

**NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF**

**Tape Subject Log**  
(rev. 2/24)

Conversation No. 474-1

Date: March 26, 1971  
Time: 9:40 am - 9:55 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger  
[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

Conv. No. 474-13 (cont.)

Seating

Central Intelligence Agency [CIA] figures  
-Kissinger  
-Kissinger's previous briefing  
-Congressional leaders  
-Memorandum for the President

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 9:40 am

President's schedule  
-John D. Ehrlichman  
-Cabinet meeting

Bull left at an unknown time before 9:55 am

Vietnam  
-*Washington Post* story, March 26, 1971  
-President's response  
-Peter Osnos  
-Quotes by an American major

Bull entered at an unknown time after 9:40 am

*Washington Post* delivery

Bull left at an unknown time before 9:55 am

Vietnam  
-*Washington Post* story  
-A major's quotes  
-Admiral Thomas H. Moorer  
-General Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.

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- President's view
  - Ranks
- Osnos
- Laos operation (Lam Son)
  - Content of press account
- Abrams
- Washington Post* story
  - A major's quotes
  - President's concern

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## Abrams

- Work
  - Kissinger's view
- Possible appointment as Chief of Staff
  - Army's needs
    - Kissinger's view
  - General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
  - General Richard G. Stilwell

## Vietnam

- Washington Post* story
  - Laos operation (Lam Son)
    - Account
    - Congressmen
- Laos operation (Lam Son)
  - End of operation
    - Kissinger's view
  - President's March 14, 1971 press conference
  - US and South Vietnam command
  - General Nguyen Van Thieu's decision
    - Weather
    - Army of the Republic of Vietnam [ARVN] losses
  - Enemy losses
    - Number
    - Abrams
  - South Vietnamese morale
    - Ellsworth F. Bunker memorandum
      - Success of operation
      - Publicity
- Thieu
- Bunker
- Cable

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- President's assessment
- Washington Post* story
  - A major's quotes
    - Haig
- Army and Air Force morale
  - Press
  - Public opinion
    - President's view Conv. No. 474-13 (cont.)
- Kissinger's previous meeting with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
- North Vietnam
- President's forthcoming announcement
- President's forthcoming speech
  - William P. Rogers
  - Melvin R. Laird
- Negotiations
  - Dobrynin
    - Timing
      - Kissinger's response
- President's forthcoming speech, April 7, 1971
  - Negotiations
  - Troop withdrawals
    - Number
      - Effect of Laos operation (Lam Son)
  - Length
  - Writer
    - Raymond K. Price, Jr.
    - William L. Safire
    - Winston Lord
      - October 10, 1970 Speech
      - Draft
  - President's delivery
    - Compared with Howard K. Smith interview
  - Delivery of draft
- Press
  - Kissinger's role
  - Stewart J. O. and Joseph W. Alsop
    - S. J. O. Alsop's position
      - Withdrawal
        - President's response
- Democrats' caucus
  - A vote on March 31, 1971
  - President's statements

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- President's policies
- [Thomas] Hale Boggs

Southerners

Boggs

- Previous dinner with Kissinger
- Support for the President
- Compared with Republicans

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Republicans

- Support for President
- Congressional leaders
- Draft

Vietnam

- Television coverage
  - Effect
    - Abraham Lincoln's presidency
    - Shenandoah Valley
- Laos operation (Lam Son)
  - Evaluation
    - President's view
    - Press
      - Public relations efforts
      - President's view
      - New York Times*, March 25, 1971
  - Television
    - Coverage
    - Previous footage
- Public opinion
  - Effect
- Casualties
  - Decreases
- Future military action
  - Kissinger's view
    - Possible North Vietnamese attacks
    - Possible ARVN attacks
  - Effect on public opinion
  - Kissinger's view
  - I, III, IV Corps
  - US role

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- President's view
- South Vietnamese role
- US role
  - Air power
  - A meeting with Laird and Moorer
  - Future
    - Military equipment and material
    - Air strikes
      - Number
- Attacks on Kissinger

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Kissinger left at 9:55 am

Conversation No. 474-2

Date: March 26, 1971  
 Time: 9:55 am - 10:00 am  
 Location: Oval Office

The President met with John D. Ehrlichman

Domestic Intelligence Advisory Board

- Executive Order
- Staff

Cabinet meeting

- Arthur F. Burns
  - A speech by Herbert Stein
    - Federal Reserve Board
    - Burns' previous meeting with the President
    - President's influence with Stein, Paul W. McCracken
  - A report on Cabinet meeting by friends
- Agenda [Stabilization of wages and prices]
  - McCracken
  - Ehrlichman's view
  - James D. Hodgson
- President's schedule
  - Meeting with Justinian Society
- Ehrlichman's role

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- Length
- Agenda
  - Hodgson's proposal
  - Discussion
  - President's remarks
- President's decision
  - Announcement at meeting
  - New York Times* story Conv. No. 474-13 (cont.)
  - Signing of Executive Order on March 29, 1971 in San Clemente
    - Attendees
- Hodgson's previous meeting with George Meany
  - Meany's response
    - Support
    - Call to a building trade union president

