

Date: May 9, 1972
Time: 9:54 am - 10:00 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger; the recording began at an unknown time while the meeting was in progress. Conv. No. 722-1A (cont.)

Kissinger's schedule

- Meeting with President
- Memorandum from President
- Press briefing
- Time

Vietnam

- Air strikes
 - Discussion
 - Intensity
 - Targets
 - Railroad bridges
 - Petroleum, oil and lubricant [POL] dumps
 - Haiphong
 - Power plants
- Soviets
 - Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
 - The President's May 8, 1972 speech
 - Agreements with US
 - Protests to US

Egon Bahr

- Call to Kissinger

Kissinger talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 9:54 and 10:00 am.

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Possible call From Bahr

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam

- President's memorandum to Kissinger
- Blockade
 - President's decision
 - Julius Caesar
- Success
 - Requirements
- Press reports
 - Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
- Public response

- George Meany
- President's telephone call

Rose Mary Woods entered at an unknown time after 9:54 am.

- Memorandum for Kissinger
- Blockade
 - President's speech
 - Press reaction
 - Student interviews
 - George Washington University
 - Tone

Conv. No. 722-14 (cont.)

Woods left at an unknown time before 10:00 am.

Vietnam

- Blockade
 - William P. Rogers's statement
 - Purpose
 - Seaborne supplies
 - Mining
 - Soviet ships
 - Avoidance
 - North Vietnamese territorial waters
 - Soviets
 - President's previous letter
 - Kissinger's previous meeting with Dobrynin
 - Cancellation of Summit
 - Statement

Kissinger's schedule

- Washington Special Actions Group [WSAG]
- Meetings with President
 - Time

Kissinger left at 10:00 am.

Conversation No. 722-2

Date: May 9, 1972

Time: Unknown between 10:00 am and 10:03 am

Location: Oval Office

The President talked with an unknown person.

Meeting with President

Date: May 9, 1972
Time: 10:03 am - 10:41 am
Location: Oval Office

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

President's schedule

- Morning work
- Meeting with John B. Connally
- Coming days

Vietnam

- Blockade
- Necessity

Welfare reform

- President's meeting with George P. Shultz and John D. Ehrlichman

Vietnam

- Blockade
 - William P. Rogers
 - Possible testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations and House Foreign Affairs Committees
 - Timing
 - Congress
 - Adm. Thomas H. Moorer's testimony
 - Armed Services Committee
 - Rogers's testimony
 - Timing
 - Henry A. Kissinger's testimony
 - Timing
 - Rogers's testimony
 - Fact sheet draft
 - Author
 - Charles W. Colson
 - S. Steven Karalekas
 - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.'s review
 - Contents
 - North Vietnamese offensive
 - President's peace offers
 - North Vietnamese rejection
 - Necessity of action
 - Other nations
 - Public opinion
 - Publicity for positive responses
 - White House staff
 - Ronald L. Ziegler

- Support for President
 - Strength
 - Telegram problems
 - Endorsement from public figures
 - Publicity
 - Tone
 - Comparison with previous speech
- Intensity
 - "Hawks"
 - Prisoner of war [POW] wives
 - Reaction
 - Maj. Gen. James D. Hughes
 - Resolutions
 - Vietnamization
- POW wives
 - Attitude
 - Change
 - League of POW-Missing in Action [MIA] families
 - United Press International [UPI]
 - Resolution
 - Work with Hughes
 - Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft
 - Press reports
 - Resolution
 - Changes
- POW
 - President's objectives
 - Necessity of blockade
- Public opinion
 - Opposition
 - George S. McGovern
 - Hubert H. Humphrey
 - Nebraska campaign

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1972 election

- Nebraska
 - Hubert H. Humphrey
 - Gains
 - Potential victory
 - The President's opinion
 - George S. McGovern
 - Opposition to blockade

1972 election

-Nebraska

Conv. No. 722-14 (cont.)

- McGovern statement
 - Compared to Cambodia statements
- Protests
 - Colleges
 - Number
 - Demonstrations
 - White House
 - Extent
- Senate and House response
 - Democrats
 - Clark MacGregor
 - George H. Mahon
 - John C. Stennis
 - Caucus meeting
 - Republicans
 - MacGregor meeting
 - Democrats
- Briefings
 - Rogers's performance
 - Moorer
 - Kissinger
 - Melvin R. Laird and Rogers
 - Briefing evaluated
 - Conduct of briefing
 - Rogers
 - Statement on mines
 - J. William Fulbright's view
 - Laird interruption
- Rogers
 - Position on blockade
- Support from executive departments
- Draft statement
 - President's objectives
 - Methods
- Rogers
 - Statement on mines
 - United Nations [UN] notification
 - George H.W. Bush
- "Hawks"
 - MacGregor
 - George D. Aiken
 - Statement
 - Changes
 - Comparison with Bangladesh
- Republican response

