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**Tape Subject Log**  
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Conversation No. 184-12 (cont'd)

Conversation No. 184-1

Date: December 18, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 10:25 am and 10:45 am  
Location: Camp David Study Desk

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

Request for a call to Majorie P. Acker  
-Acker's location  
-Rose Mary Woods's office

Conversation No. 184-2

Date: December 18, 1972  
Time: 10:45 am - 10:46 am  
Location: Camp David Study Desk

The President talked with Marjorie P. Acker.

The President's schedule  
-Dinner party  
-Telephone calls  
-Anne L. Armstrong  
-Secretary  
-Tobin Armstrong  
-Number of attendees  
-Adm. Thomas H. and Carrie Ellen (Foy) Moorer  
-Anne Armstrong

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Conversation No. 184-12 (cont'd)

Date: December 18, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 10:46 am and 10:48 am  
Location: Camp David Study Desk

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

Request for a call to Marjorie P. Acker

Conversation No. 184-4

Date: December 18, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 10:46 am and 10:48 am  
Location: Camp David Study Desk

The President talked with Marjorie P. Acker.

The President's schedule

- Dinner party
  - Invitations
    - Acceptances
      - Number
      - Adm. Thomas H. and Carrie Ellen (Foy) Moorer
      - Anne L. Armstrong
      - Number of women and men
  - Menu
    - Food
      - Fish
      - Salad
      - Fish

White House gifts

- Music boxes
  - Lucy A. Winchester
  - Families

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Conversation No. 184-5

Date: December 18, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 10:46 am and 10:48 am  
Location: Camp David Study Desk

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

Request for a call to Ronald L. Ziegler

Conversation No. 184-6

Date: December 18, 1972  
Time: 10:48 am - 11:11 am  
Location: Camp David Study Desk

The President talked with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Vietnam War

- Ziegler's press conference
  - US bombing and mining of North Vietnam
    - William Beecher's *New York Times* article
      - Henry A. Kissinger
      - Washington Star*
      - Washington Post*
      - Source
        - [National Security Council] [NSC]
    - Kissinger's reaction
  - The President's May 8, 1972 speech
  - Purpose
    - Settlement agreement
    - Enemy buildup and offensive action
  - Kissinger's press conference
    - Negotiations
  - Negotiations
    - Enemy buildup and offensive action

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- Invasion of South Vietnam
- Points to make
- Settlement agreement
  - Prolongation of war and negotiations
  - The President's memorandum
  - October 1972 agreement
    - Principles
  - Kissinger
- Negotiations
  - Resumption
  - Settlement agreement
- Nguyen Van Thieu
- Breakdown
  - Thieu
- Purpose
  - Enemy buildup and offensive action

Press relations

- Washington Post*
  - Alleged barring from White House
  - Helen A. Thomas article
  - Washington Post* article in Style section
  - Ziegler's possible call to Julie Nixon Eisenhower
    - Julie Nixon Eisenhower's possible conversation with Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
  - Ziegler's statement to United Press International [UPI]
    - Tone
  - Ziegler's statement to the *Washington Star*
- Invitations
  - Washington Star*
  - Press pool
  - New York Times*
  - Washington Star*
  - New York Times*
  - Selection process
    - Wire services
- Washington Post* articles
  - Style section
  - Dorothy McCardle
    - Associated Press [AP] photographs

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- Pool report
- White House access policy
  - San Antonio Light*
  - [Marianne Means] [?]
  - Wire services
  - Mrs. Nixon, Julie Nixon Eisenhower
- Ziegler's view
  - Washington Post's* attitude toward White House
- Alleged barring from White House
  - Discrimination claim
    - Thomas article
    - Unknown article
  - White House access policy
    - UPI
      - Press pool
    - Criticism
      - Washington Star*
      - New York Times*
      - Local compared to national coverage
      - Ziegler's conversation with Kenneth W. Clawson
        - Past access
      - Freedom of the press
      - Prerogative claim
  - Social events
    - Open House
      - Candlelight tour
- Ziegler's conversation with David
  - Washington Star*
    - Kraslow
    - Sources
    - Past practice
- Washington, DC
  - Influence of *Washington Post* and *New York Times*
- Call to Julie Nixon Eisenhower
  - Washington Post*
    - Alleged barring from White House
      - Ziegler's possible call to Julie Nixon Eisenhower
      - The President's possible call to Julie Nixon Eisenhower
- New York Times*
  - Contact with Kissinger

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- H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman, Ziegler
- State Department
- Haldeman, Ziegler

The President's schedule

- Dinner party
  - Announcement
  - Timing
  - Attendees
    - Alice Roosevelt Longworth
    - Howard K. Smith
    - Richard L. Wilson
    - Katherine Young (Macy) Wilson
    - Anne L. Armstrong
    - Adm. Thomas H. Moorer

Second term reorganization

- Armstrong
  - Announcement
  - Timing
  - Washington Star*

Press relations

- Washington Star*
  - White House social events
  - Local compared to national coverage
    - Kansas City Star*
    - Dallas Times Herald*
    - Washington Star*
  - Timing
  - Wire services
  - Ziegler's conversation with Patrick J. Buchanan

Vietnam War

- Kissinger's press conference
  - Negotiations
- Ziegler's press conference
  - US bombing and mining of North Vietnam
    - Kissinger's advice to Ziegler
    - Settlement agreement

