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Tape Subject Log (rev. 10/08)

Conversation No. 539-1

Date: July 19, 1971

Time: 10:00 am - 10:11 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with John C. Stennis, F. Edward Hébert, William P. Rogers, William E. Timmons, Clark MacGregor, Kenneth E. BeLieu, and Henry A. Kissinger

[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

US foreign policy

- The People's Republic of China [PRC]
- Congressional action
 - Perception of restriction of the President

Vietnam War

- Cease fire, troop withdrawal
- Prisoner of war [POW] issue
- Effect of Congressional action
 - Michael J. ("Mike") Mansfield
 - Stance
- US goals
 - Number of US military casualties
 - POW return
- Effect of Congressional action
 - On the President
 - On a possible settlement
 - House, Senate votes
- Mansfield
 - Possible effect of PRC trip on attitude
- Strategy
 - Limitation on the President's freedom of action

General conversation

The President, *et al.* left at 10:11 am

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Conversation No. 539-2

Date: July 19, 1971
Time: Unknown between 10:11 am and 10:13 am
Location: Oval Office

H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman [?] met with Alexander P. Butterfield [?]

[Unintelligible]

The President entered at an unknown time after 10:11 am

White House furnishings

The President, *et al.* left at an unknown time before 10:13 am

Conversation No. 539-3

Date: July 19, 1971
Time: Unknown between 10:14 am and 11:12 am
Location: Oval Office

Unknown men [Secret Service] met

The President
-Location
-Cabinet Room
-Schedule

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[Agency Policy]

[Duration: 47m 55s]

[An unknown person talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 10:14 am and 11:12 am]

[Conversation No. 539-3A]

[End of telephone conversation]

[An unknown person talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 10:14 am and 11:12 am]

[Conversation No. 539-3B]

[End of telephone conversation]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Recording was cut off at an unknown time before 11:12 am

Conversation No. 539-4

Date: July 19, 1971

Time: Unknown between 11:12 am and 11:18 am

Location: Oval Office

The President talked with an unknown person

Schedule

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Conversation No. 539-5

Date: July 19, 1971
Time: Unknown between 11:12 am and 11:18 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown person

Item for the President's Old Executive Office Building office

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 11:18 am

Conversation No. 539-6

Date: July 19, 1971
Time: 11:18 am - 11:37 am
Location: Oval Office

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

Meeting
-Rogers C. B. Morton

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 55s]

Henry A. Kissinger entered at 11:19 am

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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The US initiative towards the People's Republic of China [PRC]

- William P. Rogers' role
 - Media coverage
 - Briefing book
- Media coverage
 - The President's role
 - Kissinger's role
 - Rogers
 - The State Department
- Public perceptions
- Newsweek* article, *Time* article
 - Tone
 - Presidential role
 - Covers of magazines
 - The President, Chou En-lai, Kissinger
- Columnists
 - Hugh S. Sidey
- Public statement by the Soviet ambassador to Indonesia
- Briefing for White House staff
 - President's role
 - Request for meeting
 - Kissinger's role
 - Secrecy in negotiation
 - President's role

Conv. No. 539-6 (cont.)

Schedule

- Kissinger

White House staff briefing

- Leak of story
- James B. ("Scotty") Reston story

Meeting with Congressional leaders

- J. William Fulbright
- Rogers' role
- John C. Stennis' comment to Kissinger
 - Michael J. ("Mike") Mansfield
 - Mansfield Amendment
 - Rogers
 - Vietnam War settlement
 - Release of prisoners of war [POWs], cease fire
 - Self-determination

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Schedule

- Kissinger

Kissinger left at 11:29 am

David M. Kennedy

- Use of airplane
- Payment
 - Rogers
 - State Department
- Comparison with the President's 1967 world travel

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John B. Connally

- Schedule

The President's schedule

- The Bohemian Grove
- Possible visit

Polls

- George H. Gallup
 - Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy
 - Comparison to Louis Harris' poll
- Presidential approval poll
 - Effect of Pentagon Papers case
- Gallup
 - Poll results
 - Potomac Associates
 - John W. Gardner comparison
 - Vietnam War settlement issue
- Timing of polls
 - News impact
 - The President's television appearance

Cabinet

- Support for administration
- John A. Volpe
- George W. Romney
- Walter J. Hickel

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Congress

- Appropriations Committee
- Scheduling

Schedule

- Clark R. Mollenhoff
- Bureau Chief
- Richard ("Dick") Wilson

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The PRC initiative

- Kissinger
- Rogers' role
- Media coverage
- The President
- Kissinger
- Newsweek*

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

[Personal Returnable]

[Duration: 32s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at an unknown time after 11:29 am

Schedule

- Kissinger's briefing in the Roosevelt Room

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 11:37 am[Haldeman talked to an unknown person at an unknown time between 11:29 am and 11:37 am]

[Conversation No. 539-6A]

Instructions for Kissinger

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[End of telephone conversation]

The President and Haldeman left at 11:37 am

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Conversation No. 539-7

Date: July 19, 1971

Time: 11:58 am - 12:08 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler

The People's Republic of China [PRC] initiative

- Briefing of Congressional leaders and Cabinet
 - President's role
 - Henry A. Kissinger's role
- Reaction by other countries
 - William P. Rogers
- Briefings
 - Speculation
 - Expression of views
 - Taiwan issue
 - Vietnam War
- Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
 - Knowledge
 - Wire service report
 - Kissinger

