

Date: January 26, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:23 pm and 3:29 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

Conv. No. 318-39 (cont.)

[See Conversation No. 19-107]

Date: January 26, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:23 pm and 3:29 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger.

Kissinger's briefing

- Kissinger's schedule
 - The President's previous call
 - The President's conversation with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
- Question and answer [Q&A] format
 - William L. Safire and Patrick J. Buchanan
 - Distribution
 - Cabinet, Congressional leaders

Kissinger's schedule

- Forthcoming National Press Club dinner speech
- The President's Vietnam speech, January 25, 1972
 - Reaction
 - Calls
 - Unknown newsman
 - Unknown restaurant

The President's Vietnam speech

- The President's and Kissinger's preparation
 - Safire
 - State of the Union address
- Reaction

Vietnam

- Prisoners of war [POW] release in exchange for US troop pullout
 - Possible North Vietnamese intention
 - Psychological motivation
 - Cease-fire

Kissinger's schedule

-Speech

Conversation No. 318-3
Conv. No. 318-39 (cont.)

Date: January 26, 1972
Time: 3:29 pm - 4:20 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Charles W. Colson.

[Conversation No. 318-3A]

[See Conversation No. 19-108]

H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman entered at an unknown time after 3:29 pm; the President conferred with Haldeman during the phone conversation.

[End of telephone conversation]

Kissinger's briefing

- Quality
 - Attitude, tone, content
- Television
 - William P. Rogers's press conference
- Distribution
 - Questions and answers [Q & A] format
 - William L. Safire
 - The President's previous conversation with Alexander P. Haig, Jr. and Colson
 - Vice President Spiro T. Agnew

Agnew

- Consultation on peace plan
- Leaders meeting
 - Performance
- Policy-making role
 - Cabinet meetings
- Leaders meeting
 - Bryce N. Harlow's possible reaction
 - Forthcoming call from Haldeman

[The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 3:35 pm and 3:58 pm.]

[Conversation No. 318-3B]

[See Conversation No. 19-109]

[End of telephone conversation]

The President's Vietnam speech of January 25, 1972

- Television rating
- Timing
 - Prime time
 - Network programs
 - Interruption
 - Welfare veto
- Public reaction
 - East
 - West
 - California
- Rebroadcast on radio of January 26, 1972
 - The President's projection

Conv. No. 318-39 (cont.)

[Haldeman talked with Harlow at an unknown time between 3:35 pm and 3:58 pm.]

[Conversation No. 318-3C]

[See Conversation No. 19-110]

[End of telephone conversation]

Rogers's forthcoming press conference, January 27, 1972

- Television
 - Kissinger's briefing
 - The President's previous conversation with Colson
 - Haldeman's forthcoming meeting with Rogers
- Kissinger's Q & A
- Delivery to Rogers

Kissinger's schedule

- Forthcoming National Press Club dinner speech
 - White House Communications Agency [WHCA]
 - Phone hook-up
 - Phone call from the President during Kissinger's performance
 - Projection to audience
 - Possible format
 - Conversation
 - Humorous effect
 - Identification of the President
- The President's possible presence
 - Compared with a telephone call

The President's Vietnam speech

- Delivery
 - The President's knowledge of subject
 - Compared with other Oval Office speeches
 - Phase II
 - Compared with "podium speeches"

- Reaction
 - Hobart D. ("Hobe") Lewis
 - Paul W. Keyes
 - Call to the President
 - The President's self-consciousness
 - Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS] crew
 - Work
 - Unknown man's reaction
 - Previous work for the President on Christmas show
 - News commentators and producers
- Conv. No. 318-39 (cont.)

[The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 3:35 pm and 3:58 pm.]

[Conversation No. 318-3D]

[See Conversation No. 19-111]

[End of telephone conversation]

Forthcoming call to Frank Stanton

- Colson
- CBS crews
 - Interview with Dan Rather, January 2, 1972
 - The President's Vietnam speech
 - Christmas special
 - Marvin L. Kalb

George H. Gallup poll

- George P. Shultz's theory on economy
- Public attitudes on unemployment and inflation
 - Timing of polls
 - Price freeze

Haldeman's schedule

- Rogers

Secretary of Commerce position

- Announcement
 - Maurice H. Stans, Peter G. Peterson, Peter M. Flanigan
 - The President's appearance
 - Stans's possible comments

[The President talked with Stanton between 3:58 pm and 4:01 pm.]

[Conversation No. 318-3E]

[See Conversation No. 19-112]

[End of telephone conversation]

Secretary of Commerce position

- Announcement
- Possible comments
 - Stans
 - Peterson
 - Flanigan
- The President's appearance

Conv. No. 318-39 (cont.)

White House staff

- Vietnam speech of November 3, 1969
 - Haldeman's role
- Colson
- Cambodia
- John A. Scali
- Contacts

Richard A. Moore

- View of the President's appearance during Vietnam speech
 - Possible call from Haldeman
 - William H. Carruthers
 - Technical detail
 - Forthcoming call from Haldeman

[Haldeman talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 4:01 pm and 4:20 pm.]

[Conversation No. 318-3F]

[See Conversation No. 19-113]

[End of telephone conversation]

The President's Vietnam speech

- Handling of text
 - Camera shot
 - Lighting

Vietnam

- As issue

[Haldeman talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 4:01 pm and 4:20 pm.]