- James L. Buckley
- Gerald R. Ford
- Robert P. Griffin
- Jacob K. Javits
- Margaret Chase Smith
- George C. Wallace statement
- Edward M. Kennedy statement
- Democrats
 - Vice President Spiro T. Agnew rebuttal
 - Time
 - McGovern
 - Television appearance
 - Purchase of television time
- News coverage
 - Amount and tone
 - Comparison with Cuban missile crisis
- Necessity
 - Kissinger
 - Contribution to US foreign policy
 - People's Republic of China [PRC] and Soviet Union initiatives
- Soviet trip
- Necessity
- Criticism
 - Democratic caucus
 - Counterattack
- Comparison with Cuban missile crisis
 - Republican support for John F. Kennedy
 - Confrontation with Soviets
- Democrats
 - Strategy
 - Humphrey and McGovern
 - Comparison with President's support for John Kennedy
 - President's previous television speech
 - Humphrey and McGovern
 - Counterattack
 - Humphrey
 - McGovern
 - Edward Kennedy
 - Agnew's role
 - Connally's role
- Success
- Soviet moves
 - Possible Summit cancellation
 - US statement
 - Kissinger
 - Tone of commentary
 - North Vietnamese arms
 - Soviet Union
 - PRC
- Rogers
 - Schedule

Conv. No. 722-14 (cont.)

- Role
 - Kissinger's view
 - Testimony
 - Senate Foreign Relations Committee
- Support for President
 - Publicity to Congress
 - Methods
 - Intensity and scope
 - Impact
 - Rogers, Moorer
 - Encouragement to Congressional supporters
- Soviet ships
 - Location
 - Photographs
 - Use for publicity
 - Haig's instructions
- Soviet response
 - Haig's report
- Soviet ships
 - Location
 - Photographs
- Laird
 - Call from President
 - Support
- Rogers
- President's meeting with leaders
 - Necessity
 - President's appearance
 - Manner
- Kissinger
 - Meeting with subcabinet officers
 - Possible replacements
 - Laird
 - Rogers
 - Kissinger's appearance
- Briefings
 - Press
 - Rogers
 - Purpose
- Rogers
- Briefings
 - Laird
 - Rogers
 - Moorer
- Congress
 - MacGregor's office
 - Democrats
 - Stennis
 - Kissinger briefing
 - Democrats
 - F. Edward Hebert

Conv. No. 722-14 (cont.)

- Southern Democrats
- Support
- Necessity
 - Haldeman's position
 - Kissinger's position
 - President's position
 - Irreversibility
 - Rogers
- Statements
 - Rhetoric
 - Content
 - Coolness
 - Dedication to peace
 - National interest above political interests
 - US role in world
 - Further work

Conv. No. 722-14 (cont.)

Haldeman left at 10:41 am.

Conversation No. 722-4

Date: May 9, 1972
 Time: 10:42 am - 10:48 am
 Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

- President's schedule
 - Dinner for Duke Law School alumni
 - Attendance
 - L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III
 - Warren E. Burger
 - Lewis F. Powell
 - John B. Connally
 - Richard G. Kleindienst
 - Egil ("Bud") Krogh, Jr.
 - John W. Dean, III
 - Number of Administration members
 - Number of law school graduates
 - Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
 - Gifts
 - Lucy A. Winchester
 - Number
 - Compacts
 - Cuff links
 - Alternatives
 - Guest book
 - Charles S. Rhyne

- Location
- Stephen B. Bull
- Location
- Meeting with Soviet trade delegation
- Peter M. Flanigan's comments
- Henry A. Kissinger's presence

Conv. No. 722-14 (cont.)

Butterfield left at 10:48 am.

Conversation No. 722-5

Date: May 9, 1972

Time: Unknown after 10:48 am until 10:57 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

A letter to Wilt Chamberlain

- Congratulations on National Basketball Association [NBA] championship
- Los Angeles Lakers
- Playing skills
- Life* pictures of home
- Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon

Vietnam

- Blockade
- President's previous speech
- Public response
- Telephone calls
- Support for President
- Lloyd Rain [sp?]
- Paul Cabot
- Bernard J. ("Bunny") Lasker
- Fred Schluter
- Dr. William M. Lukash
- News commentators

Manolo Sanchez

- Knee surgery
- Recovery time

Letter to Chamberlain

- Signature

Robert C. Hill recommendation for ambassador to Spain

- Adm. Horacio Rivero
- Visit with Gen. Francisco Franco
- Peter M. Flanigan

- Hill
- Memorandum

George Landau

- President's previous trip
- Hill's recommendation for ambassador to Ceylon
- Identified
- President's recommendation

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Vietnam

- Blockade
 - The President's speech
 - Julie Nixon Eisenhower's telephone call on May 8, 1972
 - Reaction to speech
 - Cabinet meeting
 - Tricia Nixon Cox's telephone call on May 8, 1972

Vietnam

- Blockade
 - President's speech
 - Adm. Thomas H. Moorer's call
 - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman's report
 - Woods's report

President's schedule

- Duke Law School dinner
- Remarks by President
- A reference book
 - Alexander P. Butterfield
- Charles S. Rhyne
 - Wife's health
 - Previous Administration job offers
- Scholarship announcement
 - Time
 - Richard Kiefer

