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Tape Subject Log (rev. 10/06)

Conversation No. 667-1

Date: February 8, 1972
Time: 10:25 am - 12:20 pm
Location: Oval Office

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

Environmental program message, February 8, 1972

- President's signature
- Pens as gifts
- Upcoming photograph opportunity
- John C. Whitaker
- Pens

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 11:00 am.

The President's schedule

- Congressional leaders and cabinet meeting
 - William P. Rogers
 - John B. Connally
 - Hugh Scott
 - Connally
 - Scott
 - Rogers
 - Effectiveness
 - Reaction
 - Scott
 - Rhetoric
 - Duration
 - Elliot L. Richardson
 - Compromise
 - Earl L. Butz
 - Dock strike

Butz

- Helping the President
 - Farming
 - Butz's position
 - Support of farmers
- Clifford M. Hardin
 - Compared to Butz

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- Food prices
 - Wholesale and retail
 - Beef
 - Hamburger

The President's schedule

- Connally
- Robert S. McNamara
- Peter M. Flanigan
 - Attendance at upcoming meeting
- Henry A. Kissinger
- Flanigan

The President's speech, February 7, 1972

- New York Times*
- The President's view
- Drafting
 - Raymond K. Price, Jr.
- People's Republic of China [PRC]
 - Audience for speech

Speech writing

- Price
 - Douglas L. Hallett
- University of Nebraska speech
- Patrick J. Buchanan
- News coverage
 - University of Nebraska speech
- Audience for February 7, 1972 speech
- The President's work on Vietnam peace proposal speech, January 25, 1972
 - Kissinger draft
 - Length
 - Style
- Cheer lines
- Frequency of speeches
- Price
 - William L. Safire
 - Style of speeches
- Improvements

Connally

- Memorandum to the President about Value-added tax [VAT]

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- Flanigan and Haldeman
- John D. Ehrlichman's reply
 - Memorandum
 - Treasury Department

Instructions for Haldeman to meet with Connally and Kissinger

- Connally
- Scheduling
- White House
- President's instructions on handling
 - Letters
 - Ehrlichman
 - George P. Shultz
 - Kissinger
 - Flanigan
- Schedule
 - Ability to accomplish work
 - Meetings with ambassadors
 - Congressmen
 - William P. Pannell
 - Example
 - Ambassador from Mauritania
 - Ehrlichman
 - Handling
 - Kissinger
 - Letters to Rogers and Melvin R. Laird
 - Telephone
 - Letters
 - Discretion
 - Copy of Ehrlichman memorandum to Haldeman
- Possible talk with Ehrlichman

The President's schedule

- Center for Voluntary Action
 - Dinner
 - Awards
 - Awardees
 - Eunice (Kennedy) Shriver
 - Presentation
- Bipartisan leaders meeting
 - Butterfield
 - Ronald L. Ziegler

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- Armed Services Committee
- Foreign Relations Committee
- Appropriations Committee
- Foreign policy draft
 - Safire
 - Length
- Speeches
 - February 7, 1972
 - Quality
- Meeting
 - Political interests involved

Connally

- Involvement with the 1990 Conference
- Maurice H. Stans

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 10:25 am.

- 1990 Conference program
- Call from Connally's office

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:00 am.

- Economics

Speeches

- Possible alternative
- Writers
- Price
 - Previous conversation with Haldeman
 - PRC
- The President's preparation
 - Amount of time
- Writers
 - Computers
 - Speechwriting
 - Amount of work involved
 - Understanding

Connally

- Activism

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Bull [?] entered and left at an unknown time before 11:00 am.

- Panels
- Luncheons
- James D. Hodgson
- Lunch
 - Scheduling
 - Attendance

Speeches

- Scheduling
- Suggestions from Haldeman
 - Dictation
 - Drafts
 - Critiques
 - Amount of time
- Price
- Outline
- Draft
 - State of the Union address
- Talking points
- Reading
- State of the Union
- Reading
 - Lyndon B. Johnson
 - Harry S. Truman
 - Dwight D. Eisenhower
 - Franklin D. Roosevelt
 - Speechwriters
 - Television
 - Radio
 - Comparisons to the President
- The President
- New York Times*

Bull entered at an unknown time after between 10:25 am.

Request that Ziegler come to the Oval Office

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:00 am.

Speeches

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- Planning
- Text
- Preparation
- Cameras
- Prepared text
 - Importance

Ziegler entered at 11:00 am.