[Conversation No. 318-3G]

Kissinger's Press Club dinner speech

- Phone call from the President
 - Technical set-up by WHCA
 - Phone
 - Public address system
- Notification of Press Club staff
- Possible conversation

- Technical set-up
 - WHCA
 - Timing with the President

[End of telephone conversation]

- First line
 - Reasons for tardiness
 - Phone call from the President
 - Timing

Conv. No. 318-39 (cont.)

[Haldeman talked with Carruthers at an unknown time between 4:01 pm and 4:20 pm.]

[Conversation No. 318-3H]

[See Conversation No. 19-114]

[The President talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 4:01 pm and 4:20 pm; this conversation occurred concurrently with Haldeman's phone conversation.]

[Conversation No. 318-3I]

- The President's schedule
 - Dr. W. Kenneth Riland

[End of Haldeman's conversation]

- Arrangements for meeting

[End of the President's conversation]

- The President's Vietnam speech
 - Carruthers's view
 - The President's first economic speech
 - The President's delivery
 - Pace
 - Subject matter
 - Confidence
 - Technical mistakes
 - Construction of speech
 - Clarity, concision
 - Confidence
 - Lights, cameras
 - The President's appearance
 - The President's trip to Florida
 - Lighting and setting
 - Weariness
 - Compared with economic speech
 - Television
 - Close-up
 - Makeup

- Preparation
 - [State of the Union Address]
- Attitude
- Trip to Florida
- The President's delivery
 - Pacing
 - Duration of speech
 - Number of words
 - Compared with Lyndon B. Johnson
- Carruthers's view
 - The President's delivery
 - Pacing
 - Length of speech
 - Concern over time in TV industry

Conv. No. 318-39 (cont.)

Kissinger's Press Club dinner speech

- The President's phone call
 - Timing
 - Dinner
- Master of ceremonies
- Effect
- Timing

Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger

- Role with administration
 - Ronald W. Reagan's recent conversation with the President
 - William French Smith
 - Haldeman's forthcoming talk with Weinberger
 - Richard G. Kleindienst
 - Department of Justice
 - Cabinet
 - Attorney General
 - Department of Health, Education and Welfare [HEW]
 - Department of Housing and Urban Development [HUD]
- The President's view

Haldeman left at 4:20 pm.

Conversation No. 318-4

Date: January 26, 1972

Time: 4:20 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 19-115]

Conversation No. 318-5

Date: January 26, 1972
Time: 4:20 pm - 4:21 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

Conv. No. 318-39 (cont.)

The President talked with George P. Shultz.

[See Conversation No. 19-116]

Conversation No. 318-6

Date: January 26, 1972
Time: Unknown between 4:21 pm and 4:23 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 19-117]

Conversation No. 318-7

Date: January 26, 1972
Time: 4:23 pm - 5:01 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with George W. Romney.

[Conversation No. 318-7A]

[See Conversation No. 19-118]

George P. Shultz entered at an unknown time after 4:23 pm and conferred with the President.

Greeting

[End of conferral]

[End of telephone conversation]

Quadriad meeting
-Arthur F. Burns's strategy

- Convertibility
- The President's call request for a call to John B. Connally
- Shultz's consideration of a call to Burns

Convertibility

- Administration strategy
 - The President's and Connally's views
- Burns's concern
 - Central bankers
 - US budget
- US budget
- Strength of US economy abroad
 - Exports, imports
- Money supply
 - Inflation
- Connally
- European leverage
- Burns
 - Camp David conference
 - Gold prices
 - Statement by unknown Belgium banker
 - Pierre-Paul Schweitzer
- Administration strategy
 - Shultz
 - Herbert Stein
 - Connally
 - Stein
 - Forthcoming conversation with Shultz
 - Paul W. McCracken

Conv. No. 318-39 (cont.)

Economy

- Fluctuations in confidence
 - Economic community
 - Connally
 - Stein
- Unemployment figures
 - Fluctuations
 - Stein's memorandum
 - Timing
 - Burns
 - Unknown survey
 - Unknown survey
 - Behavioral test
 - Compared to attitudinal test
 - Questions
 - Time measured
 - Burns
 - Definitional problems
- Unemployment
 - Change in concept
 - Burns

- Memorandum
- Experimentation
 - Car model changeover period
- Strength
 - Retail sales
 - Money supply
- Retail sales

Conv. No. 318-39 (cont.)

[The President talked with Connally between 4:36 pm and 4:42 pm.]

[Conversation No. 318-7B]

[See Conversation No. 19-119]

[End of telephone conversation]

Connally

- International economic policy
 - European trade question
 - Connally's view

Connally

- Schedule
- Europe

Economy

- Retail sales
 - Concerns
 - Stein
 - Money supply
 - Figures for 1971
 - December
- Money supply
 - M-1 and M-2
 - Checks and cash

[The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 4:42 pm and 4:47 pm.]

[Conversation No. 318-7C]

[See Conversation No. 19-120]

[End of telephone conversation]

Economy

- Money supply
 - M-1
 - Stein
 - Retail sales

- Retail sales
- Inventory
- Burns

[The President talked with Peter M. Flanigan between 4:47 pm and 4:48 pm.]

[Conversation No. 318-7D]

Conv. No. 318-39 (cont.)

