Date: April 6, 1971
Time: Unknown between 7:49 am and 9:20 am
Location: Executive Office Building

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

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[Previous archivists categorized this section as unintelligible. It has been rereviewed and released 09/10/2019.]
[Unintelligible]
[245-001-w001]
[Duration: 5m 13s]

[This portion of the tape is mostly tape noise with some muffled background conversation.]

Relations with Congress [?]

[Tape malfunction]

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Haldeman left at an unknown time before 9:20 am

Date: April 6, 1971
Time: Unknown between 7:49 am and 9:20 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez

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[Previous non-historical (H) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift 09/10/2019. Segment cleared for release.]
[Non-Historical]
[245-019-w001]
[Duration: 17s]

The President’s outlook

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Sanchez left at an unknown time before 9:20 am

Date: April 6, 1971
Time: 9:20 am - 9:59 am
Location: Executive Office Building
The President met with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman

William P. Rogers and Melvin R. Laird

Meeting with Congressional leaders
- Gerald R. Ford
- Hugh Scott and Ford

[The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 9:20 am and 9:22 am]

[Conversation No. 245-2A]

[See Conversation No. 42-5]

[End of telephone conversation]

General Alexander M. Haig, Jr. and Vice President Spiro T. Agnew as speakers

Carl B. Albert

[The President talked with Michael J. ("Mike") Mansfield between 9:22 am and 9:27 am]

[Conversation No. 245-2B]

[See Conversation No. 42-6]

[End of telephone conversation]

President’s meeting with National Security Council, Congressmen, April 7, 1971
- Mansfield
- Albert
  - [Thomas] Hale Boggs

Meeting with Congressional leaders
- Albert
- Ford
- Scott
Haig

Haldeman’s schedule

Press
- Unknown story
- Coverage

Staff
- Donald H. Rumsfeld
- Clark MacGregor
- Charles W. Colson
- John A. Scali
- John D. Ehrlichman
- George P. Shultz
- Defense spending

Mood of nation

Vietnam War

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[National Security]
[245-002-w002]
[Duration: 6s]

Thailand

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White House staff and Cabinet
- Accomplishments

“Ted Gates”
Vietnam War

Harrison A. Williams, Jr.

Henry A. Kissinger

Cambodia
- Bombing
- Kent State University
- Public attitudes

Congressional attitudes
- Rumsfeld
- Problems with Congress
- Robert H. Finch
- Republicans
- MacGregor
- Supporters of Administration
  - Labor leaders
- Southerners
- Support or non-support
- Consequences
- President’s options

Scali
- MacGregor
- Staff situation

Economy
- Stock market
- Retail sales
- Apparel
  - New York
- Chrysler Corporation
  - First quarter
- Home furnishings
- Apparel
- Stock market
- Buying power
White House staff
    - Haldeman’s assessment

[The President talked with Kissinger at an unknown time between 9:20 am and 9:59 am]

[Conversation No. 245-2C]

Meeting with the President

Kissinger
    - Rogers
    - Laird
    - Conflicts

Chicago Tribune

Sidney R. Yates and John S. Nolan

Staffing for unknown agency
    - Right-wingers

Haldeman left at 9:59 am

Date: April 6, 1971
Time: 9:59 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown man [H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman?]
[This conversation is a continuation of Conversation No. 245-2]

Economic situation

William P. Rogers
President’s schedule

The unknown man [Haldeman?] left at 9:59 am

Conversation No. 245-004

Date: April 6, 1971
Time: 9:59 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator

[See Conversation No. 42-8]

Conversation No. 245-005

Date: April 6, 1971
Time: 9:59 am - 10:06 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Gerald R. Ford

[See Conversation No. 42-9]

Henry A. Kissinger entered at 10:05 am

Conversation No. 245-006

Date: April 6, 1971
Time: 10:05 am - 11:03 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger
Laos
- Casualty figures
- Military operations
- Comparison

Vietnam
- North Vietnamese
- President’s forthcoming statement on Prisoners of War [POWs]
- President’s options
- Possible statement
- Warning
- Credibility
- Kissinger’s statement on POWs

Laos
- Casualties
- South Vietnamese casualties
- Air sorties
  - George S. McGovern’s statements
  - Kissinger’s possible statement

President’s speech on Vietnam, April 7, 1971
- Draft
- President’s presentation
- Press
- Release
- Air sorties
- South Vietnamese casualties
- Warning
- Statement
- Warning
- Staff