Vietnam

- Blockade
 - President's previous speech

- Strain of compiling
- Delivery
 - Woods's view
- Emotional strain
- Democrats
 - President's support for John F. Kennedy during Cuban missile crisis
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 - George S. McGovern
 - Hubert H. Humphrey
- George Meany
- George C. Wallace
 - Statement
 - Compared with McGovern's statement
- Public support for President
- McGovern presidency
 - Woods's view

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1972 election

- Democrats
 - Hubert H. Humphrey
 - Nebraska primary strategy
 - George S. McGovern
 - The President's opinion
 - Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy
 - Compared to George S. McGovern
- Candidates
 - Goals for US

1972 election

- Democrats
 - Candidates
 - Bernard J. ("Bunny") Lasker's comments
- Liberals
 - The President's view
 - New York, California

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The President's schedule

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- Rest
- The President's speech on May 9, 1972
 - Strain
 - Workload
- The President's previous April 26, 1972 speech
- J. Edgar Hoover eulogy

Telephone calls

- Robert H. Abplanalp
- Perle Mesta
- Paul Bradley

Haldeman entered at 10:54 am.

- Earl L. Butz
 - Report on support for President's speech

Vietnam

- Blockade
 - Public reaction
 - Talking points
 - Support for President
 - President's personal qualities
 - Lasker's call
 - Publicity from White House
 - The President's view
 - Lukash
- President's decision
 - Risks to election
 - Prisoner of war [POW] release
 - Publicity
- Public response
 - Publicity

Woods and Haldeman left at 10:57 am.

Conversation No. 722-6

Date: May 9, 1972

Time: 2:57 pm - 3:00 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman and Alexander P. Butterfield.

Photographs

-John B. Connally's ranch

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Butterfield left at 2:58 pm.

Vietnam

-Blockade

-Cabinet meeting

-Departmental meetings

-Connally

-William P. Rogers

-Support for President

J. Edgar Hoover building

-Publicity

Vietnam

-Blockade

-President's previous speech

-Clifford P. Case and Frank F. Church statement

-President's moves toward peace

-Amendment

-Ceasefire

-US withdrawal

-Prisoners of war [POW] return

-Democrats

-Polls

-White House poll

-Validity

-Release

-Interviews

-Question

-Wording

-Response

-Release

-Albert E. Sindlinger poll

-Question

-Release of results

-Comparison of Sindlinger and White House polls

-Public response

-Mayor Richard J. Daley

-Forthcoming statement

-George P. Shultz

Haldeman left at 3:00 pm.

Date: May 9, 1972
Time: 3:00 pm - 4:01 pm
Location: Oval Office

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The President met with John B. Connally; Ollie F. ("Ollie") Atkins was present at the beginning of the meeting.

Greetings

Vietnam

- President's previous speech on the blockade
- Connally's view
- Delivery

Photographs

- Atkins
- Connally ranch
- Gift to John and Idanell B. ("Nellie") Connally
- Quality
- Location
- Kay Dobson [?]
- Tom O'Connor
- Woody [surname unknown] [Horses?]
- Norman [surname unknown] [Horses?]
- Surget [sp?]

Research

- Book, *Twentieth-Century Glass, American and European*
- Metropolitan Museum of Art
- Engraving

Vietnam

- President's previous speech on the blockade
- Public opinion
 - Treasury Department
 - Working people
 - Blacks
 - Chauffeur
 - Arthur F. Burns's report
 - Support for action
 - Support for President
 - Alexander P. Butterfield [?]
- Blockade
 - National Security Council [NSC] meeting
 - Henry A. Kissinger
 - Connally's speech

- Cabinet meeting
 - Kissinger, Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
 - Opposition
 - Length
 - Melvin R. Laird
 - William P. Rogers
 - Stance
 - The President's view
 - Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
 - Connally's support for President
 - Rogers and Laird
 - Opposition
 - Reasons
- Bureaucratic leadership
 - Qualities
 - Connally's view
 - Compared with business leaders
- Laird
 - Opposition
- Success
 - NSC meeting
 - Rogers and Connally
 - Rogers's view
 - The President's view
- Kissinger
- Alternatives for US
- Bargaining power
 - Prisoners of war [POWs]
- North Vietnamese offensive
 - South Vietnamese defeat
 - Consequences for President and US
 - Forthcoming election
 - US defeat
- President's response

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Ronald L. Ziegler entered at 3:09 pm.

- Blockade
 - Ziegler's briefing
 - Report from Michael J. Mansfield and Hugh Scott
 - Statement for press
 - Personal greeting
 - Chou En-lai
 - Speeches
 - Discussion of President's speech

Ziegler left at 3:11 pm.