[See Conversation No. 19-121]

[End of telephone conversation]

Marina von Neumann Whitman

- Appointment to Council of Economic Advisors [CEA]
 - Women
 - Qualifications
 - Stein's view
- Father, John von Neumann
- Shultz's previous conversation with the President aboard plane to Florida

John Von Neumann

- The President's previous meeting
 - Cabinet Room
- Intelligence
- Theory of Games and Economic Behavior*
 - Oskar Morgenstern
 - Relationship to Shultz
 - Conversation with Shultz
- Importance

Economy

- Public confidence
 - Democrats
 - Budget
 - International economic policy
 - Need for optimistic talks
 - Shultz
 - Stein
 - Peter G. Peterson
 - James D. Hodgson
- Money supply
 - Banks
 - Burns
 - Loans
 - Loans
 - Interest rates
 - Pressure from administration
 - Possible speech by Connally to banking community
 - M-1
 - Possible increase
- Federal Reserve Board [FRB]

- Andrew F. Brimmer
 - Burns's view
- Recent meeting
 - Burns
 - Concessions
 - M-1
 - Interest rates
 - Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Conv. No. 318-39 (cont.)

FRB

- Federal Reserve Bank of New York
 - Alfred Hayes
 - Burns's meeting with the President and Shultz
- Need for votes
 - Brimmer
 - New post
 - Burns
 - Frederic V. Malek
 - Possible call to William P. Rogers
 - Connally
 - Shultz
 - Rogers's schedule
 - Press conference
 - United Nations [UN]
 - Export-Import [Ex-Im] Bank
 - Henry Kearns
 - Shultz's forthcoming talk with Malek

Economy

- Retail sales
 - Milton Friedman's views of M-1
 - Burns
 - Figures
 - Summer of 1971
 - Fourth quarter of 1971
 - 1969 Cabinet meeting
 - William McChesney Martin
- Burns
- Administration action

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 4:48 pm.

The President's schedule

- Meeting with [Page Belcher]
- Stephen B. Bull

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 5:01 pm.

Burns

- Possible meeting with the President
- Recognition of problems

-Forthcoming talk with Shultz

Brimmer

-Possible position

Burns

-Cabinet Room

-Connally

-FRB

-Possible appointment

-Tynan Smith

-James L. Robertson

-Retirement

-Convertibility

Conv. No. 318-39 (cont.)

The President's schedule

-Meeting with Belcher

The President and Shultz left at 5:01 pm.

Conversation No. 318-8

Date: February 2, 1972

Time: Unknown between 1:40 pm and 1:48 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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[Personal Returnable]

[318-008-w001]

[Duration: 8s]

The President's schedule

-Nap

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 1:48 pm.

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: Unknown between 1:40 pm and 1:48 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

Conv. No. 318-39 (cont.)

[See Conversation No. 20-20]

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: Unknown between 1:40 pm and 1:48 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

[Previous PRMPA Personal Returnable (G) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift 09/27/2019. Segment cleared for release.]

[Personal Returnable]

[318-010-w001]

[Duration: 11s]

Pipe
-Location

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 1:48 pm.

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: 1:48 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The White House operator talked with the President.

[See Conversation No. 20-21]

Conversation No. 318-12

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: 1:50 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

Conv. No. 318-39 (cont.)

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 20-22]

Conversation No. 318-13

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: Unknown between 1:50 pm and 1:56 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

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

[Conversation No. 318-13A]

- The President's schedule
- Florida
 - Camp David
 - Trip to People's Republic of China [PRC]
 - Camp David
 - Outdoor activity
 - Weather
 - Travel time

Alexander P. Butterfield [?] entered and conferred with the President at an unknown time after 1:50 pm.

Instructions

[End of conferral]

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 1:56 pm.

- The President's schedule
- Public relations
 - Television
 - Press
 - Television
 - Prayer breakfast
 - Sunday event
 - Forthcoming speech

-Prayer breakfast

Public relations

- Promotion of events
- Congress
- Supreme Court
- Cabinet

Conv. No. 318-39 (cont.)

The President's schedule

- Renaming of unknown event

[End of telephone conversation]

Conversation No. 318-14

Date: February 2, 1972

Time: 1:56 pm - 2:00 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Julie Nixon Eisenhower.

[Previous PRMPA Personal Returnable (G) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift 09/27/2019. Segment cleared for release.]

[Personal Returnable]

[318-014-w001]

[Duration: 24s]

[See Conversation No. 020-023-w001]

[Previous PRMPA Personal Returnable (G) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift 09/27/2017. 1m 34s segment cleared for release. 7s remain closed as 318-014-w002.]

[Personal Returnable]

[318-014-w002]

[Duration: 1m 34s]

[See Conversation No. 020-023-w002]

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

The President talked with the White House operator [?]

Charles W. Colson
-Schedule
-Request for a return call

Conv. No. 318-39 (cont.)

Conversation No. 318-16

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: Unknown between 2:00 pm and 2:04 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 20-24]

Conversation No. 318-17

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: 2:04 pm - 2:06 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Ronald L. Ziegler.

[See Conversation No. 20-25]

Conversation No. 318-18

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: Unknown between 2:06 pm and 2:09 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 20-26]

Conversation No. 318-19

Date: February 2, 1972

Time: 2:09 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person.

Unknown person
-Request for a return call

Conv. No. 318-39 (cont.)

