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Conversation No. 840-19 (cont'd)

Conversation No. 840-1

Date: February 3, 1973
Time: 9:06 am - 9:10 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule

- Meeting with Price Commission and Pay Board
 - Length of meeting
- Meeting with Clay T. ("Tom") Whitehead
 - Charles W. Colson
 - Speeches
- Meeting with Albert E. Sindlinger
 - Polls
 - Public schedule

Podium

- Roosevelt Room

Republican Congressional leadership meeting

- Roy L. Ash
 - Financial waste
 - Lincoln Day speeches

J. Willard ("Bill") Marriott, Jr.

- 1969 Inauguration

Colson

- Reading paper on Vietnam
 - Material for Republican leadership
 - Editorial opinion
 - Lincoln Day speeches

Event for campaign contributors

- Marriot
- Inaugural medals

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- Spiro T. Agnew
- Raymond K. Price, Jr.
- Top donors
- White House staff
- Anniversary

The President's schedule

- Camp David
- Helicopter
- Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon

Bull left at 9:10 am.

Conversation No. 840-2

Date: February 3, 1973
Time: Unknown between 9:10 am and 9:55 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Henry A. Kissinger's schedule
-Trip to New York

Ronald L. Ziegler

Bull left at an unknown time before 9:55 am.

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Conversation No. 840-19 (cont'd)

Time: Unknown between 9:10 am and 10:29 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Ronald L. Ziegler's location

Henry A. Kissinger's schedule

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:29 am.

Ziegler entered at 9:55 am.

United Press International [UPI] story

- Inaccuracies in story
- Tricia Nixon Cox
 - White House car
- Corrections
- Type of car
 - Plymouth, Chrysler
- Impression of story
 - Limousine

Kissinger's trip to Hanoi

- Press relations
 - Press participation in trip
- Resolution by National Press Club

Bull entered at an unknown time after 9:55 am.

Moving

- Unknown person

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:29 am.

Kissinger's trip to Hanoi

- Press contact with Democratic Republic of Vietnam [DRV]
- Press to accompany Kissinger

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- Negotiations
- Press in Hanoi
 - Reasons for going
 - Protests

Prisoner exchange

- Press relations
- Exploitation of Prisoners of War [POWs]
- Condition of POWs
 - George E. Allen
 - Woody Hayes
 - Press relations
 - Protection from individual
- Press attacks on the President
- Lester Markel
 - Article in *New York Times*
 - Faults of press
 - Self-evaluation
- Press to go to Hanoi
 - Resolution by National Press Club
 - Emotions

The President's press conference

- Commentaries by Dan Rather
 - The President's anger
 - 1962 campaign
 - Ziegler's views
- Press reaction
 - Courtney R. Sheldon
 - Rather as representative of the press
 - Jules J. Witcover
 - Vermont Royster
 - Mixed opinions
 - Rather's comments
 - Television [TV] coverage
 - Charles W. Colson
 - Rather's style

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- White House letter
- Columbia Broadcast System [CBS]
- Rather

Ziegler's relations with press

- Attention to Rather
- Factual errors
- Opinion
- Marvin Kalb
- James McManus
 - Westinghouse Corporation
 - Question to Ziegler
 - Ziegler's response

- Press bias
- TV reaction to the President's conference
- Clips

Kalb

- Robert Pierpoint
- Call to Ziegler
 - Questions to Kissinger in TV interview
 - Kissinger's answers
 - Dull questions
- Attacks on Kissinger
- Ziegler's view of interview

Ziegler's announcement on Beijing

- Barbara Walters
- Telephone call

Ziegler attempted to reach the White House operator but was unsuccessful.

White House operator

The President's press conference

- Rather

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- Impact on journalists
- Conflict
- Witcover's article
- TV coverage
 - Prime time
- Format
- Future press conferences
 - Executive Office Building [EOB] briefing room
 - Number
 - Setting
 - TV setting
 - East Room
 - Impression
 - Number of journalists
 - East Room

POWs

- Press relations
 - Privacy
 - Exploitation
 - Meeting with journalists

Barbara Walters talked with Ziegler at an unknown time between 9:55 am and 10:29 am.

[Conversation No. 840-3A]

[See Conversation No. 43-16]

The President talked with Walters at an unknown time before 10:29 am.

The President conferred with Ziegler at an unknown time before 10:29 am.

Instructions to Ziegler

- Exclusive for Walters upon Kissinger's return

Kissinger's schedule

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[End of telephone conversation]

Kissinger's return to US

- Press coverage

Press relations

- 1973 Inauguration

- January 23, 1973 announcement

- Lyndon B. Johnson's funeral

- Radio speech

 - Budget

- Accessibility

- Mood

Trip to California

- Cancellation

- Florida

Press conference at Western White House

- Arrangements

 - Live TV

 - Tent

 - Background

 - Local press

 - Setting

 - Facilities

 - Tent

 - Compared to hotel or high school gym

 - Acoustics

 - Tent

 - Ziegler's experience

UPI story

- Limousine

- Impression

 - Aristocracy

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Kissinger's schedule
-Meeting with the President
-POWs

Ziegler left at an unknown time before 10:29 am.

