. Klein view
 - Restriction of *Times* reporters
- Attacks from other papers
- McCarthy era analogy
- Richard M. Helms comments
 - Times* interpretation of morality
 - Stevenson
 - Johnson
 - Selective embarrassment
- Times* interpretation of First Amendment rights
- Times* wrongdoing
- Times* responsibility
- Johnson's action
- Robert S. McNamara
 - Rebuttal
 - Position as president of the International Bank of Reconstruction and Development [World Bank]
 - Loyalty to Johnson
- McGeorge Bundy comment
 - Attack on Johnson
- Kennedy
 - Ngo Dinh Diem death
 - Henry Cabot Lodge and Kennedy's role
- William Moyers
- Diem death
 - President's revelation
- Constraints of lawsuit
- Diem death
 - President's knowledge

Ziegler entered at an unknown time after 5:17 pm.

Legislation

- Defeat of anti-war bills
- Margin



Ziegler left at an unknown time before 6:13 pm.

Pentagon Papers

- Bombing halt file
 - Relation to Lyndon B. Johnson's statement
 - Attempts to obtain it
 - Tom Charles Huston recollections
 - Brookings role
 - Implementation of Huston plan
 - Johnson's concern
 - Timing of bombing
 - Content
 - W. Averell Harriman
 - Effects of release
 - Johnson's reaction
 - Harlow contact with Johnson

Upcoming Vice Presidential trip

- Harlow's attendance
 - Harlow's role
 - Agnew
 - Korea

Pentagon Papers

- Agnew's role
 - Recent performances
 - Ehrlichman contact with Agnew
 - Future Agnew role
- Robert J. Dole
- Agnew attacks on *Times*
- Nelson A. Rockefeller attacks on *Times*
 - Role of advertisers
 - Bonwit Teller
- Administration attack
 - Role of sources
 - Treasury Department role
 - Council Economic Advisers [CEA]
 - George P. Shultz
 - Connally



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- Maurice H. Stans
- Elliot L. Richardson
- George W. Romney
- John A. Volpe
- Rogers C.B. Morton
- John N. Mitchell
- Ken Martin (“Ken”) Worthy [?]
 - Morton contacts
- Morton
- Melvin R. Laird
- Rogers
 - Willingness to join attack
 - Ending backgrounders
- "Good" reporters
 - Max Frankel
- Mitchell
- Stans
- Connally
- Dole
- Republican National Committee contact with *Times*
 - Franklyn C. Nofziger
 - Effect on Stewart Lurie
 - Effect on columnists
- Other contacts with *Times*
 - Ziegler's tactics
 - Return of calls
 - Kissinger action
 - National Security Council [NSC] staff
 - Media fallout
 - Need for perseverance
- James B. (“Scotty”) Reston
 - Position
 - Barry M. Goldwater
- Contact with *Times* competition
 - Daily News*
 - Jerry Greene action
 - Chicago Tribune* reaction to *Times* story
 - Bill Mullen (?) reaction
 - James S. Copley, Richard Wilson, William Randolph Hearst, Jr. reaction



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- Contact with Hearst
 - Los Angeles Times* reaction
- Policing of press
- Times* and White House relationship
 - Future relations
 - Access to Oval Office
- Upcoming trips
 - Times* travel courtesies
- Eastern liberal press
 - White House contact with Clark M. Clifford
 - Extent of information from
 - Congressional statements
- Effect on Hubert H. Humphrey
 - Humphrey comments
 - Effect of Vietnam study on behavior
- Effect on Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy
 - Support for McNamara
 - Times* material on Kennedy administration activities
 - Use by President
 - Henry Cabot Lodge's role
 - Ngo Dinh Diem file
 - Kennedy activity
 - Lodge evidence
 - Lodge position on release of evidence
 - Kennedy's communication with Lodge
 - Consequences of coup
- Action against the *Times*
- Severity of *Times* transgression
- Press double standard
- Expected *Times* actions
 - White House files
 - Kissinger staff checks
 - Set up of files
 - Helmut ("Hal") Sonnenfeldt
 - Access to Kissinger conversations with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
 - Sonnenfeldt duties
 - William A.K. ("Tony") Lake access
- Edmund S. Muskie reaction to *Times* story
- Humphrey reaction



- Johnson's position
 - Support for Ted Kennedy
 - Support for Humphrey
- McNamara's statement
 - Humphrey knowledge of Vietnam activities
 - Johnson
- Agnew exposure to White House tactics
- Humphrey statement
 - "Need to know" doctrine
 - Johnson's Vietnam judgement
- US actions
 - Rogers and Laird
 - World War II
 - Korea
 - Vietnam
 - President's questions
 - Tactics
 - Kissinger's recollection
 - "Purpose" of U.S. action
 - Methods
 - Goals

Drug policy statement
-Play in media

Rochester trip
-Kenneth B. Keating invitation
-Congressional contacts during trip
-Keating
-Performance

[Previous National Security (B) withdrawal reviewed under MDR guidelines case number LPRN-T-MDR-2012-002. Segment declassified on 12/01/2017. Archivist: JD]

[National Security]
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- Indian diplomatic skills
 - Kenneth B. Keating
 - Age
 - Flattery
 - Effect on survival
 - Indian women
 - The President's opinion

- Pakistan
 - Life* magazine issue

- US and Federal Republic of Germany relations
 - Willy Brandt
 - Kissinger's conversation with Egon Bahr
 - Purchase of aircraft

- Pentagon Papers
 - Effect on White House enemies
 - Haldeman
 - Need for White House attack
 - Reduction of ambassadorial access to *Times*
 - D. Kenneth Rush
 - Ellsworth F. Bunker
 - Arthur K. Watson

Kissinger left at 6:05 pm.

Haldeman and Ehrlichman left at 6:07 pm.

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at 6:07 pm.

[Signing of documents]

- President's schedule
 - Rochester schedule



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-Action folders

Marjorie P. Acker entered at 6:09 pm.

Rose Mary Woods' schedule

-Executive Office Building [EOB] meeting with President

The President, et al. left at 6:10 pm.

[Conversation No. 525-002](#)

Date: Unknown between June 17 and June 18, 1971

Time: Unknown between 6:13 pm, June 17 and 8:40 am, June 18, 1971

Location: Oval Office

Unknown people [Secret Service agents ?] met.

President's location

-Executive Office Building [EOB]

Unknown people [Secret Service?] left at an unknown time before 8:40 am, June 18, 1971.