Conversation No. 318-20

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: 2:09 pm - 2:13 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Tricia Nixon Cox.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[*Previous PRMPA Personal Returnable (G) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift 09/27/2019. Segment will remain closed.*]
[Personal Returnable]
[318-020-w001]
[Duration: 13s]

[See Conversation No. 020-027-w001]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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[Personal Returnable]
[318-020-w002]
[Duration: 1m 7s]

[See Conversation No. 020-027-w002]

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[Personal Returnable]

[318-020-w002]

[Duration: 8s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

***** Conv. No. 318-39 (cont.)

*[Previous PRMPA Personal Returnable (G) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift 09/27/2019.
Segment cleared for release.]*

[Personal Returnable]

[318-020-w003]

[Duration: 16s]

[See Conversation No. 020-027-w003]

Conversation No. 318-21

Date: February 2, 1972

Time: Unknown between 2:13 pm and 2:14 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 20-28]

Conversation No. 318-22

Date: February 2, 1972

Time: 2:14 pm - 2:20 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Harry S. Dent.

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[Personal Returnable]

[318-022-w001]

[Duration: 1m 14s]

[See Conversation No. 020-029-w001]

Conv. No. 318-39 (cont.)

[Previous PRMPA Personal Returnable (G) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift 09/30/2019.

Segment cleared for release.

[Personal Returnable]

[318-022-w002]

[Duration: 2m 40s]

[See Conversation No. 020-029-w002]

Conversation No. 318-23

Date: February 2, 1972

Time: 2:21 pm - 2:50 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

The President's schedule

Vietnam

-Air strike

-The President's conversations with Melvin R. Laird and Adm. Thomas H. Moorer at recent National Security Council [NSC] meeting

-Pentagon leak

-Duration

-William P. Rogers

-Effect

-France

-Possible North Vietnamese offensive

-Vice President Spiro T. Agnew

-State Department

-Relations with the President's People's Republic Of China [PRC] trip

-News summary

-South Vietnam

-The President's trips to PRC, and Soviet Union

- US operations
 - Timing
 - The President's forthcoming PRC Trip
 - “Protective reactive” strikes
 - Possible North Vietnamese offensive
 - Bombing
 - Deployments
 - USS Kitty Hawk*
 - Change In Position
 - B-52's
 - A-1's
 - F-4's
 - B-52's
 - Number
 - Soviet Union and PRC
- Negotiations
 - Edmund S. Muskie
 - Compared to Edward M. Kennedy
 - Clark M. Clifford
 - W[illiam] Averell Harriman
 - Prisoners of war [POWs] release
 - Deadline
 - Cease-fire proposal
 - Muskie's statements
 - Administration attack
 - The President's position in 1968
 - Ronald L. Ziegler
 - Rogers
 - Negotiations
 - Partisanship
 - Possible impact
 - 1972 campaign
 - John V. Lindsay
 - George S. McGovern
 - Iowa and Arizona caucuses
 - Harriman
 - Wall Street Journal* editorial
 - Administration attack
 - Barry M. Goldwater
 - PRG [Viet Cong] peace plan
 - Similarity to US position
 - Nguyen Van Thieu
 - POW release
 - US troop withdrawal
 - Thieu's resignation
 - US peace plan proposal of January 25, 1972
 - North Vietnamese response
 - Thieu's possible action
 - South Vietnam
 - Preparedness for possible North Vietnamese offensive
 - Muskie's statements

Conv. No. 318-39 (cont.)

- Administration attack
 - Ziegler
 - Rogers
 - H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
 - Request for a call to the President
 - Meeting with the President and Ziegler
 - Kissinger’s schedule
 - Ziegler
 - Laird
 - Rogers
- Delicacy of talks
 - Effect of Muskie's statements
 - North Vietnamese perception
 - Administration attack
 - Media coverage
 - Washington Post* and *New York Times*
 - Television networks
 - Kissinger's conversation with Ellsworth F. Bunker
- Muskie’s statements
 - Administration attack
 - Spiro T. Agnew
 - Bombing
 - Hanoi
 - Previous attacks
 - Five day strike
- Timing
 - The President’s forthcoming PRC trip
- Administration attack
 - Stewart J.O. Alsop
 - Rogers
 - Hugh Scott
 - Ziegler's statement
 - Errors in Muskie's statement
 - Ceasefire
 - Rogers
 - Scott
 - Patrick J. Buchanan
 - Agnew
 - Rogers
 - Scott
 - Gerald R. Ford
 - Editorials
 - Unknown journalist

PRC trip

- William F. Buckley, Jr.
 - Invitation
 - Meeting with the President
 - Criticism of Administration
 - Meeting with Kissinger
 - James L. Buckley

Vietnam

- Air strike
 - Contingency plans
 - Timing
 - Three fronts
 - The President's forthcoming PRC trip
- Deployments
 - US carrier
 - B-52's

Conv. No. 318-39 (cont.)

