

**NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF****Tape Subject Log**
(rev. 10/06)

Conversation No. 655-1

Date: January 25, 1972
Time: 9:18 am - 9:19 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Charles W. Colson.

The President's schedule

- The President's Vietnam peace proposal speech, January 25, 1972
- Meeting with Richard M. Scammon
 - Postponement
 - Rescheduling
 - Colson and H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- Books written with Benjamin J. Wattenberg, *The New Majority* (1970)
- The President's reading

Conversation No. 655-2

Date: January 25, 1972
Time: Unknown after 9:19 am until 9:53 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

Speech draft [?]

Butterfield left at 9:53 am.

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Conversation No. 655-3

Date: January 25, 1972

Time: Unknown before 9:55 am and 12:32 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

India-Pakistan

- Unknown person's conversation with Haldeman
- Questions

Butterfield left and H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman entered at 9:55 am.

The President's Vietnam peace proposal speech, January 25, 1972

- Scheduling
 - Networks
 - National Broadcasting Company [NBC] special
 - Ronald L. Ziegler
 - Problem
- Ziegler's knowledge of content
 - Kissinger's informing
 - Contact with Haldeman

John A. Scali

- Henry A. Kissinger's assessment
 - State Department
- Opinion of William P. Rogers
 - State Department
- Kissinger's conflict with Rogers
- Haldeman's reluctance to inform about Kissinger-Rogers conflict
 - Scali's possible book
 - Kissinger
- Kissinger's view
 - Haldeman's view

Kissinger

- Handling
- Clark MacGregor
 - Problems with Congress
- Relations with White House staff
 - Disagreements

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- Patrick J. Buchanan [?]
- The President's talk with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 9:55 am.

Unknown object

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 10:36 am.

Scali

- Knowledge of content of US peace proposal for Vietnam
 - Timing of release
 - White House staff
- Leaks
 - Kissinger
 - Background information
 - Networks
 - Credibility
 - Previous actions
 - People's Republic of China [PRC] trip preparations
 - Kissinger
 - Talk with the President
 - Newsmen in PRC
 - PRC
 - Release of information

US peace proposal for Vietnam

- Edward W. Brooke
 - Speech before Republicans, January 24, 1972
 - Troop withdrawals
 - Prisoners of war [POWs]
- Possible leaks from administration
 - Kissinger
 - The President
 - Defense Department
 - Brooke's administrative assistant
 - Relation to Murrey Marder story
 - Melvin R. Laird's concern
 - Kissinger's view
 - Speculation
- Speech

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- Importance
- Effect on the President's address
- Publicity
- Effect on the President's address
 - Speculation
 - Possible lessening of impact
 - Administration strategy
- Perception of the President's forthcoming speech
 - Secret talks
 - Nguyen Van Thieu's resignation
- Publicity
 - Public perception of senators' speeches
- Haldeman's talk with Kissinger
- Kissinger's briefing, January 26, 1972
 - Preparation
- The President's schedule, January 24, 1972
 - Talk with Kissinger
- Preparation for television set-up
 - The President's schedule

The President's schedule

- Richard M. Scammon
 - The President's recent call to Charles W. Colson
- Robert H. Finch

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[Duration: 6m 18s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

Finch

- Speeches
 - Importance

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- Constituency
- News coverage
 - Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
 - Attacks on opponents
- Example
 - Dartmouth College
- Schedule
- News summary

Speeches

- News coverage
- News summary
- John B. Connally
- John A. Volpe
- George W. Romney
- Elliot L. Richardson
 - Edward M. Kennedy
- Volpe
 - New Hampshire
- Rogers C. B. Morton
 - Julie Nixon Eisenhower

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

[Personal Returnable]

[Duration: 16s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

Budget message, January 24, 1972

- Buchanan's news analysis
 - Economy
- Conservatives' reactions to budget proposal
 - Holmes Alexander
 - Unknown person

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- News summary
 - Connally and George P. Shultz
 - Network appearances
- The President's refusal to comment
 - Ziegler's reaction
- Ziegler
 - Performance
- Quality as a news story
 - Connally's view
 - Compared to that of rest of Cabinet
 - Blame and credit for the President
 - Rogers's and Laird's reactions
 - Connally's actions
 - Shultz
- Deficits
 - Problem
 - Significance as issue
 - State of economy
- Democrats' suggestions
 - Human resources
 - Defense
 - Ceiling
 - Concrete alternatives
 - Press coverage