- Opposition
 - Motives
- Necessity

- Mining
- Air strikes
 - Rails
 - Petroleum, oil and lubricant [POL] dumps
 - Military expectations of success
 - The President's view
 - Rails
 - POL
 - Connally's view
 - B-52s
 - Laird
 - Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.
 - Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
 - Possibility of success
 - Compared with Lyndon B. Johnson's tactics
 - Limitations
 - President's tactics
 - Rails
 - Intensity of bombing
 - Rails
 - Repairs
 - Equipment
 - Compared with World War II
 - Targets
 - Priorities
 - Power plants
 - Public opinion
 - Intensity
 - Benefits
 - Power failures
 - Destruction of North Vietnam machinery
 - Impact
- North Vietnamese offensive
 - Kontum
 - Hue
 - South Vietnamese countermeasure
 - Nguyen Van Thieu
 - Air strikes
- Blockade
 - A treaty
 - Soviet Summit
 - Possible cancellation
 - Public opinion
 - Support for President
 - President's attendance
 - Conditions
 - North Vietnamese offensive
 - Compared to Dunkirk
 - Criticism
 - President's previous support for John F. Kennedy
 - Democrats

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- Hubert H. Humphrey
- Edmund S. Muskie
- Edward M. Kennedy
- George S. McGovern
- Cessation
 - President's offers
 - Connally's view
 - Troop withdrawals
 - Thieu
 - North Vietnamese rejection
 - Reason
 - North Vietnamese demands
 - US response
 - Compared to Armageddon
 - US great power status

Conv. No. 722-14 (cont.)

Public opinion

- Connally's view
 - Influence of Edward Kennedy, Muskie, McGovern
 - Unrest, frustration
 - Proportions
 - Situation in Texas
 - Governor's race
 - Voting results
 - Ben F. Barnes
 - Dolph Briscoe
 - Frances T. ("Sissy") Farenthold
 - McGovern support
 - Runoff
 - Briscoe
 - Farenthold
 - Barnes
 - Briscoe
 - Background
 - [Forename unknown] Walker media campaign
 - Effect
 - Attorney General's race
 - John Hill
 - The President's view
- Parallel to US
 - Issues
 - Revenue sharing, welfare reform
 - Leadership
 - George C. Wallace and McGovern
 - Response
 - Humphrey
 - Lack of support
- Influence of "Atomic Age"
 - Nagasaki, Hiroshima
 - Psychological effect on US
 - Previous wars

- Psychological effect on US
 - Influence on international affairs
 - Influence on monetary affairs
 - Influence on domestic affairs
 - Government

-Manifestations

-Political leadership

- State and local levels

- Congress

- President's role

- Public expectations

- President's role

- Necessity

- Possibility of anarchy

- Democrats' leadership

- 1972 candidates

- Edward Kennedy

- Humphrey

- McGovern

- Impact on US

- Longshoremen's strike

- President's role in ending

- Busing

- Administration's actions

- Delays

- Studies

- Amendment

- Rhetoric

- Deficiencies of plan

- Responsibility

- Rhetoric

- Quality

- President's speech

- Show of leadership

-Congress

- Conflicts with President

- Connally's view

Forthcoming election

-Incumbents

- Past elections

- Governors

- Florida

- Farris Bryant

- Georgia

- Carl E. Sanders

- Kentucky

- Bert T. Combs

- Defeats

-Polls

- Reliability

Conv. No. 722-14 (cont.)

- Undercurrents
- Shortcomings
- Texas election
 - Polls
 - Defeat of Barnes
 - Farenthold
 - Position on social issues
 - Radicalism
 - Abortion, marijuana
 - Briscoe
 - Connally's view
 - Age
 - Background
 - Family
 - Education
 - Character
 - Intelligence
 - Home
 - Constituency
 - Democrat primary
 - Defeats
- Democratic Party
 - Unrest
 - 1972 compared with 1968 convention
 - Texas primary
 - McGovern vote
 - Wallace vote
 - Uncommitted
 - Humphrey, McGovern supporters
 - McGovern vote
 - Reasons
 - Support for President
 - Contrast with Ohio and Illinois
- President's leadership
 - Domestic
 - International
- Democrats
 - McGovern
 - Vulnerabilities
 - Taxes
 - Amnesty
 - Abortion
 - Marijuana
 - President's response
 - Nomination
 - Edward Kennedy
 - Humphrey
 - California
 - Weaknesses
 - Lack of support
 - Compared with the President

Conv. No. 722-14 (cont.)

- Edward Kennedy and McGovern
 - Divisions in nation
- Convention
 - Turmoil
 - McGovern supporters
 - Intellectuals
 - Liberals
 - Blacks
 - Chicanos
- Lack of leadership
 - John V. Lindsay
 - Richard J. Daley
 - Illinois delegation
 - New York
 - Pennsylvania
 - California
 - Samuel W. Yorty
 - Joseph Alioto
 - Texas
 - Colorado
 - Wisconsin
 - Minnesota
 - New York
 - Connecticut
 - New York
 - McGovern support
- Lack of brokers
 - Harry S. Truman
 - Samuel Rayburn
 - Johnson
 - Daley
 - Robert Wagner
 - David Lawrence
 - Continuity
- Lack of leadership
 - McGovern supporters
 - Anarchy
- Edward Kennedy
 - Nomination
 - Anarchy
- President's leadership
 - Need
 - Rhetoric
 - Major issues
 - Attacks on Congress
 - Budget issues
 - Spending cuts
 - Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger, George P. Shultz
 - Size of government
- Cuts
 - Department of Health, Education and Welfare [HEW]

Conv. No. 722-14 (cont.)