Ronald W. Reagan

- Position on California Rural Legal Assistance [CRLA]
  - Possible meeting of Ehrlichman and President on Air Force One
  - Possible call from President
  - Forthcoming meeting with President
  - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman and Ehrlichman's previous meeting with the

President

- Possible responses

The President and Ehrlichman left at 10:00 am

Conversation No. 474-014

Date: March 26, 1971

Time: Unknown between 10:00 am and 11:12 am

Location: Oval Office

Unknown person entered at an unknown time after 9:55 am

Notification

- The President's location
- Cabinet room

[Pause]

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United States Secret Service [USSS] agent's name

Conversation No. 474-3

Date: March 26, 1971

Time: Unknown between 10:00 am and 11:12 am

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Location: Oval Office

Nellie L. Yates [?] met with unknown men [maintenance]

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*[Previous Non-Historical (H) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift 12/05/2019. Segment cleared for release.]*

[Non-Historical]

[474-003-w001]

[Duration: 38s]

Request

-Maintenance

-Cabinet Room

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Yates [?] and the unknown men [maintenance] left at an unknown time before 11:12 am

Conversation No. 474-4

Date: March 26, 1971

Time: 11:15 am - 11:17 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

President's schedule

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- Justinian Society
  - Number attending
  - John A. Volpe
  - President's role
  - Roosevelt Room
  - Anthony J. Celebrezze and [Name unintelligible]
- White House Conference on Drugs
  - Religious leaders
  - President's role
  - Time of meeting

Conv. No. 474-13 (cont.)

Bull left at 11:17 am

Conversation No. 474-5

Date: March 26, 1971

Time: Unknown between 11:17 am and 11:22 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

President's schedule

- White House Conference on Drugs
  - Religious leaders
  - White House theater
  - Oval Office
  - President's remarks
  - Length of President's meeting
  - Oval Office
  - Scheduler
  - Length of meeting
  - Number attending
  - Time involved
  - President's role

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at an unknown time after 11:17 am

- H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- President's role



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Haldeman's location

-Meeting with Henry A. Kissinger

President's schedule

-Justinian Society

-Drug conference

-Time

-Justinian Society

-An afternoon event

-Tour

-Volpe

-President's role

-Tour of Oval Office

-Volpe, President

Conv. No. 474-13 (cont.)

The President, Bull, and Butterfield left at 11:22 am

Conversation No. 474-6

Date: March 26, 1971

Time: Unknown between 11:22 am and 11:35 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

President's schedule

-Meeting with Justinian Society lawyers

-President's role

-Arrangements

-President's role

-John A. Volpe's understanding

-Cabinet meeting

-Number attending

-Tour of Oval Office

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:35 am

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Conversation No. 474-7

Date: March 26, 1971  
 Time: Unknown between 11:22 am and 2:54 pm  
 Location: Oval Office

A tour group [members of the Justinian Society] met with the President ~~Outside the Oval Office.~~

Greetings

[General conversation]

Recording ends at an unknown time before 2:54 pm

Conversation No. 474-8

Date: March 26, 1971  
 Time: Unknown after 4:09 pm until 4:53 pm  
 Location: Oval Office

The President met with Melvin R. Laird, Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, David Packard, Henry A. Kissinger, General Alexander M. Haig, Jr., and John B. Connally

[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress; discontinuities occur during the recording]

Vietnam

- US casualties
- General Nguyen Van Thieu
  - Laird's previous conversation
  - Air capabilities
    - Helicopters
    - Fixed-wing aircraft
- North Vietnamese losses
- South Vietnamese troops
  - Supplies
  - US role
  - Thieu's election
- Soviet Union

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-South Vietnamese forces

Kissinger left at 4:25 pm

-Democrats in Congress

-Connally's view

-Laos operation (Lam Son)

-Chubb plantation operation

-US withdrawal

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-South Vietnamese supplies

-Carl B. Albert

-Caucus, March 30, 1971

-Recess schedule

-Albert

-President's trip to California

-Laird's conversations

-President's previous conversation with Albert and [Thomas] Hale Boggs

-Support for the President

-Laos operation (Lam Son)

-President's actions

-Vietnamization

-US troop withdrawal

-Date set by President

-Reasoning

-South Vietnamese stability

-Prisoners of War [POWs]