Economy

- Wage and price controls
 - Colson
 - Donald H. Rumsfeld
 - Connally's outline
 - Dan Rather's question during interview, January 2, 1972
 - Paul W. McCracken
 - The President's response
 - Duration of controls
 - Inflation
 - Connally's view
 - Shultz's view
 - Buchanan's comments
 - Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson
 - Reaction
 - Shultz's understanding

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- McCracken's assessment
 - Administration reaction
 - Herbert Stein
 - Shultz
 - Connally
 - Result
 - Rumsfeld and Shultz
- Connally's plan
 - Cabinet meeting
 - Need for Administration unity
 - Duration of controls
 - Inflation
 - Goal
- Press

News summaries

- Buchanan
 - Work
 - Organization
 - Quality
- Frequency
 - Need for perspective
- Coverage of issues
- News coverage of administration policy issues
 - Forthcoming campaign
 - The President's annotations
 - Buchanan's outlook
 - Vietnam
 - PRC announcement
 - Economy
 - Inflation

Economy

- Economic writers
 - Buchanan's assessment
 - Left wing
 - Equivocation
 - McCracken's memoranda

News coverage of administration

- Hugh S. Sidey article

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- Criticism of the President's forthcoming trip to PRC
 - Expense of television coverage
 - Compared with John F. Kennedy's foreign travel
- Thesis
 - Democrats
 - Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson
 - Publicity
- The President's trips, 1961-69
 - Publicity
 - Time-Life Corporation
 - New Hampshire
 - Television networks
 - Primary
- Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson
 - Televised news conferences
- Double standard
- Sidey
 - Possible conversation with Haldeman
 - Possible conversation with Ziegler
 - Recent article
 - Fairness
 - Effect
 - Writing about underdogs
- Power of the presidency
- Sidey
 - Purpose of writing
- Frustration of the President's opponents
 - New Hampshire primary
 - PRC trip
- The President's Vietnam peace proposal speech
 - The President's talk with Kissinger, January 24, 1972
 - Kissinger's concerns
 - Criticism
 - Press anger, attacks
- Bias
 - Kissinger's backgrounders
- Television
 - Press conferences
 - Vietnam announcements
 - November 3, 1971
 - Cambodia announcement, April 30, 1970

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- Effect on polls
- The President's efforts
 - Press conference, statement
 - California
- Laos invasion
 - Handling
- Budget
 - Connally
- Laos
 - Handling
 - Kissinger's backgrounders
- The President's Vietnam peace proposal speech
 - Public reaction
- POWs
 - Wives
- Thieu resignation
 - Possible reaction
 - Intellectuals
 - Accusation of surrender
 - Initiation of offer
 - Election
- PRC trip
 - Jack N. Anderson [?]
 - Vietnam
 - Kissinger's view
 - Fear of US victory

The President's State of the Union Address

- Buchanan and Raymond K. Price, Jr.'s theses
- John D. Ehrlichman's view
- The President's view

The President's interview with Rather

- The President's tactics
 - Buchanan's view
 - Alexander column
- Other officials' views
 - Desire for fight

Buchanan thesis on the presidency

- Controversy in issues

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- Desirability
- Compared with presidential stature
 - Ehrlichman's view
 - Incumbency
 - Price's view
- Campaigning
 - 1970 election
 - Media reaction
 - 1972 campaign
 - Edith Efron's book [*The News Twisters*]
- Credibility
 - [Forename unknown] Weiner [sp?]
 - Ehrlichman
 - Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1944
 - World War II

Ziegler entered at 10:36 am.

The President's Vietnam peace proposal speech

- Scheduling
 - American Broadcasting Corporation [ABC] and Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
- NBC
 - Special, *The Search for the Nile*
- West Coast viewers
- ABC movie
- NBC special
 - Audience make-up
 - School children
 - Size
- NBC
 - Compared to ABC, CBS
- Scheduled network programs
 - CBS
 - Hawaii Five-O*
 - Special, *I'm a Fan*
 - Dick Van Dyke
 - Carol Channing
- Ziegler's call to the networks
- ABC, CBS preference
- NBC preference