Conversation No. 840-4

Date: February 3, 1973
Time: Unknown between 9:55 am and 10:29 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Henry A. Kissinger's location
-Elliot L. Richardson
-Return to White House
-Meeting with the President
-Timing

Ronald L. Ziegler entered at an unknown time after 9:55 am.

People's Republic of China [PRC] announcement

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:29 am.

Ziegler meeting with Kissinger
-PRC announcement

Ziegler left at 10:29 am.

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Conversation No. 840-5

Date: February 3, 1973
Time: 10:29 am - 10:59 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

The President's correspondence

- Letters
- Forms
- Telephone calls
- News summary
- Roy L. Ash
- Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger

The President's comment

- Woods's role
 - Personal call to senders
 - Ash
 - News summary
 - The President's comments
 - Cabinet members
- John D. Ehrlichman's call to senders
- Morale

Bombing of North Vietnam

- Reactions

The President's press conference

- Reactions
- White House cars' drivers
 - Vietnam Veterans
- Amnesty for draft evaders
 - Jail
- Nixon supporter
 - Grandmother

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-Patriotism

Press relations

- Patriotism
- Goldthwaite Dorr
 - Anger at press and Congress
 - Health
 - The President's 1973 inauguration
 - Henry A. Kissinger briefing of treaty
 - [Dwight] David Eisenhower, II
- Vietnam settlement
 - Helen Frick
 - Support for the President
 - United Nations [UN] response to the President's peace efforts
 - Chicago Tribune*
 - December 1972 bombing
 - Explanations
 - Jack Drown's call to Woods
 - Press conference
 - News coverage
- The President's actions
 - Congressional critics
- J. William Fulbright
 - William E. Timmons
 - Invitations to state dinners
 - Edward R. G. Heath
 - Hussein ibn Talal [Hussein, King of Jordan]
- Michael J. ("Mike") Mansfield
 - Invitation to state dinner
 - Golda Meir
 - Samuel L. Devine
 - Support

Access to the President

- Cabinet
- William P. Rogers

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- State Department
- Elliot L. Richardson
- Defense Department
- Frederic V. Malek
- Maurice H. Stans
- Contributors
 - Compared to political operatives
- Clark MacGregor
- George H. W. Bush
 - Heath
 - Meeting with [Hussein, King of Jordan] Hussein ibn Talal
 - Queen Alia
- List of contributors
- H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- Stephen B. Bull
- Blacks
 - Supporters of the President
 - Symbolism
- Campaign contributors
 - Lists
 - Blacks
 - Symbolism
 - Number
 - Mayors
 - Robert S. Brown [?]
 - Hussein dinner
 - Walter E. Washington
 - Leonard Garment
 - Jews
 - Gold Meir dinner [?]
 - Max M. Fisher's list
 - United Jewish Appeal
 - Jewish supporters of the President
 - Hubert H. Humphrey's worker
 - New York rabbi

December 1972 bombing

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- Difficulties
 - Cabinet
 - Cambodia bombing
 - 1972 Moscow summit

[*Previous PRMPA Personal Returnable (G) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift during chronological review 2007-2013*]

Reactions

- Tricia Nixon Cox
- Julie Nixon Eisenhower
- Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon

- Press coverage
 - Editors
 - Chicago Tribune*
 - Los Angeles Times*

Press relations

- Opposition to the President
- Raymond K. Price, Jr.
- Consensus
- Soviet Union
- People's Republic of China [PRC]
- Attacks on President
- Robert B. Semple, Jr.
- New York Times* editorial
- Vermont Royster
 - Column
 - Vietnam peace
 - Praise for Kissinger

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-Jewish influence

Jews

- Garment
- Kissinger, Arthur F. Burns, William L. Safire
 - Sense of inferiority
- Garment
 - The President's view
- Kissinger

Vietnam

- Bombing
- Kissinger
- Negotiations
 - Wires to the President
 - Camp David
 - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
 - The President's view
 - Bombing recommendations
 - Television [TV] appearance by the President
 - Impression
 - “Peace is at hand”
 - Announcement
 - North Vietnam
 - Congress
 - Kissinger
 - Press coverage

- Jews
- Self-preservation

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- The President's schedule
 - Camp David
 - Wood's schedule
 - Haircut
 - Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
 - Julie Nixon Eisenhower
 - Chicago
 - Woods's schedule
 - Christmas cards
 - Weather