- Social Security
- Job programs
 - Manpower training
 - Results compared with costs
- Taxes
 - Increases
 - Reforms
 - Problems with Congress
 - Possible recession
 - Effects
- Primary results
- Democrat candidates
 - McGovern
 - The President's view
 - Connally's view
 - Comparison with Barry M. Goldwater
 - The President's view
 - Edward Kennedy
 - Connally's view
 - Humphrey
 - The President's view
 - McGovern
 - Radicalism
 - Ideology
 - Edward Kennedy
 - Patriotism
 - Connally's view
 - Political ambitions
 - Connally's view
 - Robert F. Kennedy
 - Previous election
 - Attacks on law enforcement
- Stakes in election
- Political opinion
 - Need to mobilize
 - Sense of lack of control
 - Need for leadership
 - Possible dictatorship
 - Need for President's leadership
 - Need to take a stand
 - Communism
 - Connally's stand on international trade, monetary affairs
 - Public reaction
 - Need for leadership
 - Appealing to instinct
 - Need for leadership on Vietnam
 - Necessity of action

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Media

- View of US
- President's approach

- Agnew's attacks
 - Popular appeal
- Biases
 - Columnists
 - Television newsmen
 - Editorials

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Jews

- Liberals
- Influence
- Actions to take against
 - Connally's view
- The President's view
- Department of Justice
- Securities and Exchange Commission [SEC]
- Lawyers in government
 - Control
 - Frederic V. Malek

The federal government

- Actions in second term
 - Presidential appointees
 - Park Service director
 - Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo's report
 - Dismissals
 - Impact
 - The President's view
- Incestuousness of philosophies
 - Treasury Department
 - Tax lawyers
 - Economists
 - Harvard University Business School
 - Harvard University
 - Yale University
 - Stanford University
 - University of Chicago
 - Influence on government
 - Harvard University
 - State universities
 - Texas
 - Ohio
 - Environment
- Presidential appointees
 - Resignations
 - Cabinet
 - Resignations
 - Changes
- Pentagon shakeups
 - Robert S. McNamara associates
 - Systems analysts
- State Department shakeups

- Planning
 - Malek
 - H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
 - Dismissal list
 - The President’s view
 - Loyalists
 - Number
- Appointments
 - Business people
 - Loyalties of appointees
 - Interior Department, Bureau of Land Management, Federal Communications Commission [FCC] , SEC, Treasury Department
 - Congressional patronage
- Andrew Jackson and the spoils system
 - Benefits
- Civil Service
 - The President’s view
 - Disadvantages
 - Need for loyalists

Conv. No. 722-14 (cont.)

Supreme Court

- The President’s view
- Replacements
 - Number
 - Importance
- Potter Stewart
 - The President’s view
 - Connection with the “Georgetown social set”
 - Voting record
 - Influences
- Warren E. Burger
- Harry A. Blackmun
- William H. Rehnquist
- Lewis F. Powell
- Thurgood Marshall and William O. Douglas
 - Departure
 - Effect on Court
 - Effect on nation

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1972 campaign

- Congress

- The President's strategy
 - Run against Congress
 - Benefits
 - Foreign policy and patriotism issue

Conv. No. 722-14 (cont.)

Congress

- Connally's view
 - Charles Vanik
 - Henry S. Reuss
 - Sam M. Gibbons
 - William Proxmire

Economy

- Strength
- Unemployment

Vietnam

- Blockade
 - Connally's forthcoming statement
 - National Security Council [NSC] interview with Robert B. Semple of *New York Times*
 - Press conference
 - Television
 - Democratic caucus
 - Connally's press conference rebuttal
 - George Meany
 - Support

Connally left at 4:01 pm

Conversation No. 722-8

Date: May 9, 1972
Time: 4:40 pm - 4:41 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Mary A. ("Toni") Sidley.

Greetings

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Sidley left at 4:41 pm.

Conversation No. 722-9

Date: May 9, 1972

Time: 4:42 pm - 5:06 pm

Location: Oval Office

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

Vietnam

- Blockade
- Poll
- Release

Duke Law School dinner

- Photograph book
- President
 - Resemblance to Edward C. Nixon
- President's comments
- Classmate in Colorado

Vietnam

- Blockade
- Poll
 - Release of results
 - Support for President
- Henry A. Kissinger's forthcoming statement
- Criticism
 - Impeachment resolution
 - Bella S. Abzug
 - Paul N. ("Pete") McCloskey, Jr.
 - United Nations [UN]
 - Kurt Waldheim
 - Ceasefire
- Abzug
 - Response
- Statements
 - Carl B. Albert