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- Administration review and decision-making
- Audience
 - West Coast consideration
- Advance announcement
- News build-up
 - Brooke
- Audience
- Replaying out-takes
 - West
 - Value
- Scheduling
 - Press briefing
 - Congress
 - A Day in the Life of the President*
 - NBC special on the Nile River
 - Serialization
 - Audience make-up
 - Compared with probable audience for CBS and ABC scheduled programs
 - Hawaii Five-O*
 - All in the Family*
 - Archie Bunker
 - Michael Stivick

All in the Family

- ABC
- Writers
 - Background
 - Paul W. Keyes
 - Intentions and results
 - Bunker
 - Compared to Stivick
 - Prejudices
 - Possible changes to character
 - Changes
 - Social message
 - Compared to entertainment value
 - Compared with movie, *Joe*
 - Ziegler's viewing
 - Portrayal of blacks

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The President's Vietnam peace proposal speech

-Scheduling

Kissinger entered at 10:48 am.

- Notification of Thieu
- West Coast consideration
- Networks' preferences
- Radio audience on West Coast
- NBC special
 - Compared with ABC movie and CBS special
 - Audiences
- Ziegler's briefing

Ziegler left at 10:51 am.

- Connally's views
 - Lack of proposals in Johnson Administration
 - Johnson's possible reaction
 - Paris talks
 - “Shape of the table” phrase
 - Release of text
 - The President's May 14, 1969 announcement
 - Origins of wars
 - Study
 - Possible deletion
 - Public opinion
 - Private comment
 - Safire's view
 - Purpose for inclusion
- William L. Safire's work
 - Deletions
- Connally's views
 - Diction
 - Thieu's forthcoming statement
 - Quality of suggestions
 - Rogers
- Safire's work
 - Cute phrases
 - Deletion
- Kissinger's forthcoming briefing

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- Details of agreement
 - Complexity
 - Press reception
 - Residual force
 - POWs
 - Eight-point plan
- Previous withdrawal and cease-fire for POWs offers
 - May 31, 1971
- Kissinger's call to Ellsworth F. Bunker, January 24, 1972
 - South Vietnamese perception of plan
 - Complexity
- Two stage plan, October 11, 1971
 - US flexibility
- Residual force
- North Vietnamese reaction
 - POW for troop withdrawal proposal
 - Cease-fire
- Variations on terms
 - Public statements
 - Duration
- David Kraslow's call to Kissinger, January 25, 1972
 - Brooke's speech
 - Kissinger's speech to Women's National Press Club in New York City, January 26, 1972

The President left at an unknown time before 11:07 am.

- Brooke speech
 - Leak to Brooke
 - Laird
- Possible effect
 - Speculation
 - Leaks
 - Laird's call to Kissinger, January 22, 1972
 - Vietnam bombing
 - Troop withdrawal for POWs proposal
- State Department reaction
 - Robert J. McCloskey
 - Compared with Dwight L. Chapin's probable reaction
 - Call to Haldeman or Ziegler
 - Ziegler

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- Kraslow's call to Kissinger
 - Accusation
 - POW troop withdrawal for POWs proposal
 - North Vietnamese refusal
 - New York Times*
 - Kraslow's deadline

The President entered at an unknown time after 10:56 am.

- Troop withdrawal for POWs proposal
 - North Vietnamese reaction
 - Kraslow's call to Kissinger
 - Differentiation from previous proposal
 - Kraslow
 - Possible media reactions
 - Washington Post*
 - New York Times*
 - Time*
 - Newsweek*
 - Compared with reaction to Cambodia and November 3, 1969 statements
 - Agreement
 - Administration strategy
 - Reasons behind disagreement
 - Compared with criticism on PRC trip and India-Pakistan policy

India-Pakistan

- US policy
 - Kurt Waldheim's views
 - United Nations [UN] vote

Waldheim

- Compared to U Thant

The President's trip to PRC

- Initial reactions
- Revised reactions
 - Possible success
 - Edward Kennedy's comments
 - PRC embassy in Ottawa

The President's Vietnam peace proposal speech

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- Connally's view
 - Initial reaction, January 20, 1972
 - Current view
 - Suggestions
- Deletions
- Qualities

POW families

- Kissinger's forthcoming meeting
- Organizing for campaign
 - News summary
 - Sidey's [?] view
 - Primaries
 - Democrats
- Possible effect of the President's speech
- Previous talks with Kissinger
 - Plea for deadline
- Previous talks with the President
- Cease-fire and Thieu resignation
 - POWs

Time's scenario on Vietnam

- News summary
- The President's trip to PRC
 - Possible North Vietnamese offensive against South Vietnam
 - Possible effect
 - Likelihood
 - Effect of the President's speech

Ziegler entered at 11:07 am.