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

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[National Security]

[318-023-w003]

[Duration: 23s]

INTELLIGENCE

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

Vietnam

- Air strike
 - Agnew
 - Warnings
 - Laos, Cambodia, Christmas 1971 bombings

Agnew

- Kissinger's view
- Goldwater's view in letter
 - Haldeman's report
 - Briefing on issues
 - Kissinger's forthcoming breakfast with Goldwater

Michael J. Mansfield breakfast, February 3, 1972

- Kissinger's schedule
- The President's forthcoming PRC trip
 - Japan
- Vietnam
 - US peace proposal
 - Troop withdrawal for POWs offer
 - Political settlement

- North Vietnamese position
 - Leaks
 - Mansfield
 - Soviet Union
 - Andrei A. Gromyko and Nikolai V. Podgorny
 - Chou En-lai
 - Gromyko
 - Muskie's statements
 - Threat to negotiations
- Conv. No. 318-39 (cont.)

Vietnam

- US peace proposals
 - North Vietnamese response
 - Thieu
 - Political prospects
 - Muskie's statements
 - The President's speech of January 25, 1972
 - Effect on Muskie
 - Muskie's statement
 - North Vietnamese position
 - South Vietnam government
 - Quotes
 - Negotiations
 - Casualties
 - Civilians
 - US troops
 - Cease-fire proposal
 - Validity
 - Administration attack
 - Ziegler
 - Cease-fire offers of October 1970, January 1972
 - Withdrawal of North Vietnam
 - Democrats' rhetoric
 - News coverage
 - Timing
 - Kissinger forthcoming talk with Ziegler

Vernon A. Walters

- Nomination as Deputy Director of Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
 - Richard M. Helms's and Laird's actions
 - Helms's recommendation
 - John C. Stennis
 - Kissinger's recommendation
 - Helms's support
 - Talking points
 - Kissinger's possible call to Stennis
 - Stennis's possible call to Helms
 - Kissinger's forthcoming conversation with Helms
 - The President's wishes
 - Kissinger's forthcoming conversation with Laird
 - Qualifications

- Helms's view
- Position vis-à-vis Administration
- Military attaché in France
- Compared with Gen. Robert E. Cushman, Jr.
- Kissinger's call to Helms
- The President's decision
- Liaison with White House

Conv. No. 318-39 (cont.)

[Previous National Security (B) withdrawal reviewed under MDR guidelines case number LPRN-T-MDR-2014-018. Segment declassified on 4/29/2019. Archivist: MM]

[National Security]

[318-023-w005]

[Duration: 12s]

Vernon A. Walters

- Nomination as Deputy Director of Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
- Qualifications
 - Latin America
 - Compared with Robert E., Jr. Cushman
 - Chile

Vernon A. Walters

- Nomination as Deputy Director of Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
- Kissinger's call to Helms
- The Administration's relationship with Helms

Vietnam

- US peace proposal
 - Unity within the Administration
 - Recent briefing
 - Muskie
 - Administration attack
 - 1972 campaign
- Bombing
 - Timing
 - The President's forthcoming PRC trip
 - Television coverage
- US peace offers
 - Muskie

Kissinger's schedule

- Kenneth B. Keating

Kissinger left at 2:50 pm.

Conversation No. 318-24

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: Unknown between 2:50 pm and 3:03 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

Conv. No. 318-39 (cont.)

The President dictated a memorandum to H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman.

Haldeman's forthcoming discussion with Patrick J. Buchanan

US peace plan proposal for Vietnam

- Edmund S. Muskie's statement
 - Administration attack
 - Buchanan
 - Talking points or speech
 - Democrats' responsibility for war
 - Lyndon B. Johnson's policy
 - Muskie's vice presidential nomination in 1968
 - US casualties
 - Negotiations
 - Lack of progress
- Negotiations
 - Michael J. Mansfield
 - Editorial opinion
 - Muskie's statement
 - Effect
 - Casualties
 - Prisoners of war [POWs]

[Continued as Conversation No. 318-27]

Conversation No. 318-25

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: 3:03 pm - 3:06 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

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

[See Conversation No. 20-30]

Conversation No. 318-26

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:06 pm and 3:17 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown person.

Conv. No. 318-39 (cont.)

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The unknown person left at an unknown time before 3:17 pm.

Conversation No. 318-27

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:06 pm and 3:17 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President dictated a memorandum to H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman.

[Continued from Conversation No. 318-24]

US peace plan proposal for Vietnam

-Edmund S. Muskie's statement

-Cease-fire proposal of October 1970

-Timing

-Troop withdrawal and Prisoner of war [POW] proposal

-North Vietnamese troops in South Vietnam

-Henry A. Kissinger

-Partisanship

-Rejection of the President's proposal

-Aid to enemy

-Negotiations

-Surrender compared to settlement

-Compared to the President's conduct as candidate in 1968

-Majority opinion

-Buchanan

-Points to be made

Conversation No. 318-28

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:06 pm and 3:17 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

Conv. No. 318-39 (cont.)

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

Dictabelt

-Transcription

-Rose Mary Woods

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 3:17 pm.

Conversation No. 318-29

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:06 pm and 3:17 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Rose Mary Woods.

Dictabelt

-Transcription

-Memorandum to H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman

-Patrick J. Buchanan

-Edmund S. Muskie's statement

-John V. Lindsay and George S. McGovern's success in Arizona primary
and Iowa caucuses

Conversation No. 318-30

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:06 pm and 3:17 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 20-31]

Conversation No. 318-31

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:06 pm and 3:17 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

Conv. No. 318-39 (cont.)

The President dictated a letter to Hobart D. Lewis.