- F. Edward Hebert
- Samuel L. Stratton
- Hugh Scott
- George D. Aiken
- Dante B. Fascell
 - House resolution
- President's peace offers
- Congress
 - Democrat caucus
 - Resolution
 - Similarity to President's proposals
 - Ceasefire, prisoners of war [POW], withdrawal
- Statements
 - Jack Miller
 - John C. Stennis
 - Strom Thurmond
 - Republicans
 - William M. Colmer
 - William Ryan
 - Abzug
 - Margaret Chase Smith
 - Challenge to opponents
 - Support for President
 - Edward W. Brooke
 - Resolution
 - Ceasefire
 - Political settlement
 - Clark MacGregor
 - Support for President
- President's peace offers
 - Democrats' response
- Attacks on Democrats
 - The President's instructions
 - Timing
 - Patriotism
 - Comparison with the 1962 Cuban missile crisis
 - Intensity
 - Edmund S. Muskie
 - George S. McGovern
 - Hubert H. Humphrey
 - Kennedy
 - Role of Charles W. Colson
 - Intensity
 - John B. Connally
 - Press conference
 - Timing
 - Melvin R. Laird
 - Press conference
 - William P. Rogers
 - Connally
 - Comments on Democratic partisanship

Conv. No. 722-14 (cont.)

-Effectiveness

Swimming pool

-Location

-Blair House

Vietnam

Conv. No. 722-14 (cont.)

-Blockade

-Support

-Spontaneity

-White House staff work

-Poll results

-Kissinger

President's dinner for Duke Law School alumni

-List for introductions

-Lewis F. Powell

-William P. Rogers

-Robert H. Finch

Haldeman left at 5:06 pm.

Conversation No. 722-10

Date: May 9, 1972

Time: 5:07 pm - 5:54 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Walter H. Annenberg, John N. Mitchell and John D. Ehrlichman.

Greetings

-Annenberg

-Mitchell

Gift from Annenberg

-Described

-Drawings by Steuben Glass Works

-Theme

Oval Office

-Distinguished visitors

-Prime Ministers

-[Charles, Prince of Wales] Prince Charles

-Edward R.G. Heath

-[James] Harold Wilson

-Fate of unknown African Head of State

-Indira Gandhi

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Oval Office

- Distinguished visitors
 - Indira Gandhi
 - Walter H. Annenberg's view
 - Compared to Dominic Mintoff
 - The President's opinion

Dominic Mintoff

- Desire to see President
 - John I. Getz

Peter Carrington

- Annenberg's retirement plans

Mintoff

- Annenberg's view
- Carrington
 - Annenberg's view

Great Britain

- Conservative Party
 - William Whitelaw
 - Position
 - Reginald Maudling
 - Position
 - Heath
 - Carrington
 - Whitelaw
 - Appointment
 - Northern Ireland
 - Ulster
 - Annenberg visit
 - Problems

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[Duration: 1m 46s]

1972 Republican National Convention

-Miami Beach City Council vote

-Mitchell Wolfson

Conv. No. 722-14 (cont.)

-The President's instructions to John D. Ehrlichman

-Wometco Enterprises, Inc.

-The President's schedule

-Forthcoming trip to Florida

-Telephone call to Walter H. Annenberg

-Influence on vote

-Vote tally

-The President's style [?]

Annenberg's schedule

-Philadelphia

-Frank L. Rizzo

-California

-London

-William P. Rogers's visit

-Dates

-Kentucky Derby

-John W. Galbreath

-London

-Day

-Effect

Annenberg's background

-Discipline

-Adversity

-Annenberg's father

-Effect on people

-Appointment as Ambassador to the Court of St. James

-Benefits

-Recollections of meeting with President

-Palm Springs

-Annenberg's reluctance to accept

Annenberg as Ambassador

-Personal rewards

-Leonore Annenberg

-Quality of work

-Absence during President's visit to England

-Dinner at Buckingham Palace

-[Emperor of Japan] Hirohito dinners at Windsor Castle

-Queen Juliana

- [Elizabeth, Queen of England] Elizabeth II
- Philip [?] Hoffman
 - Johnson & Johnson executive
 - Reason for visit
 - Annenberg's view
 - Queen Elizabeth's opinion
 - Personality
 - Queen Elizabeth's opinion

Conv. No. 722-14 (cont.)

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[Duration: 9m 47s]

1972 election

- Frank L. Rizzo
 - Need for support from the President
 - Support for the President
 - Philadelphia
 - Votes for Hubert H. Humphrey and John F. Kennedy
 - Support for the President's reelection
 - Philadelphia votes for the President
 - Numbers
 - Relationship with Walter H. Annenberg
 - W. Thacher Longstreth
 - Wife
 - Intelligence
 - Political ambitions
 - Arlen Specter
- Pennsylvania politics
 - Hugh Scott
 - Effect on Walter H. Annenberg's plans
 - Frank L. Rizzo
 - Meetings with Arlen Specter
 - Arlen Specter
 - Ambitions
 - Abilities
 - Strength
 - Compared to Frank L. Rizzo
 - Support of Frank L. Rizzo
 - Hugh Scott
 - Leaks
 - Frank L. Rizzo
 - Arlen Specter
 - Present job
 - Relationship with Frank L. Rizzo
 - Frank L Rizzo

- Rejection by Hugh Scott and Pennsylvania Republicans
 - Walter H. Annenberg's view
 - Walter H. Annenberg's relation with [first name unknown] Dublin
- W. Thacher Longstreth candidacy
 - Mainstream Republican support

Norton Simon

Conv. No. 722-14 (cont.)