The President's Vietnam peace proposal speech

- Scheduling
 - ABC movie
 - CBS interruption of *Hawaii Five-O*
- Ziegler's forthcoming press briefing
 - Length of speech
 - Complications of reporting approximate length
 - Address
 - Compared to statement
 - Questions from reporters

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- Nature of speech
 - Ziegler's conversation with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
- The President's possible meeting with William J. Porter
 - Photograph
- Kissinger's meeting with Porter
 - Length
- Significance of address
- Caution to reporters about speculation
 - Fixed withdrawal date
 - Previous North Vietnamese refusal of proposal to *New York Times*, January 21
- Ziegler's credibility
- Porter
- Schedule

Ziegler left at 11:14 am.

Thieu

- Speech, January 26, 1972
- Speech
 - Reference to reelection
 - US stance
- Possible resignation
 - Possible effect
- Laird
 - Kissinger's call, January 25, 1972
 - Briefing by Haig
 - Testimony before Congress
 - Bunker
 - Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.
 - Porter

Vietnam

- Laird
 - Bombing attacks
 - Call to Kissinger, January 22, 1972
 - Dealing with Haldeman
- Bombing
 - Washington Post* story by Mike Getler
 - Accuracy
 - Duration

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- The President's effort
- Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
- Defense Department
- Targets
 - Joint Chiefs of Staff [JCS]
 - Gen. Robert E. Pursley
 - Restrictions
- Haig's return from PRC
- Congressional schedule
- Weather
- Possible success
- Protest to French by Hanoi
- Damage
- Washington Post* story
 - Leaks
 - Possible call to Laird
 - Rogers
- Duration
 - Laird's view
 - JCS view

Ziegler entered at 11:17 am.

- Vietnam peace proposal speech
 - Brooke speech
 - POWs for deadline
 - Viet Cong reaction
- Ziegler's briefing
 - Caution to reporters about speculation
- Viet Cong

Ziegler left at 11:18 am

- Vietnam
 - Bombing
 - Possible calls to Laird and Moorer
 - Duration
 - JCS
 - The President's order
 - Compared to JCS request
 - Targets

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- Restrictions
- Record
 - Possible White House publication
- Washington Post* story leak
 - JCS
 - Pursley
 - Clark M. Clifford
 - Doves
 - Air Force
 - Air Force
 - Weather
 - Visibility
 - Laos
 - Restriction
 - Weather
 - February, March 1971
 - Duration
 - Washington Post* story leak
 - Robert C. Seamans, Jr.
 - Knowledge of bombing
 - Laird
 - Defense Department and JCS
 - Moorer
 - Kissinger's forthcoming meeting with the President
 - Possible White House action

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 12

[Privacy]

[Duration: 5s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 12

- Position
 - Recent meeting

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-Compared to Laird

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 28

[Privacy]

[Duration: 19s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 28

- Laird
- Targets
 - White House position
- Haldeman's forthcoming talk with Laird
 - Selection of targets
 - Restrictions
 - JCS and Defense Department
 - Duration of bombing
 - Extension

Leaks

- Laird
- State Department
 - Rogers
- Troop withdrawals
- Departments
- White House

Responsibility for issues and actions

- Connally
- Shultz
- John N. Mitchell
- Connally
 - Philosophy
 - The President's role
 - Compared to that of staff and Cabinet

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- Compared with John F. Dulles with Dwight D. Eisenhower
- Kissinger's experience during Kennedy administration
- Bureaucracy
 - Difficulty for Republican president
- Connally
- Bureaucracy
 - Leaks

U. Alexis Johnson

- Conversation with Kissinger, January 24, 1972
 - Views of political climate of Washington, DC
 - Difficulty of meetings
- Loyalty
- Foreign service
- Compared to John N. Irwin, II

Irwin

Ambassadorial position

- Richard M. Paget
 - Connally
 - Roy L. Ash Council
- William P. Clements
- Irwin
- [David] Kenneth Rush
 - Rogers