- February 7, 1972 speech
 - Press coverage
- Television
- Advanced text
 - Benefits
- Live coverage
 - Preferred times

Scheduling

- Preferences
 - Time of day
 - Television
 - Advantages and disadvantages
 - Radio
 - Newspapers
 - Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS] and the *Today* show
 - Radio
 - Possible impact

Scott

- Post leadership briefing
 - Dock strike
 - Losses in 1972
 - Vietnam
 - Foreign policy
 - Alternatives
 - President's 1960 platform statement
 - Statistics
 - Vietnam
 - Casualties
- Age
- Rogers
 - Loyalty

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Ziegler's schedule

- Environmental message
- William D. Ruckelshaus and Russell E. Train

Messages

- Suggestions from the President
 - Length of time
 - Number of words
 - Desired length
 - Teleprompter
- Dinners
- Messages
 - Dinners
 - Length

Speeches

- Speechwriting
 - Idiom
- State of the Union address
- February 7, 1972 speech
 - PRC
- Price
 - Speechwriting compared with advertising
 - Intricacies
- Scott
- Gerald R. Ford
 - Speechwriting style
 - Safire [?]
- L. Richard Guylay memorandum
- Scott

Haldeman's statement on *Today* show

- Main story on the major networks

Leaders meeting

- Kissinger
 - Previous conversation with Ziegler
- Manila conference, 1966
- Lyndon B. Johnson
 - Negotiations
 - Unilateral declaration

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- Senators
- Columnists
- Haldeman's statement
 - Reaction by leaders

Haldeman's statement

- Robert D. Novak
 - Edmund S. Muskie
 - Vietnam policy
 - Ziegler's view
- Democrats
- Polls
- Reaction of Nancy Ziegler's mother
- McCarthyism
 - “Average” radio listener

The President's background

Harry S. Dent

- President's relationship with the press
- South

Leaders meeting

- Press briefing

Media relations

- National Broadcasting Corporation [NBC]
 - Muskie story
 - Timing
- Press
 - Conferences
 - Today* show
 - Haldeman's comments
- Haldeman's comments
 - Reporters
 - Press corps
 - Opposition to the President
 - Allen S. Drury
 - Washington Star*
 - Differences discussed
- Strategy
 - Fairness from the administration

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- Methods used by the press
- 1960
 - Herbert G. Klein's view
- Media bias
- Press conferences
 - Lyndon B. Johnson
 - John F. Kennedy
 - Number of press conferences
- Cabinet meeting
- Role of Press secretary
- Questions and answers
 - Ziegler
- Timing
- Location

Leaders meeting

- Jack F. Kemp
- William A. Steiger
- William E. Brock, III
- Steiger
- Brock

Haldeman's statement

- Response from Democrats
 - Unknown person
- Cameras
- Rogers
 - Statements
- Impressions on country
- News
 - Critics
 - Vietnam
 - Communism
 - Joseph C. Kraft
 - South Vietnam
 - George S. McGovern
 - Communism
 - Possible ceasefire
 - Ziegler's view

Vietnam

- Democrats

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- Gen. Nguyen Van Thieu
- Prisoners of War [POW's]
 - Strategy
- Negotiations
 - Communists
 - South Vietnam
 - Thieu
 - Haldeman's statement
 - Presidential responsibilities
 - Criticism of the President
 - Support for the President
 - Ceasefire
 - Public opinion
 - Thieu
 - Muskie
 - Statement
 - Joseph W. Alsop
 - Settlement
 - Public sentiment
 - Election
 - Presidential responsibilities
 - Public reaction
 - Media coverage
 - Criticism

Ziegler left at 11:32 am.

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Media relations

- Connally
- National mood
- Muskie
- Possible program

Issues

- President's schedule
 - Ability to take on new challenges
- PRC
- Moscow
 - Upcoming visits
- Vietnam war

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- Unemployment
 - Rate
 - Desired rate
 - Budgets
- Economy
 - California
 - Unemployment rate
- Robert H. Finch
 - Haldeman
 - Schedule
- Connally
 - Talk with Ehrlichman
 - Ehrlichman's location
 - Schedule
 - Experience as governor
- The President's schedule
 - Ambassadors
 - Vice President
 - Kissinger
 - Rogers
 - Abilities
 - Compared to Kissinger
 - Leaders meeting
 - Kissinger
 - Rogers
 - Haldeman
- Rogers
 - Defense of the President
 - Compared to Kissinger
 - Ziegler's view
- Kissinger
 - Press briefings
 - Television
 - Knowledge
 - John A. Scali
 - The President's speech
 - Press conference
 - Kissinger's approach

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- 1972 election
- Rogers's statement
 - Substance
- The President
- Rogers
- Media
 - Superficiality

Political leaders

- Congress
- Barry M. Goldwater
- Ronald W. Reagan
 - Belief in simplification
 - Effectiveness
- Kissinger's effectiveness
 - Knowledge
- 1969
 - Spokesman
 - Briefings
 - Rogers
 - Scali
- Effectiveness as a briefer
 - Ehrlichman
- White House spokesman
 - Cabinet officers
 - Competition
- Rogers
- Laird
- Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
- Peace proposal
 - Kissinger's trips to Paris
 - Rogers
- Dobrynin
- Chou en-Lai
 - Dialogue
 - Chinese
 - Kissinger's intelligence
 - Chou en-Lai
 - Relationship with Kissinger

Butterfield entered at an unknown time after 11:32 am.