-Negotiating position

-Effect of possible democratic resolution

-POWs

-President's view

-Thieu, Nguyen Cao Ky

-President's Vietnam accomplishments

-Political situation

-US withdrawal

-Date set by Congress

-Effects

-South Vietnam's future

-President's view

-Date set by President

-Effects

-Date set by Congress

-Effects

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- Possible cutoff of funds
  - Possible Congressional action
  - Effects
    - President's assessment
    - President's conversation with Boggs and Albert
- US troop withdrawals
  - Air power
  - Effect on South Vietnam Conv. No. 474-13 (cont.)
  - Air power
    - B-52 strikes
    - Number
  - Gunships
- Democrat Caucus
  - Laird's meeting, March 30, 1971
    - Possible conversation
      - President's policy compared with Democrat actions
      - Potential political considerations
    - President's forthcoming speech
- President's policy
  - Compared with Democrat action
- Laos operation (Lam Son)
  - Moorer's briefing
  - Colors on chart
    - Representations
  - General Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.'s view
    - North Vietnamese forces
      - Casualties
      - Effectiveness
      - Infiltration routes
  - South Vietnamese forces
    - Position
      - Demilitarized Zone [DMZ]
  - North Vietnamese tanks
    - Number
    - Attacks
    - Number
  - Helicopters
- Military situation
  - Khe Sanh attack
    - Assessment
    - US action
      - Withdrawal

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- Supplies
- Helicopter
- North Vietnamese Army
  - Reinforcements
  - Supplies
  - Artillery attacks
- DMZ
  - North Vietnamese Army attacks
    - Compared with Laos operation
    - Supplies and artillery
    - US air strikes
      - Moorer's assessment
      - Weather
      - Targets
      - Timing
      - President's view
      - Future strikes
        - President's view
        - Weather
        - Reconnaissance
    - North Vietnam artillery presence
    - US air strikes
      - Considerations
      - President's view
- Press coverage
  - An Associated Press [AP] dispatch concerning casualties
    - Army of the Republic of Vietnam [ARVN]
      - Number
    - Tammy Arbuckle
      - Department of Defense response
    - Compared with reports on Cambodia
    - President's concern
      - Television
      - Effect
    - Accuracy
      - Department of Defense response
        - ARVN
        - Abrams
      - Pentagon action
        - Accuracy
    - President's view
    - Current stories compared with 1968 Tet offensive

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- Reasons
  - Civil War, World War II
- President's view
- Administration policy
  - Laird's call to AP
- Moorer's March 25, 1971 press conference
- Democrats
  - Laird's forthcoming meeting on Capitol Hill Conv. No. 474-13 (cont.)
  - Laird's possible call to Russell B. Long
  - Laird's previous meetings
- Senators
  - Briefing for Armed Services Committee
    - Senators' response
    - President's view

Forthcoming Congressional testimony

- William P. Rogers
  - Coordination with Laird
  - Middle East
    - House testimony

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*[Previous National Security (B) withdrawal reviewed under MDR guidelines case number LPRN-T-MDR-2014-022. Segment declassified on 06/19/2019. Archivist: MM]*

[National Security]

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[Duration: 3m 50s]

Middle East

- Golda Meir
  - Position on Israel
- Melvin R. Laird's position
- The President's position
- US relations with Israel
  - Difficulty
    - The President's previous March 25, 1971 reception
      - Gustave L. Levy
- US policy
- Israel's position and future
- US and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]

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- Arabs
- US foreign policy
  - Resolution of conflict
  - Aid to Israel
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] aid
- US relations with Israel
  - William P. Rogers
  - White House
  - John B. Connally's position
    - The President's position
- US balance of payments
  - Germany and Europe
  - US aid to Israel
  - Effect on policy
  - The President's position

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The President's schedule

- California trip
  - Weather
  - Samuel Goldwyn
    - Medal of Freedom award
    - Health

Farewells

Laird, et al. left at 4:53 pm

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Date: March 26, 1971

Time: Unknown between 4:53 pm and 4:55 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator

Call to John N. Mitchell

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Conversation No. 474-10

Date: March 26, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 4:53 pm and 4:55 pm  
Location: Oval Office

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The President met with an unknown man

- President's schedule
  - Meeting with George P. Shultz
  - California trip
    - Departure time
  - Meeting with Shultz

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*[Previous PRMPA Personal Returnable (G) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift 12/05/2019. Segment cleared for release.]*

[Personal Returnable]  
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[Duration: 20s]

- Refreshments
  - Coffee

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The President and the unknown man left at an unknown time before 4:55 pm

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Date: March 26, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 4:53 pm and 4:55 pm  
Location: Oval Office



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The President met with an unknown man

President's call to John N. Mitchell

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 4:55 pm

Conversation No. 474-12

Date: March 26, 1971

Conv. No. 474-13 (cont.)

Time: 4:55 pm - 4:59 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President talked with John N. Mitchell

President's helicopter

Unknown issue

-Mitchell's advice

-President's view

Economy

-President's policy

-Wage-price boards

-A response

-Davis-Bacon Act

-Public relations

-President's previous dinner for businessmen

-John B. Connally's role

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Date: March 26, 1971

Time: 4:59 pm - 5:04 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with George P. Shultz

Economy

-A previous meeting

-Maurice H. Stans

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- Administration spokesman
- Need for business support
- Paul W. McCracken
- Ezra Solomon
  - Speaking ability
- Public relations efforts
  - McCracken
  - Solomon

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The President and Shultz left at 5:04 pm