State Department

- Reorganization
 - Schedule
 - 1972 election

The President's Vietnam peace proposal speech

- Kissinger's briefing of Congressmen and Senators
 - Carl B. Albert
 - [Thomas] Hale Boggs
 - Gerald R. Ford
 - Allen J. Ellender
 - John C. Stennis
 - Michael J. Mansfield
 - Hugh Scott

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- J. William Fulbright
- George D. Aiken
- Stennis
- Margaret Chase Smith
- Thomas E. Morgan
- William S. Mailliard
- F. Edward Hebert
- Leslie C. Arends
- Barry M. Goldwater
- Stennis
- Complexity of plan
- Hebert
- Possible meeting, January 26, 1972
- Ronald W. Reagan
- Nelson A. Rockefeller
- Lyndon Johnson
- Goldwater and Stennis
- John G. Tower
- Schedule
- Attendance
 - The President
- Leadership meeting, January 25, 1972
 - The President's attendance
 - The President's comments
 - Haig
- Kissinger's briefing
 - TV press
 - Leaders
 - Writing press
 - Complexity
 - Alteration
 - Kissinger's meeting with the President, January 24, 1971
 - Stages
 - Ceasefire and withdrawal
- Acceptance of terms
 - North Vietnamese and Viet Cong
 - Brooke speech
 - Alternate plans
 - Administration strategy
 - Seven points
 - Colson

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- Scali
- Herbert G. Klein
- MacGregor
- Attack on opponents
- List of US concessions
 - Reading by Kissinger, January 26, 1972
 - Summer 1971
- Thieu's offer to resign

Ziegler entered at 11:30 am.

- Ziegler's briefing
 - Brooke speech
 - Release of nature of speech
 - Speculation
 - Effect
 - Diplomacy

Ziegler left at 11:31 am.

- Public interest
- Brooke speech
 - Benefits
 - North Vietnam's turndown of proposal of withdrawal for POWs
 - Kissinger's forthcoming briefing
 - US compliance with nine points
 - Resignation of Thieu
 - Installation of communist government in South Vietnam
- Liberals
- Administration opponents
- Analogy to May 14, 1969 statement
- Probable media reaction
 - Withdrawal date
 - POWs
 - North Vietnam's turndown of proposal
 - Publicity
 - New York Times* proposal
 - Laotian military victories
 - Porter
 - Possible rejection of Administration proposals
 - Secret talks

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- Compared with reaction if the President did not make speech
 - Senate
 - Military victory
 - Negotiations
 - POWs wives
- Rather's interview with the President
 - The President's responses
 - Rather
- Public reaction
 - Negotiations
 - Vietnamization
 - Possible military action
- Fulfillment of the President's promises
 - Criticism
- Administration line
 - News summaries
 - Colson's efforts
 - Obstacles facing Administration
 - Historical perspective

PRC trip

- Press
 - Number of invitees
 - Robert B. Considine
 - Influence
 - Previous trip to Soviet Union
 - Credibility
- Number
 - Trade-off
 - Secret Service
 - Communications staff
 - PRC's views
 - Ziegler
 - Conversation with Haig
 - Technical staff
 - Writer

The President's Vietnam peace proposal speech

- Final draft
 - Timing
 - Typing problems

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- Safire
- Schedule
- Connally's changes
- Deletion
- Conference table shape

PRC trip

- Invitations
 - Safire
 - Buchanan
 - Soviet Union trip
 - Conservatives
 - Safire
 - Klein
 - Benefits after return
 - Scali
 - Previous Administration inaction
 - Mark I. Goode and William H. Carruthers
 - Television coverage
 - Importance
 - Goode and Carruthers
 - Appearance of public relations presence
 - PRC
 - Press
 - Television experts
 - Goode and Carruthers
 - Chapin
 - Ability
 - Recognition of photograph opportunities
 - Great Wall, Forbidden Palace
 - Hawaiian opportunity with astronauts
 - Goode
 - Goode
 - Klein
 - Press staff
 - Scali, Buchanan, Ziegler
 - Official party status
 - Ability
 - Salesmanship
 - Contact with the President
 - Emil ("Bus") Mosbacher, Jr.