Heath

- Camp David
- Public statement
 - The President's courage

Great Britain

- World War II contribution
- Empire
 - India
 - Pakistan
 - Benefits
 - Africa
 - Sir Alexander D. ("Alec") Douglas-Home
 - Heath
 - Rogers
 - Development
 - United Nations [UN]
 - The President's view
- Commonwealth
 - Heads of states
 - Cadillacs
 - Bahamas
 - Robert H. Abplanalp, Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo

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- Investment
- Blacks
- Independence
- Confiscation

Pamela Powell

- Dick Powell
- Trip to Washington
 - June Allyson
- Job in ACTION
- California

June Allyson

- Heath
- The President's reception

Daniel B. Brewster

- Anne Bullitt Brewster
 - William C. Bullitt
- Divorce
- Senate
- Bribes

Woods's call to Coy Stennis

- John C. Stennis
 - Chance of infection
- The President's visit
- Gift
 - Support for the President

John A. Volpe's telephone call

- The President's response
 - Note
- Telephone calls

John Stennis shooting

- The President's call to Coy Stennis

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- The President's press conference
- Prayer breakfast
- Stennis family
- Mississippi
- Blacks
- Robbery
- George C. Wallace shooting

Weather

Woods left at 10:59 am.

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Date: February 3, 1973
Time: Unknown between 10:59 am and 11:05 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Request for Ronald L. Ziegler, Henry A. Kissinger or Charles W. Colson

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:05 am.

Conversation No. 840-7

Date: February 3, 1973
Time: Unknown between 10:59 am and 11:05 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

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Ronald L. Ziegler's press briefing

The President's meeting with Charles W. Colson

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:05 am.

Conversation No. 840-8

Date: February 3, 1973

Time: Unknown between 10:59 am and 11:05 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

Refreshments

-Coffee

-Charles W. Colson

-Consumé

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 10:59 am.

The President's meeting with Henry A. Kissinger

-Timing

Sanchez and Bull left at an unknown time before 11:05 am.

Conversation No. 840-9

Date: February 3, 1973

Time: 11:05 am - 12:08 pm

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Location: Oval Office

The President met with Charles W. Colson.

The President's meeting with Clay T. ("Tom") Whitehead

- Arrangement
 - Stephen B. Bull
 - Albert E. Sindlinger
- Colson's presence
 - W. Richard Howard
 - Colson's departure

Colson's new role

- Outside capabilities
 - George H. W. Bush
 - Howard
 - Phil Brady
- Whitehead
 - Talking paper
 - Federal Communications Commission [FCC] attitude
 - Herbert G. Klein
 - Peter M. Flanigan
 - Press coverage
 - Reaction to Whitehead speech

Press relations

- Coverage of administration
- Licensing of television [TV]
 - Compared to newspapers
 - Whitehead bill
 - The President's TV station ownership policy
 - Local ownership and control
 - Washington Post*
 - Time*
 - Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
- Compared to newspapers
 - Hearst chain

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- Colson's television appearance
 - Networks as public utility
 - Compared to bus company
 - Impact
 - Pride
- Public resentment at networks
 - Sindlinger
 - Interpretation
 - Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
 - Media power
 - [Arnold] Eric Sevareid
- Dan Rather's comments
 - The President's anger
 - 1962 election
 - Ronald L. Ziegler
 - Press hostility
 - Reporters' telephone calls to Colson
 - Kenneth W. Clawson
 - J. Strom Thurmond
 - Press coverage of Vietnam
 - Clawson
- Attacks on press
 - Public support for administration

Vietnam settlement

- Material for Lincoln Day speech
 - Bull
- Briefing for Republican Congressional Leaders
 - Concise speech material
 - Vermont Royster Column
- Paul Greenberg column
 - Philadelphia newspaper
 - Knight chain
- Press conference
 - Zielger's view
 - Press reaction
 - May Day arrests

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- East Room press conference
- Press relations
- 1972 election

M. Stanton Evans

- Far right wing criticism of the President
 - John G. Schmitz
- John Loeb
- Smith Hempstone, Jr.
 - Militarist

Vietnam settlement

- Briefing for Republican Congressional Leaders
 - Patrick J. Buchanan
 - Cabinet
 - Congressmen
 - Surrogates
 - John N. Mitchell
- Points against opposition
 - Bay of Pigs
 - John F. Kennedy

Watergate

- Strategy
- John J. Sirica
 - Judicial philosophy
 - Colson's acquaintance with Sirica
- Admiration for the President and Dwight D. Eisenhower
- Political philosophy
- US Attorney [Earl J. Silbert]
 - Democrat
- Sirica
 - Samuel J. Ervin, Jr. committee
 - Ervin's philosophy
 - Respect for Constitution
 - Ervin's strategy