Agnew

- Statements made in Madrid, Spain
 - Comments about African Blacks
 - Slavery
 - US Black leaders
 - Domestic, foreign impact
 - Ralph Abernathy

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US-Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] relations

- General Alexander M. Haig, Jr., Kissinger
- Summit possibility
- The President's stance

Taiwan issue

- Perceptions

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Cover photographs

- Use by magazines
- The President

Foreign relations

- The PRC, Vietnam
- Democratic response
- J. William Fulbright
- Michael J. ("Mike") Mansfield

Congressional leaders meeting

Ziegler left at 12:08 pm

Conversation No. 539-8

Date: July 19, 1971

Time: Unknown between 12:08 pm and 12:48 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

Staff meeting

- Schedule
- Henry A. Kissinger

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:48 pm

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Conversation No. 539-9

Date: July 19, 1971
Time: Unknown between 12:08 pm and 12:48 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

[Music box plays "Hail to the Chief"]

Staff meeting
-Schedule
-John D. Ehrlichman

Children
-John [Surname unknown]
-Music box
-Visits to the Oval Office
-Gifts

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:48 pm

Conversation No. 539-10

Date: July 19, 1971
Time: Unknown between 12:08 pm and 12:48 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

Copies of *Time*, *Newsweek*
-Thelma C. (Ryan) ("Pat") Nixon

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:48 pm

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Conversation No. 539-11

Date: July 19, 1971
Time: Unknown between 12:08 pm and 12:48 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

The barber's schedule

Bull left at an unknown time after 12:48 pm

Conversation No. 539-12

Date: July 19, 1971
Time: Unknown between 12:08 pm and 1:08 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President dictated a memorandum to Henry A. Kissinger

The US-People's Republic of China [PRC] initiative
-Kissinger's press briefing
-Content

[End of dictation]

Kissinger entered at 12:48 pm

Kissinger's schedule
-Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
-John B. Connally
-The press
-July 20, 1971
-Meeting with conservatives

The PRC initiative
-Staff meeting
-Patrick J. Buchanan

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- Press story
 - The PRC's stance
- North Vietnam
- News magazines
 - Coverage
- Knowledge
 - Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, William P. Rogers
 - Call from Joseph W. Alsop
 - State Department knowledge
 - Comparison to Cambodian action
 - Future handling of announcements
 - Possible Soviet summit
- The President's visit to Perino's Restaurant
 - Press coverage
- Effect of announcement
- Memorandum for Kissinger's briefing
 - The President
- Meeting in Lincoln Sitting Room
 - The President, Kissinger

Conv. No. 539-12 (cont.)

Kissinger left at 12:55 pm

The President dictated a memorandum to Kissinger at an unknown time between 12:55 pm and 1:08 pm

The PRC initiative

- Kissinger's press briefing
- Content

[The President played back a portion of the dictation]

[End of dictation]

[This dictation continues on Conversation No. 539-13]

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Conversation No. 539-13

Date: July 19, 1971
Time: Unknown between 12:55 pm and 1:08 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President dictated a memorandum to Henry A. Kissinger

Conv. No. 539-14 (cont.)

[This is a continuation of Conversation No. 539-12]

The People's Republic of China [PRC] initiative
-Kissinger's press briefing
-Content

Conversation No. 539-14

Date: July 19, 1971
Time: 1:08 pm - 1:21 pm
Location: Oval Office

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

The People's Republic of China [PRC] initiative
-Henry A. Kissinger
-Briefing
-Cabinet
-Memorandum
-Kissinger
-John A. Scali
-Chou En-lai
-Cabinet
-Staff briefing
-Confidentiality
-The press
-Reason for briefing
-Kissinger
-Comparison to Cambodia, Laos
-Rogers C. B. Morton
-Leaks

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- News magazines
 - Coverage
 - Kissinger
 - State Department, William P. Rogers
 - Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, Melvin R. Laird
 - Marshall Green
 - President's role

Conv. No. 539-14 (cont.)

John B. Connally

- Forthcoming meeting with the President
 - Previous meeting with Haldeman
 - Schedule
 - July 19, 1971 meeting
 - Forthcoming Congressional testimony
 - Kissinger's briefing
- Perceptions on Cabinet role
- Possible departure from the Cabinet
- Management style
 - State Department
 - Council [of Economic Advisors?]
 - George P. Shultz
- Compared to David M. Kennedy

Cabinet members

- Relations with the President
 - John A. Volpe
 - John D. Ehrlichman
 - George W. Romney

Connally

- Schedule
 - Forthcoming Congressional testimony
- Time of meeting with the President

Schedule

- Ehrlichman's request to see the President
- Appropriations Committee
- Domestic issues
 - Ehrlichman's perception of meetings

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- Congressional leaders meeting
 - Peter H. Dominick
 - Clark MacGregor
- Connally

The President and Haldeman left at 1:21 pm

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Conversation No. 539-15

Date: July 19, 1971

Time: 1:21 pm - 1:22 pm

Location: Oval Office

An unknown man [Secret Service] entered

The President's location

-Executive Office Building

Recording was cut off at 1:22 pm