Republican Governors dinner, January 28, 1972
-The President's conversation with William T. Cahill of New Jersey
-Article in *Reader's Digest*

[Continued as Conversation No. 318-33]

Conversation No. 318-32

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: 3:17 pm - 3:25 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with John D. Ehrlichman.

[See Conversation No. 20-32]

Conversation No. 318-33

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:25 pm and 3:30 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President replayed a portion of a previously recorded dictabelt recording.

Reader's Digest article
-New Jersey

The President resumed dictating a letter to Hobart D. Lewis.

[Continuation of Conversation No. 318-31]

William T. Cahill
-Performance as Governor of New Jersey
-Relations with John N. Mitchell
-Racketeers
-Environmental program

- Secondary and higher education
- Possible second article in *Reader's Digest*
- Suggested titles
- Progress in New Jersey
- Mitchell
- Possible quotes from the President

Conv. No. 318-39 (cont.)

Conversation No. 318-34

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:25 and 3:30 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 20-33]

Conversation No. 318-35

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: 3:30 pm - 3:31 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Stephen B. Bull.

[See Conversation No. 20-34]

Conversation No. 318-36

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:31 pm and 4:12 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President dictated a letter to Nelson A. Rockefeller.

Governor's dinner, February 1, 1972

- Rockefeller's comments
- Appreciation

The President dictated a letter to Ronald W. Reagan.

Governor's dinner

- Reagan's remarks

- Effectiveness
- Other governors
 - Peace initiative
- Appreciation

The President dictated a letter to William G. Milliken.

Conv. No. 318-39 (cont.)

- Governor's dinner
 - Milliken's comments
 - Appreciation
 - Michigan
 - The President's forthcoming efforts

The President dictated a letter to Linwood Holton.

- Governor's dinner
 - Holton's remarks
 - Appreciation
 - Holton's support of the President in 1968

Conversation No. 318-37

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:31 pm and 4:12 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

- Eyeglasses
- Desk drawer

Sanchez opened and closed the desk drawer at an unknown time before 4:12 pm.

- Speech
 - Patrick J. Buchanan [?]
 - Deliver to Rose Mary Woods

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 4:12 pm.

Conversation No. 318-38

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:31 pm and 4:12 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

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

Haldeman's schedule

- Meeting with the President
 - People's Republic of China [PRC] trip
 - The President's schedule
 - March, April 1972
 - Polling material

Conv. No. 318-39 (cont.)

Conversation No. 318-39

Date: February 2, 1972

Time: 4:12 pm - 5:30 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Ziegler's forthcoming press briefing

- Edmund S. Muskie's statement on Vietnam peace plan
 - Administration counterattack
 - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.'s conversation with Ziegler
 - Raising question
 - Possible planting
 - Press coverage
 - Washington Star*
 - Television
 - Competition with march on British embassy in Dublin, Ireland
 - Number of participants
 - Administration counterattack
 - Possible effects
 - Timing
 - Wording
 - The President's peace plan proposal
 - Cease-fire
 - Press coverage
 - Effect on negotiations
 - Peace
 - Use of work "sabotage"

H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman entered at 4:15 pm.

- Administration counterattack
 - Ziegler
 - John A. Scali
 - The President's memorandum to Haldeman
 - Barry M. Goldwater statement
 - Patrick J. Buchanan's work

- Senators
- Press coverage
 - Washington Star*
 - Reporters' attack on Muskie
 - Muskie's performance
- Administration counterattack
 - Staff view
 - Scali
 - Seriousness of issue
 - Scali
 - Muskie's news coverage
 - National Broadcasting Company [NBC] and American Broadcasting Company [ABC]
 - Effect of candidacy
 - Alternate stories
 - Embassy bombing
 - ABC
 - Unknown person
 - NBC
 - John W. Chancellor
 - William P. Rogers
 - Television appearance
 - Content of statement
 - North Vietnamese response to the President's proposal
 - Responsibility for Vietnam War
 - Scali's view
 - Compared with press conference format
 - Location
 - State Department
- Problem
 - Timing
 - White House response to other criticisms
 - George S. McGovern
 - Edward M. Kennedy
 - Robert J. Dole
 - William E. Brock III
 - Ziegler's forthcoming comments
 - The President's comments
 - Rogers
 - Michael J. Mansfield
 - Amendment
 - Withdrawal
 - Prudence of White House response
- Administration response to accusations
 - Cease-fire
 - Troop withdrawal
 - Prisoners of war [POWs]
 - White House comment
 - Responsibility for Vietnam War
- Irish demonstration against British embassy

Conv. No. 318-39 (cont.)

- US position
- Ziegler's conversation with unknown person and Haig
- Kennedy's actions
- Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
- Number of marchers
- Irish

Conv. No. 318-39 (cont.)

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- Irish demonstration against British embassy
- Irish
- H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman's opinion

- Ziegler's forthcoming press briefing
- Muskie statement on Vietnam peace plan
- Administration response
- Media questions
- Rogers

Ziegler left at 4:26 pm.

- Editorial comment
- Rogers
- Appearance on "Face the Nation," February 6, 1972
- Ziegler's view of Muskie's news coverage
- Muskie's background stories
- Typewriters
- Arizona
- The President's memorandum
- Buchanan
- Columnists
- Timing
- Mansfield story

Mansfield

- Withdrawal of amendment
- Effect of the President's peace proposal
- Public perception
- Muskie's response to the President's proposal

Poll

Murder of policemen in New York City

-Funeral

-Press coverage

-Attendees

-Patrick V. Murphy

-John V. Lindsay

-John V. Brennan

-Representative of the President

Conv. No. 318-39 (cont.)