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- Separation of powers
- Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson
 - Avoidance of Watergate
 - 1972 campaign
- Counterattack to charges on the President
 - Democrats
 - Daniel B. Brewster scandal
 - Robert D. ("Bobby") Baker
 - Extent of scandal
 - Senators
 - Spiegel, Inc.
 - Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]
 - Democratic Senators
 - Administration's efforts
 - John W. Dean, III
 - Richard G. Kleindienst
 - Brewster
 - Charges against Senators
 - Investigation by FBI
 - Speigel, Inc.
 - Habits
 - Bribes
 - R. Vance Hartke, Russell B. Long, Joseph M. Montoya
 - FBI
- Car incident
 - Rushing the car
 - Charges
 - Felony
 - Dean
 - United States Secret Service [USSS] cooperation
 - Bail
- Watergate
 - George S. McGovern actions during 1972 campaign
 - Press attention
 - Ervin investigation

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- Gary W. Hart
- Dirty tricks
- Brewster case
 - Ervin investigation
 - Ervin's colleagues
 - Administration's counterattacks
 - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
 - John D. Ehrlichman
 - Dean
- Investigation of Democrat dirty tricks
 - Hugh Scott
 - Everett M. Dirksen
 - Jackson [?]
 - Counterattacks
 - Baker
 - Rose Mary Woods, Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo
 - Baker's reputation
- FBI
 - Speigel, Inc.
 - Brewster
- Internal Revenue Service [IRS]
- Hugh W. Sloan, Jr.
 - Testimony
- John N. Mitchell
 - Possible involvement discussed
 - Haldeman
 - Ehrlichman
- Reason for Watergate break-in
- Nation's attitude
 - Albert E. Sindlinger's poll
 - Democrats' issue
 - Investigation by IRS
 - L. Lawrence Shultz as IRS General Counsel
 - Relations with unions
 - Peter J. Brennan
 - George Meany
 - Control of IRS

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- George P. Shultz
- Donald A. Webster
- Loyalty
- Brewster case
 - Investigation of Senators
 - Dean
 - Quality of work
- Watergate trial
 - Sentencing
 - Time
 - Mistrial appeal
 - Gerald Arch
 - G. Gordon Liddy
 - James McCord, Jr.
 - Pleas
 - Defendants
- Separation of powers
 - White House aides
 - Testimony
 - Haldeman, Ehrlichman, Dean, Colson
 - Mitchell, Maurice H. Stans
 - Testimony
 - Herbert W. Kalmbach, Dwight L. Chapin
 - Testimony
 - Haldeman
 - Chapin testimony
 - Colson
- Ervin Committee
 - Investigation
 - Defendants
 - Testimony
- Grand jury
 - Reconvening
 - Sloan
 - Seven defendants
 - Mitchell testimony
 - Earl J. Silbert

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- Washington Post* story
- Haldeman
- Haldeman testimony
- Requirement to testify

Henry A. Kissinger's interview with Marvin L. Kalb

- Column in newspaper
- Speaking style
- John A. Scali
- Appearance on "Issues and Answers"
- "Today" show
- Abilities

John B. Connally

- Television [TV] appearance
- Defense of the President

Henry Cabot Lodge

- New York Times*
- Defense of the President

Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

- Defense of the President

Joseph C. Kraft's telephone call to Colson

- Demands to meet with Colson
- *New York Times*

Marjorie Acker entered at an unknown time after 11:05 am.

Rose Mary Woods's meeting with Pat Buchanan

The President's telephone call to Woods

- Invitation to Israeli dinner
- Cabot Lodge and David K. E. Bruce
- Jordan dinner
- Bruce's invitation

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- Trip to Jamaica
- Lodge's invitation

Acker's dress

Acker left at an unknown time before 12:08 pm.

- Kraft's telephone call to Colson
 - Meeting with Colson
 - Colson's attacks on Kraft's integrity
 - Kraft's talk with Kissinger
 - Kraft's article on bombing
 - Kissinger's position on bombing

Kissinger

- Colson's meeting with Kraft
- Kissinger's telephone call
- Haig [?]
- Colson's meeting with Kraft
 - Informing Kissinger
 - Kraft's source
- James B. ("Scotty") Reston's article
 - Kraft's statement
- Conversations with Reston and Kraft
- Reasons for talking with Reston and Kraft
 - TV appearance with Kalb
 - Kissinger's credit for foreign policy
 - Bombing decision
 - The President's responsibility
 - Nicholas P. Thimmesch
 - Kraft
- Colson's meeting with Kissinger
 - Kissinger's departure to New York
- Vietnam negotiations
- October 26, 1972 "Peace is at hand" statement
- Bombing
 - Kissinger's role

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Colson's meeting with Kraft

- Informing Kissinger
- Cooperation with the President's administration
 - New York Times*
 - Kraft's future articles on Kissinger

Vietnam statement

- Nobel Peace Prize for Kissinger
 - New York Times*
 - Harry Reasoner
- Kissinger's position
 - Bombing
 - The President's reaction
- Thimmesch
 - Interview and article
- The President's support for Kissinger
- Kissinger's October 26, 1972 "Peace is at hand" statement
 - Effect of statement on negotiations

Kissinger

- Intelligence
- Work
- Jew

Jews in administration

- Arthur F. Burns
- William L. Safire
- Herbert Stein
- Leonard Garment
- Kenneth W. Clawson
- Insecurity
- Theory of genocide

Kissinger

- Colson's international trip
- Talk with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin

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- Commerce Department
- Ego
- Country's attitude
 - Credit for the President
 - Dwight D. Eisenhower, John Foster Dulles

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 11:05 am.