- Wallis (Annenberg) Weingarten
 - California Art Commission
 - Husband
 - Position
 - Relationship with Norton Simon
- Offer of support to the President
- Paul N. ("Pete") McCloskey, Jr.
 - Meeting with the President
 - Remarks on the President
- Dealings with the President
 - Wallis (Annenberg) Weingarten
 - Role
 - Walter H. Annenberg's role
- Endorsement of the President
 - Walter H. Annenberg arrangements
 - Walter H. Annenberg's role
 - The President's response
 - Value
- George A. Murphy
 - Friendship with Norton Simon
- Value to President
- Gustave L. Levy
 - Friendship with Norton Simon
 - Role in endorsement
- Endorsement
 - Importance
 - Methods
 - Visit to London

Norton Simon

- Marriage
 - Call To Annenberg
 - Jennifer Jones
 - Divorce
 - Archbishop of Canterbury
- Annenberg's advice
 - Nice, France
 - Monte Carlo
 - Yacht

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Norton Simon

- Endorsement of the President
 - Arrangements
 - Wallis (Annenberg) Weingarten's role
 - Gustave L. Levy
 - Relationship with Norton Simon
- Jennifer Jones
 - Prior support for the President
 - Marriage with David Selznick
 - Possible help on Norton Simon's endorsement
- Value of Norton Simon's endorsement

California Republican convention

- Wallis (Annenberg) Weingarten's appointment as alternate delegate
 - Walter H. Annenberg's suggestion
 - Appointment declined
 - Reasons
 - Freeman Gosden
 - Linda Gosden appointed as delegate
 - Age compared to Wallis (Annenberg) Weingarten's
- Governor Ronald W. Reagan's appointment
- Linda Gosden
 - Location
 - Age
- Wallis (Annenberg) Weingarten
- Ronald W. Reagan
 - Walter H. Annenberg's disagreement
 - Telephone call to Walter H. Annenberg
 - Walter H. Annenberg's response

Wallis (Annenberg) Weingarten

- Visit to White House
 - Luncheon for Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
- Trustee of University of Southern California
- Introduction to President
 - Chandler Pavilion event
- Future visit to White House with Dr. Seth Weingarten
- Appointment to National Commission for the Arts
 - Leonard Garment
 - John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

- Haldeman's role
- Duties
- Honorary capacity
- Name
- Interests
 - Forms of arts
- Appointment
 - Instructions for Garment
 - Duties
- Children
 - Number of Annenberg's grandchildren
 - Number of Mrs. Annenberg's grandchildren
 - Visit to California
 - Beverly Hills Hotel
 - Santa Monica or Malibu
 - Travis
 - Malibu compared to Santa Monica
 - Beverly Hills Hotel
 - The President's view
 - Bel Air Hotel
 - Accommodations
 - Compared with Beverly Hills Hotel
 - President's California home
 - Offer to Annenberg
 - President's use

Conv. No. 722-14 (cont.)

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1972 Republican National Convention

- Change of location
 - San Diego to Miami Beach
 - John N. Mitchell's role
- San Diego site
 - Walter H. Annenberg's opinion
 - Parallel to University of Pennsylvania lecture
 - Professor [first name unknown] Wigand [?]
 - Talks with John N. Mitchell and the President
 - Convenience for the President
 - San Clemente
- Miami Beach
- Leonard Firestone
 - Telephone call from Walter H. Annenberg
 - Firestone Company House
 - Location

- Use
- John W. Galbreath
- Relationship with Walter H. Annenberg
- Work with Richard Nixon Foundation
 - Taft Schreiber
- Work as Finance Chairman
- Support for the President
 - California situation
 - Ronald W. Reagan
- The President's schedule
 - California
 - Democratic National Convention

Conv. No. 722-14 (cont.)

Walter H. Annenberg

- The President's appreciation
 - Work as ambassador
 - Work in Pennsylvania
 - Philadelphia vote
- Role

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 5:07 pm.

Gifts

- New cuff links

Bull left at an unknown time before 5:54 pm.

President's schedule

- Dinner for Duke Law School classmates

Bull entered at an unknown time after 5:07 pm.

Gift

- Double cuff links
 - Design
 - Manufacturer
 - Presidential seal

Bull left at an unknown time before 5:54 pm.

Norman Vincent Peale

- Conversation with Annenberg

Gifts

- Double cuff links

Peale

- Advice to Annenberg

- Positive thinking
 - Annenberg's use of advice
 - New York Herald Tribune*
 - Washington Post*

Washington Post

Conv. No. 722-14 (cont.)

- President's reading
- Katharine L. Graham
 - Previous visit to London
 - Annenberg's opinion of *Washington Post*
- Philip Graham
 - Story
 - Previous advice from Annenberg
- Katharine Graham
 - Annenberg's advice
 - Katharine Graham's response
 - Annenberg's view
- Criticism of Annenberg's father
 - Annenberg's view
 - Peale's advice
- Philip Graham
 - Annenberg's idea for book
 - Purpose
 - Annenberg's warning
 - Circumstances of his death
- Katharine Graham
 - The President's view
- Manolo Sanchez
 - Location
 - Opinion of war demonstrators
 - Bombing of Hanoi and Haiphong
- Language
 - English compared with Spanish
- Story on Arthur K. Watson
 - White House defense
 - Washington Post*
 - Annenberg's advice
 - State Department response
 - Congressional investigation
 - President's response at press conference
 - Wayne L. Hays
 - Frank F. Church
 - W. Stuart Symington
 - J. William Fulbright
 - President's evidence against Congressmen
 - Dick Watkins [?]