-Widows

-Phone call from the President

-Letters from the President

-Brennan

-Reactions

[The President talked with Peter M. Flanigan between 4:29 pm and 4:31 pm.]

[Conversation No. 318-39A]

[See Conversation No. 20-35]

[End of telephone conversation]

The President's recent conversation with Flanigan

The President's schedule, February 3, 1972

-Kenneth B. Keating

-Ellsworth F. Bunker

-Adm. Thomas H. Moorer

-Reception for delegates attending White House Conference on Drug Abuse

-Possible phone call to Alejandro A. Lanusse

-Henry A. Kissinger's suggestion

-Lanusse's request

-[John D. Lodge's] report

-Argentine financial issue

-Connally's possible call

-Kissinger

-Meeting with Argentine Minister of Justice, February 4, 1972

-Connally

-Responsibility for international monetary matters

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[Duration: 10s]

- John B. Connally
- Possible call
- The President's opinion

Conv. No. 318-39 (cont.)

The President's schedule, February 3, 1972

- State of the World message
 - Kissinger
 - Radio talk
 - Compared to television
 - Haldeman's forthcoming talk with Kissinger
 - William L. Safire
- Cabinet and congressional leadership breakfast
 - Competition with State of the World message
 - Appearance of partisanship
 - Kissinger's view
 - Press coverage
- Florida
- Weather forecast
 - Florida
 - Camp David

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The President's schedule

- Camp David
- Activities

The President's schedule, February 3, 1972

- Florida
 - Departure
- Letters to four governors
- Letter to Hobart D. Lewis
 - [William T. Cahill]
- Camp David
- Youth events
 - First Youth Forum
 - Donald H. Rumsfeld's talk in State Dining Room
 - The President's possible appearance

- ["Expo '72"] in Dallas
 - William F. ("Billy") Graham
 - Bill Bright
 - Staff
 - Republican convention
- Southern Baptist convention in Philadelphia
 - Graham's recommendation
 - Probable reception
 - Political consideration
- Rotary International meeting in Houston
 - Conflict with "Expo '72"
 - Benefits
 - Compared with "Expo '72"
 - Probable reception
 - Compared to Junior Chamber of Commerce [JCC]
- Service organizations
 - Rotary
 - Lions
 - Kiwanis
 - Exchange
 - Optimist
 - Soroptimist

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1972 campaign

- Polls
 - Telephone
 - Personal interview
 - National vs. state by state
 - Results
 - Key states
 - Western states
 - State polls
 - Results
 - Before and after speech trial heats
 - Edmund S. Muskie
 - Results with George C. Wallace
 - Results without George C. Wallace
 - Impact of results
 - November standing
 - George C. Wallace
 - Key states
 - Changes in results

- Men vs. Women
- Age demographics
- Early January polls
 - New Hampshire, Florida, and Wisconsin
 - Primaries
 - Report to John N. Mitchell
- Illinois
- Teeter organization
 - Polling tools
- California and western states
- Florida
 - New Hampshire
 - John M. Ashbrook
 - Candidacy
- Florida
- New Hampshire
 - General election results
- New Hampshire, Wisconsin, and Florida
 - Primary election
 - Eugene J. McCarthy
 - George C. Wallace
- New Hampshire
 - Edmund S. Muskie
 - George C. Wallace
 - Eugene J. McCarthy
 - Shirley Chisholm
 - The President's standing
- Wisconsin
 - The President's standing
 - vs Hubert H. Humphrey
 - vs. Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy
 - vs. Edmund S. Muskie
 - Effect of George C. Wallace
 - Effect with all Democrats
 - Edmund S. Muskie
 - Eugene J. McCarthy
 - Hubert H. Humphrey
 - Shirley Chisholm
 - George C. Wallace
- Florida
 - Significance of Florida
- Iowa
- Illinois
 - Teeter Organization
 - Other poll issues
 - Local poll taken in October
 - The President's standing
 - Edmund S. Muskie
 - Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy
 - Hubert H. Humphrey
 - George C. Wallace

Conv. No. 318-39 (cont.)

- Analysis of figures
 - Wisconsin
- Candidate comparison with Vice Presidential running mates
- The President–the Vice President
- Edmund S. Muskie–Henry M. (“Scoop”) Jackson
- George C. Wallace
- Huber H. Humphrey
- Edward M. (“Ted”) Kennedy
- Eugene J. McCarthy
- George C. Wallace candidacy
- H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman’s assessment
- South
- Demographic trends
 - Catholics
 - Edmund S. Muskie
 - Hubert H. Humphrey
 - Edward M. (“Ted”) Kennedy
 - Wisconsin
 - Connecticut
 - Thomas J. Meskill
 - New Jersey
- Use of results
 - Strategizing
 - Scheduling
- Edmund S. Muskie
- People's Republic of China [PRC] trip
- The President's Vietnam speech
- Results
 - Wisconsin
 - Totals, Catholics only
 - The President vs. Edmund S. Muskie
 - The President vs. Hubert H. Humphrey
 - Edmund S. Muskie
 - Hubert H. Humphrey
 - Edward M. (“Ted”) Kennedy
 - Catholic population
 - Illinois
 - Ohio
 - Pennsylvania
 - Wisconsin
 - Wisconsin
 - Patrick J. Lucey
 - Senators
 - Melvin R. Laird
 - State standings
 - Patrick J. Lucey
 - Approval
 - William Proxmire
 - Approval
 - Gaylord Nelson
 - Approval