- The President's schedule
 - Meeting with Kissinger

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:08 pm.

- Mail on peace settlement
 - Credit for the President alone
 - Mention of Kissinger
 - Lyndon K. ("Mort"), Buchanan
 - Feelings toward Kissinger
 - News summary

- William P. Rogers
 - Meeting with the President
 - Melvin R. Laird
 - Nobel Prize
 - Paul Malik
 - Swedish Nobel Prize jurors
 - Support for the President
 - Kissinger's candidacy
 - New York Times*
 - Reasoner
 - Allin

- Kissinger
 - Kraft meeting with Colson
 - Colson's article
 - Conversation with Kissinger
 - Kissinger's role in bombing

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Reactions to Vietnam settlement

- Boston Globe*
- Credit to the President alone
- Tenor of reactions
- Wall Street Journal*
 - Praise for the President
- Chicago Tribune*
 - Kissinger

Press relations

- Attacks on press
 - The President's press conference
 - Edward R. G. Heath's departure [?]
- Rather
 - Quality of reporting
 - Letters to Rather
- The President's press conference
 - Jules J. Witcover
 - Coverage on TV news

- National Broadcasting Corporation [NBC]
- Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]

-Public

attitudes

- Sindlinger

Reactions to Vietnam settlement

- Credit
 - Beijing
 - Chou En-lai
 - Kissinger
- Press relations
- US public attitude
 - Support for the President
 - Sindlinger
 - Retail sales
 - Stock market

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-Phase III
-Burns

Economy

-Danger of bust
 -1974 elections
-Unemployment
-George Shultz
 -Unemployment figures
 -Credibility
 -Geoffrey H. Moore [?]
-Peter G. Peterson
 -US Steel

Editorial

-Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
 -Camp David

Abortion decision [*Roe v. Wade*]

-Reactions
-Supreme Court
 -George H. Gallup
 -Poll

Federal spending

-Congress
 -Social programs
-Country's reactions
 -Revolt

Abortion

-Antiabortion sentiment
 -Gallup
 -Poll
-William F. Buckley, Jr. column
 -Catholic
-Conservative columnists

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Capital punishment
-Public attitudes

Colson left at 12:08 pm.

Conversation No. 840-10

Date: February 3, 1973
Time: 12:09 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 43-17]

Request for Charles W. Colson

Conversation No. 840-11

Date: February 3, 1973
Time: Unknown after 12:09 pm and before 12:12 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's meeting
-Ronald L. Ziegler
-Henry A. Kissinger

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:12 pm.

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Conversation No. 840-12

Date: February 3, 1973
Time: 12:12 pm - 1:20 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Henry A. Kissinger's trip to People's Republic of China [PRC]

- Announcement
- Surprise
- Reporters' questions
 - Ziegler's answers
 - June 1972 trip
 - Shanghai Communique
 - Vietnam
 - Hanoi trip

The President's telephone call to Rose Mary Woods

Woods's call to Coy Stennis

- Coy Stennis's health
- John C. Stennis shooting
 - Prayer breakfast
 - Press conference
- Stennis's condition
 - Assailants
 - Drugs
- The President's telephone call to Coy Stennis
 - Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon

News summaries

- Telephone calls
- Roy L. Ash
- Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger

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Woods left at 12:14 pm.

The President's meeting with Kissinger

Kissinger's press conference
-"Today" show

Ziegler's talk with Barbara Walters
-Columns

The President talked with Charles Colson between 12:15 and 12:16 pm.

[Conversation No. 840-12A]

[See Conversation No. 43-18]

[End of telephone conversation]

Kissinger entered at 12:16 pm.

Reports on Stennis's health
-Operation
-Age
-Gen. Walter R. Tkach

Kissinger's trip to Hanoi
-Reasons for exclusion
-Distraction from purpose
-North Vietnam decision
-Private meeting with North Vietnamese
-Herbert G. Klein
-Rules on press coverage
-Interviews
-Photographs
-Release restrictions
-Joint agreement

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- Control of American reporters
- Klein
 - Role on trip
 - People's Republic of China [PRC]
 - North Vietnam
 - Denial of press coverage
 - Announcement release procedure
 - Cables
 - Dealing with North Vietnamese
 - Le Duc Tho
 - Murrey Marger
 - Foreign Information Bureau official
 - Mayor of Haiphong
- Press coverage
 - Reuters
 - French Agency
 - Winston Lord
 - Compared to China trip
 - Klein