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- Ambassadorship to Spain
 - Acceptance
- Value
 - Gifts
- Gifts
 - Chapin
- Value
 - Klein
- Alvin Snyder
 - Benefits
 - TV transmission
- Incorporation of duties
 - Klein, Scali, Ziegler
- Klein
 - Benefits
 - Value
 - Return from trip
- Briefing

The President's Vietnam peace proposal speech

- Release to Ziegler
 - Timing
- Kissinger
 - Check with Rose Mary Woods
 - Preparation for briefing
- Complexity
 - Improvements in text
 - Kissinger's previous meeting with the President
- Kissinger's schedule
 - Relaxation
 - Study of previous record
 - Woods
- Probable reaction

Kissinger left at 11:52 am.

PRC trip

- Invitations
 - Klein
 - Snyder
 - Goode and Carruthers

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- Chapin
- Television experts
 - Compared with Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon's trip to Africa
 - Staff
- Goode
 - Work with the President on State of the Union
- Snyder
- Klein
 - Soviet Union
- Scali
- Klein
 - Administration efforts
 - Value
 - Emphasis on domestic issues
 - Ehrlichman
 - Shultz
 - Public relations impact of PRC trip
 - Rank
- Military aides
 - John V. Brennan
 - Vernon C. Coffey, Jr.
- Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
 - Brennan
 - Michael Schrauth
 - Family
- Schedule
- Hangchow
- Talks
- Length of stay
 - Kissinger's view
- Hangchow and Shanghai
 - Value
- Compared with Soviet Union trip
 - Moscow
 - Leningrad, Novosibirsk and Sverdlovsk
- Spontaneous events
 - Television

Kissinger

- Health

- Dr. W. Kenneth Riland

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- Work on peace proposal speech
 - Effect
- Riland
 - Transportation to White House

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PRC trip

- Invitations
 - Klein
 - Domestic work
 - Ehrlichman
 - Shultz
 - Possible misinterpretation
 - Colson
 - Ehrlichman
 - Cabinet officers
 - Klein
 - Performance
 - Domestic work
 - Soviet trip
 - Previous trip
 - Soviet trip
 - White House staff
 - Official party status
 - Woods and Buchanan
 - Social functions
 - Receiving line
 - Secretaries
 - Kissinger's office

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- Nellie L. Yates
- Marjorie P. Acker
- Acker
- Qualifications
- Rogers's office
- Security concerns
 - Secret Service
 - Press coverage
 - Car
 - PRC airplane
 - Taiwan, Republic of China [ROC] story

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 21

[National Security]

[Duration: 16s]

CHINA

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 21

-Car

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 29

[Federal Statute]

[Duration: 1m 43s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 29

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PRC trip

- Staff
 - Shortages
 - Communications
 - Kissinger and Rogers
 - Telephones
 - Schedule reminders
 - Advancemen
 - Marshall Green and Alfred Le S. Jenkins
 - Kissinger
 - Staff
 - Anticipated work
 - Staff
 - Follow-up upon return home
 - Exhaustion
 - Advance staff
 - Health
 - Time change
 - Food
 - Ehrlichman
 - Weather
 - Work level
 - Doctors
 - Riland
 - Gen. Walter R. Tkach
 - Need
 - Number of people
 - Press
 - Advance staff
 - Riland
 - Rockefeller's trip
 - Duties
 - Tkach
 - The President
 - Staff illness
 - Mrs. Nixon
 - Constance M. (Cornell) Stuart
 - Ziegler
 - Schedule
 - Schrauth
 - Television coverage

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- Events
 - Petroleum factory
 - Art museum
 - The President's schedule
- Stuart
 - Independent activity
 - Television coverage
- Mosbacher
 - Ambassadorship to Spain
 - Haldeman's conversation with Chapin and Haig
 - Need
- Haldeman
 - Rank
 - Role
- Klein

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 11:52 am.

The President's schedule
-Finch

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:15 pm.

- PRC trip
- Staff
 - Duties
 - Klein, Mosbacher, Goode and Carruthers
 - TV coverage
 - Snyder
 - Scali
 - Buchanan
 - Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
 - Buchanan
 - Kissinger's staff
 - Price
 - Lee W. Huebner
 - Safire
 - Buchanan
 - Soviet trip

Soviet trip

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- Price and Safire
- Press corps
- Admission to the Soviet Union

Vietnam

- Washington Post* story
- Haldeman's forthcoming conversation with Laird

Finch entered at 12:15 pm.