Vietnam
- Withdrawal
- “Blockbusters”
- John D. Ehrlichman
- US proposals
- Negotiations
- Kissinger and Clark MacGregor
- Press
- Proposals
- ‘Doves’
- Congress
- Withdrawal date
- Military aid
- General Nguyen Van Thieu and Nguyen Cao Ky
- Communist victory
- Kissinger’s relations with MacGregor
- Troop announcements
- Date for United States’ withdrawal
  - Michael J. (‘Mike’) Mansfield
- President’s meeting with Thieu
- United States’ position
- President’s policy
- North Vietnamese
- Lyndon B. Johnson
- Date for Withdrawal
- POWs
- Cease fire
- Negotiations
- Cease fire
- United States’ proposals
- Kissinger’s role
- Paris talks

Chile
- Elections
- Salvador Allende Gossens
  - Control of media
- Eduardo Frei Montalva
  - Christian Democrats
- Allende
- State Department
  - Charles A. Meyer
  - Allende
- United States’ policy
-Jorge Alessandri

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[National Security]
[245-006-w002]
[Duration: 12s]

Chile
-Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
  -Unknown diplomat
  -Jorge Alessandri
  -Christian Democrats

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Chile
-Edward M. Korry
  -Liberal Democrat

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[National Security]
[245-006-w004]
[Duration: 45s]

Chile
-Edward M. Korry
  -William P. Rogers [?]
  -Activities
  -Henry A. Kissinger’s opinion
  -Alternate post

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Chile
- Korry
  - Peter M. Flanigan
  - Kenneth B. Keating
  - Pakistan
  - India

Kissinger’s relations with MacGregor
- Melvin R. Laird
  - Ehrlichman

Vietnam
  - Ehrlichman
  - Public opinion
  - Johnson

Cambodia
- United States’ involvement
  - Public opinion

Lieutenant William L. Calley, Jr.
  - Impact on administration
  - Background

President’s speech on Vietnam
  - Possible question to Kissinger
  - President’s policy

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 10:05 am

Arrival of Mansfield

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:35 am

President’s speech on Vietnam
- Success of policy
- Possible wording on Vietnamization policy
- Relation to troop withdrawals

Mansfield entered at 10:35 am

Greetings

Kissinger left at 10:36 am

Vietnam
- President’s forthcoming call to Ellsworth F. Bunker
- Military situation
- Withdrawal date
- South Vietnamese leaders
- Withdrawal of United States’ troops
  - Rate
  - Numbers
  - Ceiling
  - Level
  - Announcement
  - Dates
  - Level
  - Future announcements
  - President’s options
- Negotiations
  - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
    - Attitude
  - United States’ position
    - President’s options
- Soviet Union
- President’s options
- Deadline
- President’s plans
- Troop withdrawals
- Chance of a breakthrough
- Announcements
- Withdrawal of troops
- Anatoliy F. Dobrynin’s mission
-United States’ offer
-Date
-United States’ plans
- Cease fire
- President’s speech, April 7, 1971
- Negotiations
  - President’s forthcoming conversations with Dobrynin
  - Possible topics
  - North Vietnamese
    - Madame Nguyen Thi Binh and Long Di [sp?]
  - Date
- United States’ position
- Troop withdrawals
- Laos
- President’s policy

Arms control negotiations
  - Leonid I. Brezhnev and Andrei A. Gromyko
  - Communist Party Congress
    - Fight
    - Military people
    - Arms limitation issue
    - Political people
      - Aleksei N. Kosygin
  - Brezhnev’s role
  - Detente
  - Arms limitation
    - Date
    - President’s options

Berlin
  - United States-Soviet Union negotiations

Middle East
  - United States’ policy
  - Israel
    - Support
    - United States’ policy
    - Other nations
- Cease fire
- Anwar el-Sadat
- Soviet Union

Vietnam and Laos
- Mansfield’s support for President
- Troop withdrawal
  - Announcement
- South Vietnamese
  - Military operations
    - Location
- Negotiations
  - Prospects

President’s trip to Montana
- Timing
- Labor Day
- Announcement

President’s briefing on Vietnam
- Value

Mansfield left at 11:03 am

Date: April 6, 1971
Time: Unknown between 11:03 am and 11:10 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator

[See Conversation No. 42-10]
Date: April 6, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 11:03 am and 11:10 am  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Marjorie P. Acker

[See Conversation No. 42-11]

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Date: April 6, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 11:03 am and 11:10 am  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator

[See Conversation No. 42-12]

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Date: April 6, 1971  
Time: 11:10 am - 11:11 am  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Marjorie P. Acker

[See Conversation No. 42-13]
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator

[See Conversation No. 42-14]

Conversation No. 245-012

Date: April 6, 1971
Time: 11:13 am - 11:14 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Marjorie P. Acker

[See Conversation No. 42-15]

Conversation No. 245-013

Date: April 6, 1971
Time: Unknown between 11:14 am and 11:19 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator

[See Conversation No. 42-16]

Conversation No. 245-014

Date: April 6, 1971
Time: 11:19 am - 11:21 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Alexander P. Butterfield
Date: April 6, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 11:21 am and 11:35 am  
Location: Executive Office Building  
The President talked with the White House operator  

[See Conversation No. 42-17]  

Date: April 6, 1971  
Time: 11:35 am - 11:37 am  
Location: Executive Office Building  
The President talked with Stephen B. Bull  

[See Conversation No. 42-18]  

Date: April 6, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 11:37 am and 1:00 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building  
The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger  

Changes in a report or speech
Kissinger’s schedule

Date: April 6, 1971
Time: 1:00 pm - unknown before 1:45 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger

President’s speech on Vietnam, April 7, 1971

Draft
- Changes
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  - Kissinger’s suggestions
  - Language
  - Dates
  - Additions
  - Language
  - Withdrawal of troops
    - Language
    - Points
    - Wording
  - Negotiated settlement
    - Articles
    - Additions
    - President’s intentions
    - Wording
  - Withdrawal of troops
    - Dates
    - Numbers
    - Figures
    - William P. Rogers’ briefing
    - Chart
    - Use
    - Cabinet briefing
- Vice President Spiro T. Agnew

- Chart
  - Casualties
  - Sensitivity
  - Kissinger’s briefings

- Casualties
  - Tet offensive
  - Use of figures
  - Tet comparison
  - Laos
    - Background
  - Estimates
  - Comparisons
  - South Vietnamese casualties
    - Significance
  - United States’ ground forces
    - Replacement by United States’ air sorties
    - Charges by George S. McGovern

- McGovern
  - Possible Kissinger rebuttal
    - Television
  - United States’ policy goals in Southeast Asia
    - Wording
    - Changes
  - United States’ casualties
    - Rate
  - South Vietnamese operations
    - Wording
  - North Vietnamese attacks from Laos on United States forces
  - Supply lines and logistics
  - North Vietnamese major offenses
    - Language
  - Vietnamization policy
    - Success of Cambodian operations
    - Unknown man’s views

- Consequences of failure in Vietnam
  - Middle East
  - President’s policy
  - Popular opinion
- Jews in Europe
  - Nazis
  - American attitude
  - Vietnamization policy
  - Success
  - Language
- End of United States’ involvement in war
  - Wording of statement
  - South Vietnamese defense
- Residual force
  - Rogers
  - United States’ options
- Opposition to President’s policies
- United States’ policy
- Press
- Intellectuals
  - Harvard University
  - Yale University
  - Princeton University

Support for the President
- President’s conversation with H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
- Kissinger’s list
- John J. McCloy
- [Forename unknown] Kekold [sp?]
- [Forename unknown] Nolan
- [Forename unknown] Wheeler
- Thomas S. Gates, Jr.
- Conservatives
- Liberals
- McCloy
- Lawyers
- David Rockefeller
- Nelson A. Rockefeller
  - Kissinger’s forthcoming conversation with Rockefeller
- Politicians
- Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Congressmen
Ford Foundation
- Unknown man at foundation
- McGeorge Bundy
- Support for Edmund S. Muskie’s trips to Africa
- President’s travels contrasted
  - Emoluments
- Muskie
- Unknown man’s conversation with Kissinger

Soviet Union
- Soviet Minister to the United Nations
- Leonid I. Brezhnev
  - United States - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] relations
- Possible United States’ response
- Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
- Communist Party Congress
  - Result
- Haldeman
- President’s political options
- Cambodia and Laos
- Bombing of North Vietnam

President’s speech on Vietnam, April 7, 1971
- Revisions
- Goal
- Withdrawal
- Program
- Peace conference
- Prisoners of War
- All-Indochina peace conference
- Wording of appeal to Hanoi to start serious negotiations
- Withdrawal
- American involvement
- Timetable of withdrawal of outside forces
- Offer

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