Announcement

- Origins of statements
- Joint statement

Prisoners of War [POWs]

- Press coverage
 - Privacy
 - Later reviews
 - Exploitation
- Defense Department [DOD] policies
 - Elliot L. Richardson
- Wives
- Releases
 - Vice President Spiro T. Agnew at Clark Air Force Base
 - Philippines
 - Ferdinand E. Marcos
- Exploitation

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-Kissinger's role

Missing in Action [MIAs] and POWs in Laos

- Note to North Vietnamese
- North Vietnamese reply
 - Difficulties in locating
 - Radio signals
- Administration position
- Families
- North Vietnamese position
 - Motives
- Pathet Lao

Laos

- Settlement
- Agreement
- Cambodia cease-fire
- Timing

Bombing

- Cambodia
- Laos
- Reports
- Questions from press
- J. William Fulbright
- Michael J. ("Mike") Mansfield's position
- Laos cease-fire

Cambodia settlement

- Negotiations
- Lon Nol
- Le Duc Tho
 - Unilateral statement
 - Cease-fire
 - Agreement with US
- Chinese influence
- Norodom Sihanouk

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Conversation No. 840-19 (cont'd)

- Statement
- Laos

Vietnam settlement

- Quang Tri
 - Cease-fire violations
 - South Vietnamese [?] marines
 - Losses
 - Tanks
 - Artillery shelling
- International monitoring groups
- Critics of the President
- Duration
 - Nguyen Van Thieu
- Kissinger's trip to Hanoi
 - Importance
- Press relations
 - Ziegler
 - Camp David

Ziegler left at 12:30 pm.

Manolo Sanchez entered at 12:30 pm.

Refreshments

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 1:20 pm.

Press in Hanoi

- Ziegler
- Compared to Peking trip
- Control
- Restrictions
 - Marder
 - Le Duc Tho
- Washington Post*
 - The President's hostility

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Conversation No. 840-19 (cont'd)

- Marder
- Tour of North Vietnam
 - Mayor of Haiphong
 - Information Bureau, Foreign Ministry
 - Politburo
- French press
- Tass
- Reuters
- Klein
 - Role on trip
 - Presence at meetings
 - Presence at banquets

Edward R. G. Heath visit

- Relationship with the President
- Northern Ireland
- Rhodesia
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO]
 - British role

Great Britain

- Global standing
- Strategic thinking
 - State Department
 - Sir Robert Thompson
 - Alastair Buchan [?]
- American-British cooperation

France

- Civil service
 - Quality
 - Economics
- Foreign policy
- Journalists
- Eurocentricity
- Elections

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Germany

- Defense minister
- Helmut H. W. Schmidt
- Finance minister
 - Shift in cabinet
 - Parliamentary procedures
- Willy Brandt
 - Heath
 - Intelligence
- Global thinkers

The President's conversation with Heath

- Car
- Post-war Europe
- European leaders
 - Georges J. R. Pompidou
 - World view

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[National Security]

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The President's conversation with Edward R. G. Heath

- European leaders
 - Georges J. R. Pompidou
 - Willy Brandt
 - Intelligence
- Edward R. G. Heath's view

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The President's conversation with Heath

- Italians
- Bruno Krisky
 - Austria
 - Qualities
- World War I statesmen
 - Jan Smuts
- World War II statesmen
- Dutch statesmen
 - World Court
- Danish statesmen
- European leaders
 - Provincial outlook
- The President's meeting with George P. Shultz
- Heath's world view
 - 1970 meeting with the President
- Global strategy
 - European leaders
- Burke Trend
 - Retirement

Europe

- Great Britain
 - European Economic Community [EEC]
- NATO
 - British role
 - Heath, Trend

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Europe

- North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO]
 - British role
 - Edward R. G. Heath and Burke Trend's question
 - US strategy
 - Conventional forces
 - European way of thinking
 - Weapons

National Security Council [NSC] meetings

- Joint Chiefs of Staff [JCS]
- Melvin R. Laird
- Richardson
 - Relations with JCS

Kissinger's schedule

- Trip to PRC
- Vacation
- Ziegler
 - Barbara Walters
 - Ziegler
 - Taping show
- Marvin L. Kalb
 - Response to program with Kissinger
- Walters' interview with Kissinger
 - Congressional reaction
 - Kissinger's meeting with Egyptians
 - Maximum audience
- Meeting with Ziegler
- Congressional leaders
- Trip to PRC
 - Senators
 - Economic commitment
 - Vacation

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Conversation No. 840-19 (cont'd)

- Meeting with Egyptians
- The President's meeting with Agnew
- Kissinger's visit to San Clemente