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- Taxes
- Catholics
 - Parochial school issue
- Polls
 - The President
 - Edmund S. Muskie and Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy
 - Vietnam
 - Education
 - Health care
 - Inflation
 - The President's standing
 - Analysis
 - Edmund S. Muskie's standing
 - Analysis
 - Gallup and Harris polls
 - Timing
 - The President's standing
 - George C. Wallace
 - Compared with the President's standing
 - May 1971
 - January 1972
 - May 1971
 - Spiro T. Agnew [?]
 - June 1971
 - Analysis
 - White House, Harris, and Gallup results
 - September 1971
 - October 1971

Conv. No. 318-39 (cont.)

Ziegler entered at 5:05 pm.

- Ziegler's recent press briefing
 - Question on Muskie statement
 - Dan Rather
 - James J. Kilpatrick
 - Ziegler's reply
 - Welfare
 - Donald Fulsom of United Press International [UPI]
 - Statements about presidential candidates
 - Cease-fire
 - Administration critics
 - Administration proposals of 1970, 1972
 - Critics
 - North Vietnamese response to US proposals
 - Muskie's political motivation
 - Partisanship
 - Tone
 - Ziegler's role as spokesman for the President

- Rogers's forthcoming comments
- Critics
- Burning of British embassy in Dublin
- Question on welfare
 - Elliot L. Richardson
 - Administration's pilot program
 - House Resolution [HR] 1

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Ziegler left at 5:10 pm.

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1972 campaign

- Edmund S. Muskie
 - Strategy
 - Momentum
 - The President's peace plan
 - John V. Lindsay
 - Backing
 - Unknown man in Arizona
 - James E. ("Jimmy") Carter [?]
 - George W. Collins [?]
 - Worries
- Gallup polls
- Strategy
 - Columns–Columnists
 - Henry A. Kissinger's view
 - Murrey Marder
 - Rowland Evans and Robert D. Novak
 - John B. Connally
 - Murrey Marder

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[318-039-009]

[Duration: 24s]

Peter G. Peterson

- Comments made at a party
- Forthcoming appointment as Commerce Secretary
- The President's opinion

Conv. No. 318-39 (cont.)

- Peter G. Peterson
- The President's opinion
 - New role at commerce
 - Qualifications

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- 1972 campaign
- Strategy
 - Old fashioned methods
 - TV
 - Personal appearances
 - Live TV
 - William T. Cahill
 - Effectiveness
 - Charisma and excitement
 - 1970 campaign
 - Effect
 - TV exposure
 - Oversaturation
 - People's Republic of China [PRC] trip
 - William T. Cahill's comments about New Jersey
 - Catholic population
 - Leadership in state
 - Campaign visit to New Jersey
 - Public and private events
 - TV
 - Local Leaders
 - Governor's house
 - Prior presidential visits
 - Invitations to White House
 - Publicity value
 - Previous trips
 - New Orleans
 - Birmingham and Mobile
 - Savannah
 - The President's analysis

- Motorcades
 - Impression while campaigning
 - Hecklers
 - People's Republic of China [PRC] trip
 - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] trip
- Rallies
 - Crowds
 - Raymond K. Price, Jr.
 - Perception
 - Sites
 - Houston astrodome
 - Chicago's McCormick arena
 - Los Angeles sports arena
 - New York's Madison Square Garden
 - Basketball court in Philadelphia
 - Cleveland auditorium
 - Las Vegas arena [?]
- Last weeks
 - Raymond K. Price, Jr.'s view
 - Nature of campaign
 - Attacks by opponents
 - Edmund S. Muskie
 - 1970 campaign
 - Presidential stature
 - Counterattacks
 - Public perception of the President
- Campaign trips
 - Effect of People's Republic of China trip [PRC]
 - Key states
 - Florida, Illinois, and New Jersey
 - New York
 - Nelson A. Rockefeller
- Receiving lines
 - Speech
 - Question and answer session
 - Local leaders and key citizens
 - John B. Connally's view
- TV appearances
 - People's Republic of China [PRC] trip
 - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] trip
- Rallies and speeches
- Convention-type meetings
 - American Medical Association [AMA]
 - Southern Baptists
 - Rotary international
 - Southern Baptists
 - William F. ("Billy") Graham
- Frank L. Rizzo's experience in Philadelphia
- Events that draws crowds
 - Appealing to the public

Conv. No. 318-39 (cont.)

- TV
 - News
 - Presidential stature
 - Candidate speeches
 - Public perception
 - Negative impact
 - Commercials
 - Comparison with radio
 - Ronald W. Reagan
 - Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy

Conv. No. 318-39 (cont.)

The President's schedule

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[Privacy]

[318-039-008]

[Duration: 21s]

- Thelma C. ("Pat) Nixon Beautician
 - Expired passport with West Germany
 - Possible fix

- Anthony T. ("Tony") Rossi[?]
 - Story

The President and Haldeman left at 5:30 pm.