Finch's schedule

Kissinger

- Riland's schedule
- [Unintelligible name]
- Riland's and Tkach's schedule

Haldeman left at 12:16 pm.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 25

[Personal Returnable]

[Duration: 36s]The President left at an unknown time before 12:18 pm.Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 12:16 pm.Alexander P. Butterfield entered and Sanchez left at 12:18 pm.

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 25

Finch's health

- Charlotte M. Butterfield's health

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The President entered at an unknown time after 12:18 pm.

The President's schedule

- Congressional leadership meeting
 - William E. Timmons
- Schedule
 - Budget presentation
 - Probable length
- Stein

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 12:23 pm.

Woods

[The President talked with Woods at an unknown time between 12:18 pm and 12:23 pm.]

[Conversation No. 655-3A]

Speech draft

- Schedule

[End of telephone conversation]

The President's Vietnam peace proposal speech

- Schedule
- Liberals
- North Vietnam

Vietnam

- Secret negotiations
 - Paris
 - Xuan Thuy
 - Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters
- Origin
 - Fall 1969
 - Le Duc Tho
 - Xuan Thuy
 - Georges J.R. Pompidou
 - Airport landings
 - Walters
 - Meetings with Xuan Thuy and Le Duc Tho

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Conv. No. 655-3 (cont.)

Woods entered at 12:23 pm.

The President's speech draft

- Changes
 - Legibility
 - Grammar
 - Deletion
 - Kissinger
 - Addition
 - Connally

[The President talked with Kissinger at an unknown time between 12:23 pm and 12:32 pm.]

[Conversation No. 655-3B]

- Paris negotiations reference
- Retention

[End of telephone conversation]

- Ziegler
- Woods's work

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 27

[Privacy]

[Duration: 17s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 27

Woods left at an unknown time before 12:32 pm.

The President's schedule

- Executive Office Building [EOB] office
- Oval Office

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Conv. No. 655-3 (cont.)

- TV set-up for speech
- California

Finch

- Conversation with Maj. Gen. James D. ("Don") Hughes [?]
- POW's
- Finch's fundraising effort for Hughes's [?] activities

Lunch

The President and Finch left at 12:32 pm.

Conversation No. 655-4

Date: January 25, 1972

Time: Unknown between 12:32 pm and 8:19 pm

Location: Oval Office

Unknown men [Secret Service agents] met.

The President's location

- Executive Office Building [EOB]

[An unknown agent talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 12:32 pm and 8:19 pm.]

[Conversation No. 655-4A]

The President's location

- EOB

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[National Security]

[Duration: 2s]

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Conv. No. 655-4 (cont.)

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[End of telephone conversation]

Recording was cut off at an unknown time before 8:19 pm.

Conversation No. 655-5

Date: January 25, 1972

Time: 8:19 pm - unknown before 11:59 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Mark I. Goode, William H. Carruthers, and unknown television technicians.

[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

Preparation for forthcoming speech

- Placement of lighting [?]
- Microphone
- Placement of speech pages
- Lighting
- Microphone
 - Placement of speech pages
- Camera angles
- Air time
- Temperature of room
- Air time
- Running time
- Earpiece
 - Connection
- Air time
- Outside camera shot
- Air time
- Outside shot
- Air time

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Conv. No. 655-5 (cont.)

- The President's hair
- Cue

The President delivered his *Address to the Nation Making Public a Plan for Peace in Vietnam* between 8:30 pm and an unknown time before 8:55 pm.]

[A transcript of the final version of this speech appears in Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard M. Nixon, 1972, pp. 100-105]

Lights

- Shadows

The President's gratitude

Christmas program, 1971

- Quality
- Compliments
 - Compared to other Columbia Broadcasting Corporation [CBS] programs
- The President's performance
- Film crew
- Unknown person's work

The President's interview with Dan Rather, January 2, 1972

- Set-up

Ronald L. Ziegler entered at an unknown time after 8:19 pm.

Gerald R. Ford's and Leslie C. Arends's schedule

- Flight
- Wives

Unknown person's [Goode's] schedule

The President and Ziegler left at 8:55 pm.

Production staff

Clean-up

- General Services Administration [GSA] crew

[General conversation]

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Conv. No. 655-5 (cont.)

- Gratitude
 - Wide angle camera shot
- Paper

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