Middle East

- Importance
- Meeting with Egyptians
- Israelis
 - Compared to South Vietnamese
 - Thieu
 - Elections effect on negotiations
- Settlement
 - Timing
 - Permanent
- Kissinger's meeting with Egyptians
 - Kissinger's counterpart [Hafiz Ismail ?]
 - Egyptian Foreign Ministry
 - Possible meeting place
 - Moscow
 - London
 - Compared to Le Duc Tho meeting
 - Cairo
- Oil
 - Arabs
 - Settlement
 - Egypt
 - Separation of issues
 - Sovereignty
 - Possession of territories

Kissinger's meeting with Soviets

- Middle East position
- Nuclear treaty
 - British goals
 - Poseidon sale
 - Soviet Union's reaction

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Great Britain

- Heath
- Military power
 - Fleet
- Poseidon
- Skybolt
 - Reasons for cancellation
 - Robert S. McNamara
 - John F. Kennedy
 - Meeting with Harold MacMillan
 - Polaris Sale
- Royal Air Force
 - Skybolt
- Suez Canal
 - 1956 invasion
 - American policy
- World War II
 - Adolf Hitler
 - Sacrifices

World War II

- Hugh R. Trevor-Roper
 - Allies surrender policy
- Unconditional surrender policy
 - Error of policy
- Germany as barrier to Soviet Union
 - Threat of Soviet Union
 - US military superiority
 - Franklin D. Roosevelt
 - Illness
 - Concessions

Soviet-US relations

- Arms parity
- European will
- American will
- Soviet Union

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- Problems
- Motives
- Bureaucracy

Strategic Arms Limitations Talks [SALT]

- Richardson
- Paul H. Nitze
- Military Representative
 - Gordon L. Allott
- Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson
 - Gen. Edward Rowny
 - Kissinger's telephone call
- Nitze
 - Antiballistic missile [ABM] position
- U. Alexis Johnson [?]
 - Compared to Gerard C. Smith
- Arms Control Disarmament Agency [ACDA]
 - Appointment of director
 - Budget
 - Nitze
 - Philip J. Farley
 - Jackson
 - Johnson as negotiator
 - Farley

ACDA

- Budget
 - Compared to White House staff
- Personnel
 - Hiring policy
 - Spurgeon M. Keeny, Jr.
- Farley
- Director traits
 - Farley
 - Keeny
 - Need for new people
- General Advisory Committee

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Conversation No. 840-19 (cont'd)

- John J. McCloy
- NATO
- Vietnam

Vietnam settlement

- Kissinger's TV appearance
 - Explanation of foreign policy
 - The President's meeting with Republican Congressional Leaders
 - Heath dinner
- McCloy
 - Press coverage
- Failure to explain to American public
 - Effect on North Vietnamese

ACDA

- General advisory committee
 - Replacement for McCloy
 - Harold M. Agnew
 - Los Alamos Laboratory
- Support for the President
 - Staffing
 - William W. Scranton
 - William C. Foster
 - J. P. Ruina
 - Massachusetts Institute of Technology [MIT]
 - Reaction to SALT
 - Test ban
 - Gen. Lauris Norstad
 - Alvin Weinberg
 - Claudia A. ("Lady Bird") Johnson
 - Interest

Appointments

- Clare Booth Luce
 - The President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board [PFIAB]
 - Dr. Edward Teller
- Claudia Johnson

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Conversation No. 840-19 (cont'd)

- United Nations [UN] office
- Shirley Temple Black
- John A. Scali

UN

- Dinner with Heath
- Racial problems
- Africans
- Suez Canal
- Treatment of the President
 - Scali
 - George H. W. Bush
 - Secretary of State
 - Secretariat
 - U Thant
 - Pakistan ambassador
 - Haile Selassie
 - The President of the UN
 - Twenty-fifth anniversary
 - Scali meeting with Kissinger
 - Briefing
 - Kurt Waldheim
- American public's attitude toward UN
- Hijacking
- Right of liberation
- Vietnam
- Eviction of Republic of China, Taiwan

Kissinger's trip to New York

- Timing
- Theater
- Hockey game

Kissinger left at 1:20 pm.

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Conversation No. 840-19 (cont'd)

Conversation No. 840-13

Date: February 3, 1973
Time: 1:20 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule
-Charles W. Colson
-Helicopter
-Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
-Trip to Camp David

Telephone call from Michael J. ("Mike") Mansfield
- The President's meeting with Henry A. Kissinger
-William E. Timmons

Bull left at 1:20 pm.

Conversation No. 840-14

Date: February 3, 1973
Time: Between 1:20 pm and 1:21 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 43-19]

Conversation No. 840-15

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Conversation No. 840-19 (cont'd)

Date: February 3, 1973
Time: 1:20 pm - 1:21 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Meeting with Charles W. Colson
-William E. Timmons's location

Bull left at 1:21 pm.

Conversation No. 840-16

Date: February 3, 1973
Time: Between 1:21 pm and 1:23 pm
Location: Oval Office

Michael J. ("Mike") Mansfield talked with the President.