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- The President's May 8, 1972 speech
- Continuation
  - Settlement agreement
- Purpose
  - Enemy buildup and offensive action
  - The President's May 8, 1972 speech
    - Prisoners of War [POWs]
    - Cease-fire
    - Free elections in South Vietnam

Conversation No. 184-7

Date: December 18, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 11:11 am and 11:14 am  
Location: Camp David Study Desk

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

Request for a call to H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman

Conversation No. 184-8

Date: December 18, 1972  
Time: 11:14 am - 11:24 am  
Location: Camp David Study Desk

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

- The President's schedule
  - Meeting with Richard G. Kleindienst, John D. Ehrlichman
    - Schedule change
    - Timing
  - Meetings
    - William D. Ruckelshaus

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- Photograph session
- Retention
- Environmental policy
- Maurice H. Stans
- Diplomatic credentials
- Surrogates reception
- Dr. W. Kenneth Riland
- December 20, 1972
  - Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon's schedule
    - Volunteers Tea
  - Departure for Florida
    - Timing
- Camp David
  - Christmas decorations
    - William Hersch
    - Tree, garland
  - Use by Cabinet and others
    - Robert H. Finch
    - John N. Mitchell
    - Robert H. Dole
    - Melvin R. Laird
    - Stans
    - Donald H. Rumsfeld
    - Stans
      - Kathleen (Carmody) Stans
      - Invitations
    - Mitchell and Martha (Beall) Mitchell
    - Stans
      - Invitations
    - Robert J. Dole
    - Clark MacGregor
- Second term reorganization
  - Dole
    - Anne L. Armstrong
    - Announcement
      - Associated Press [AP]
      - Renunciation
      - Leak
  - Leaks



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- Rogers C. B. Morton
- George H. W. Bush
- Women appointees
  - Armstrong
  - Patricia R. Hitt
  - Californians
  - Transportation Department

Press relations

- The President's conversation with Ronald L. Ziegler
  - New York Times*
  - Contact with Henry A. Kissinger
    - [National Security Council]
    - Vietnam War
      - Reseeding mines
    - William P. Rogers
- Washington Post*
  - Alleged discrimination
  - Local compared to national coverage
    - Washington Star*
    - New York Times*
    - Kansas City Star*
    - San Antonio Light*
    - Nashville Banner*
    - Pool reports
    - Wire services
      - United Press International [UPI]
  - White House access policy
    - Patrick J. Buchanan
    - William L. Safire
- Ziegler's press conferences
  - Performances
  - Backgrounders

Conversation No. 184-9

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Time: Unknown between 11:24 am and 11:25 am  
Location: Camp David Study Desk

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

Request for a call to Henry A. Kissinger

Conversation No. 184-10

Date: December 18, 1972  
Time: 11:25 am - 11:35 am  
Location: Camp David Study Desk

The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger.

The President's schedule

- Dinner party
  - Richard L. Wilson
  - Joseph W. Alsop
  - Adm. Thomas H. and Carrie Ellen (Foy) Moorer
  - Announcement
  - Timing

Vietnam War

- US bombing and mining of North Vietnam
  - Hanoi announcement
    - Timing
    - Attacks on radio stations
  - B-52s
    - Weather
    - Losses
      - Expectations
        - [Hanoi]
          - Surface to air missiles [SAMs]
- Number
- Schedule
- SAMs

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- Losses
  - Expectations
- Purpose
- Naval strikes
  - Tactical Air [TACAIR] strikes
    - A-6s
    - Timing
    - A-6s, A-3s
    - F-111s
    - Airfields
    - Timing
- William Beecher's *New York Times* article
  - Source
  - Accuracy
  - Source
    - Defense Department
      - Melvin R. Laird
      - [David] Kenneth Rush
- Hanoi announcement
  - Tone
    - Negotiations
- Resumption of negotiations
  - US message to North Vietnam
  - Expected reply
    - Timing
  - Settlement agreement
    - Timing
    - 1973 Inauguration
- Purpose
  - US credibility
    - North Vietnam
    - People's Republic of China [PRC], Soviet Union
- Hanoi announcement
- Apollo XVII Astronauts
- Public relations [PR]
  - Handling
- Beecher's *New York Times* article
  - Source
    - Purpose
    - Timing

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- North Vietnam's response
- Ronald L. Ziegler, Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
- Attacks and radio stations
- Defense Department
  - Laird
  - Rush
- William P. Rogers
- Unknown person
- Defense Department
  - William J. Baroody, Jr.
  - Laird
- Weather
- Support aircraft
  - Number
- Airplane losses
  - B-52s
    - SAM
    - Report
  - Pilots
  - Past experience
- Forthcoming report

Conversation No. 184-11

Date: December 18, 1972

Time: Unknown between 11:35 am and 12:28 pm

Location: Camp David Study Desk

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

Request for a call to Henry A. Kissinger

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Date: December 18, 1972  
Time: 12:28 pm - 12:30 pm  
Location: Camp David Study Desk

The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger.

Vietnam War  
-US bombing of North Vietnam  
-Reports  
-Timing  
-Targeting  
-Freeways  
-Tactical Air [TACAIR] strikes  
-B-52s  
-Number  
-Intensity  
-Targets  
-Damage  
-Risks  
-Populated areas  
-Criticism  
-Intensity  
-Alternative