Mitchell and Ehrlichman left at 5:52 pm.

- Leonard K. Firestone
 - Appointment as Ambassador

-Loyalty to President

Annenberg

-Desire to remain as Ambassador
-Mrs. Annenberg's concerns

Annenberg left at 5:54 pm.

Conv. No. 722-14 (cont.)

Conversation No. 722-11

Date: May 9, 1972

Time: 5:54 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President talked with an unknown person.

Henry A. Kissinger's schedule

-Return call

-Cancellation

Conversation No. 722-12

Date: May 9, 1972

Time: 5:54 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President talked with an unknown person [H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman?].

Meeting with President

-Time

Conversation No. 722-13

Date: May 9, 1972

Time: 5:55 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

List for President's speech at Duke Law School dinner

Nomination

- Unknown person
- Attorney General

Conversation No. 722-14

Conv. No. 722-14 (cont.)

Date: May 9, 1972

Time: 5:55 pm - 6:13 pm

Location: Oval Office

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

Vietnam

- Blockade
 - Previous Republican support for John F. Kennedy
 - Melvin R. Laird's press conference
 - Laird's previous position
 - President's previous support for Kennedy
 - Thomas Kuchel
 - Previous support for Kennedy
 - Democrat caucus
 - Vote against President
 - John Sherman Cooper-Clifford P. Case amendment
 - Numbers
 - Content
 - Counteraction
 - Intensity
 - Red-baiting
 - Continuation
 - Senate support
 - Democrat caucus
 - Resolution against North Vietnam by James B. Allen
 - Alan Cranston change
 - Withdrawal
 - Administration action
 - Laird's press conference
 - John B. Connally's press conference

Henry A. Kissinger entered at 5:57 pm.

- Democrat criticism
 - President's attitude
 - Kissinger's attitude
- Soviet ships
 - Location
 - Haiphong Harbor
 - Purpose
- Air strikes
 - Docks
 - Petroleum, oil and lubricants [POL]
 - Railroad bridge

- Marshalling yards
- Earlier damage
 - Trucks
 - Effect
- POL in Haiphong
- Blockade
 - Democrat caucus
 - Vote against President
 - Content
 - Cooper-Case amendment
 - Prisoners of war [POWs]
 - Ceasefire
 - Effect
 - Vote on floor
 - Republican filibuster
 - Resolution wording
 - Absentees
 - Supporters of President
 - Republicans
 - Case
 - Jacob K. Javits
 - Democrats
 - Number
 - Support for President
 - Public support
 - Timing of action
 - Depth
 - POW wives
 - "Hawks"
 - POW wives
 - Strength of support
 - Media coverage
 - Petition to impeach
 - Bella S. Abzug and William Ryan
 - Effect
 - Vote in Senate
 - Soviet view
 - Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
 - Kissinger's view
 - Poll
 - Advance information
 - Support
 - Opposition
 - Soviet decision
 - Primary consideration
 - Hanoi decision
 - Soviet goals
 - Kissinger's schedule
 - Washington Special Action Group [WSAG]
 - Briefing
 - Responses

Conv. No. 722-14 (cont.)

- Laird's briefing
- William P. Rogers's briefing
- Adm. Thomas H. Moorer's briefing
 - Mines
- Situation assessed
- Soviet response
 - Summit
 - Possible cancellation
 - Problems
- North Vietnam offensive
 - Hue
 - Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.
 - Air strikes
 - B-52s
 - Effect
 - Hue to Demilitarized zone [DMZ]
 - Intensity
- Possible Soviet summit cancellation
 - Handling
- Blockade
 - People's Republic of China [PRC] statement
 - President's previous speech
 - Soviet Union

Conv. No. 722-14 (cont.)

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

- Senate votes
 - Michael J. Mansfield
 - Meetings with President
 - Opposition to President
 - President's attitude
- House vote
 - Timing with election
- Blockade
 - Success
- Soviet Moves
 - US reaction
 - Possible air strike
 - Abrams
- Soviet options
 - Kissinger's view
- Summit cancellation
 - Significance
 - Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
 - Statement of Principles
- US relations with Soviet Union and PRC
 - Effect of Vietnam War
- Soviet Summit
 - Postponement
- PRC
 - Statement

- Kissinger's planned trip, June 21, 1972
- Statement
 - Article
 - North Vietnam dependence on PRC
 - Kissinger's responses
 - President's responses
 - Reasons Conv. No. 722-14 (cont.)
 - PRC efforts to cancel the Soviet Summit
- Public responses
 - Senate
 - Published commentaries
 - Kissinger's and President's attitudes

Kissinger left at 6:13 pm.