[See Conversation No. 43-20]

Conversation No. 840-17

Date: February 3, 1973
Time: Unknown between 1:23 pm and 1:32 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with an unknown person.

[Conversation No. 840-17A]

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Conversation No. 840-19 (cont'd)

William E. Timmons's location

Telephone call to Michael J. ("Mike") Mansfield

Manolo Sanchez [?] entered at an unknown time after 1:23 pm.

Refreshments

Manolo Sanchez [?] left at an unknown time before 1:32 pm.

Telephone call to Mansfield

- Henry A. Kissinger's trip to the People's Republic of China [PRC]
- Mansfield's trip to PRC
 - Chou En-Lai
- Unknown foreign policy group
 - Nominees appointed by the President
 - Timmons
 - Kissinger
- George H. W. Bush
- H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- List of suggestion for board
 - Supporters
 - Woman

Charles W. Colson's meeting with President

Bull left at an unknown time before 1:32 pm.

Conversation No. 840-18

Date: February 3, 1973

Time: Unknown between 1:23 pm and 1:32 pm

Location: Oval Office

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Conversation No. 840-19 (cont'd)

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 43-21]

Conversation No. 840-19

Date: February 3, 1973
Time: 1:32 pm - 1:57 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Charles W. Colson.

Editorial comments on Vietnam settlement
-Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon

Henry A. Kissinger
-Meeting with the President
-Colson's encounter with Kissinger
-Meeting with Joseph C. Kraft
-Kissinger's response
-James B. ("Scotty") Reston

The President talked with Claudia A. ("Lady Bird") Johnson between 1:33 pm and 1:38 pm.

[Conversation No. 840-19A]

[See Conversation No. 43-22]

[End of telephone conversation]

Colson's conversation with Henry A. Kissinger
-Kraft's call to Kissinger
-Telephone records

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Conversation No. 840-19 (cont'd)

- Colson's conversation with Kraft
- Kraft's possible reaction
 - Reston
- Colson's conversation with Kraft
 - Kissinger as source of story

Helmut ("Hal") Sonnenfeldt

- Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
- Conversation with Colson
 - View of Kissinger
- The President's view
 - Hawkish views
- Conversation with Colson
 - Colson's op-ed
 - Effect on Kraft and Reston
- View of Kissinger
 - Behavior
 - Loyalty
- Transfer
 - Note to H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- Intelligence
- Haig

John A. Scali

- Nicholas P. Timmesch
- Kissinger
- Appointment to United Nations [UN]

Cabinet

- Democrats
 - Peter J. Brennan
 - Scali
- Italian-American
- Woman
- Southerner
- Support for the President
- Frederick B. Dent

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Conversation No. 840-19 (cont'd)

- Claude S. Brinegar
- James T. Lynn
- Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger
 - Confirmation hearings
 - Department of Health, Education, and Welfare [HEW]
 - Reorganization
 - Strengths
 - Robert H. Finch
 - Loyalty
- Roy L. Ash
 - Edmund S. Muskie's questions

Congressional relations

- 1972 election
- Vietnam settlement
 - The President's success

Kissinger

- Press relations
 - Marvin L. Kalb
 - Handling of bombing question
 - Haig
 - Bill Maritta [?]
- Value
 - Middle East negotiations
- The President's control

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 1:38 pm.

Committee for the study of Foreign Policy

- Haldeman
- George H. W. Bush
- Colson

Bull left at an unknown time before 1:57 pm.

Nominees to the Committee for the study of Foreign Policy

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- David M. Abshire
- Nelson A. Rockefeller
 - Strengths
- Robert D. Murphy
 - Age
- Leo Cherne
 - Strengths
- Adrian Lee
- Journalists
- Kissinger
 - John C. McCloy

Foreign policy

- Changes by the President
- Colson's "Charles Evan Hughes" lecture at Brown University
 - Kissinger
 - Possible content
 - The President's accomplishments
 - People's Republic of China [PRC]
 - Vietnam settlement
 - Soviet Union
 - Arms control
 - Middle East truce

Vietnam settlement

- Impact on foreign policy
- Future wars

Kissinger

- Relations with Colson
- Telephone calls to Los Angeles
- Scali
- Sonnenfeldt
- Loyalty to the President
 - Reston
- Place in history
 - Pandering to the left

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- Interview with Kalb
 - Ronald L. Ziegler
 - Howard K. Smith
 - Ratings
 - New York and Los Angeles
 - Compared to other shows
 - "Ironsides"
 - American Broadcasting Company [ABC]
 - "Kung Fu"
 - Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
 - Haldeman
 - Los Angeles rating
 - "Kung Fu"
 - Public reaction
 - Washington Post*
 - Haig
 - Conversation with Colson
- Ego

The President and Colson left at 1:57 pm.