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Inquiry about request for Butterfield's presence

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 11:55 am.

Media relations

- Briefing system
 - Changes
 - White House staff
 - Cabinet
- Kissinger
 - British Broadcasting Company [BBC]
 - Special
 - Eve of PRC trip
 - British press
 - Potential stories
 - Barbara Walters
 - Interview
 - Today* show
 - BBC
 - Possible advantages
 - Congress
 - American networks
 - Interview
 - Return from PRC
 - Poor Richard's Club
 - Philadelphia
 - Audience
 - Influence

Kissinger entered at 11:55 am.

PRC trip

- Briefing book
- Chinese
 - Chou En-Lai
 - Previous conversation with Kissinger
- Position

Haldeman left at 11:56 am.

- Reading material for the President
 - Kissinger

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- Memoranda
- Briefing book
- The President's schedule
- PRC position
- The President's position
 - Recommendations
- Chou En-Lai
 - Kissinger
- Briefing book

South Asia

- Robert S. McNamara
 - Kissinger's location
 - India and Pakistan
 - Kissinger's previous conversation with Connally and Rogers
 - Humanitarian relief
 - Pakistan
 - Bangladesh
 - Briefing paper
 - India
 - Possible US aid
 - Trip
 - Purpose
- India
 - Haldeman
 - Edward M. Kennedy
 - Robert F. Kennedy's son
 - Joan Kennedy
 - Upcoming visit
 - Reception
 - Kissinger
 - Upcoming lunch with Indian ambassador [Lakshmi Kant Jha]
 - Timing
 - Aid
 - Edward Kennedy's upcoming visit to India
 - India
 - Congressional votes

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[Personal Returnable]

[Duration: 44s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6

Leaders meeting

- Scott
- Speech
- The President's speech
- Manila Conference, 1966
- Lyndon B. Johnson
- Negotiations
- Unilateral statement
- President's role

Democrats

- George S. McGovern
- Scott's opinion
- Hubert H. Humphrey
- Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson
- Possible reaction

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7

[Personal Returnable]

[Duration: 2m 7s]

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Algeria

- Gen. Charles A.J.M. De Gaulle
- Radicals
- France

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- US
- Timing
 - Number of years
- Opposition on right

Vietnam

- South Vietnam
 - Communists
- Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
 - Dinner attendance at British embassy
 - Arthur Goldberg statement
 - Muskie
 - Democrats
 - Stewart J.O. Alsop
 - Muskie
- North Vietnamese
 - News summary
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
 - Possible deal
 - Upcoming presidential election
- Dobrynin
 - Talk with Kissinger
- EC-121 shootdown [April 1969]
- Cambodia
- Laos
 - Offensive
 - Effect
 - Negotiations
- Negotiations
- Bombing
 - Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
 - Timing
 - Military affairs
 - Possible stories from Pentagon
 - Joint Chiefs of Staff [JCS]

Reorganization

- Second term tasks
- State Department
- Defense Department personnel
 - Moorer
 - Previous conversation with the President

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- Arthur W. Radford
- Moorer
- Gen. William C. Westmoreland retirement
 - Timing
- Haig
 - Kissinger's recommendation to the President
 - Vice Chief of Staff
 - Qualifications
 - Kenneth E. Belieu
 - Upcoming conversation with Kissinger
 - Loyalty
 - PRC and USSR trips
 - Moorer retirement
 - Chairman of JCS
 - Haig's possible future

Vietnam

- Bombing
 - Targets
- Military thinking
- Military art
 - World Wars I and II
 - Winston L. Churchill
 - Korean War
 - Civilian efforts
 - Korean War
 - Gen. Douglas MacArthur
 - Inchon landings
 - Japan
 - Wake Island
 - Yalu River
- Bombing
 - Status
 - Weather
 - Targets
 - Sorties
 - Carriers
 - B-52s, A1s, F4s
 - Timing
 - South Vietnam
- North Vietnam attacks on South Vietnam
 - Timing

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- PRC trip
- US advantages
 - Expectations
 - Communication
- Lam Son operation
 - Kissinger's opinion
 - Air power
 - B-52s
- US
 - Experience in warfare
 - Logistics
 - MacArthur
 - Strategy
 - Gen. George S. Patton, Jr.
 - Tactics
- German commanders
 - Comparisons
 - World War I
 - France
 - Casualties
 - First Battle of the Marne
 - Verdun
 - [Battle of the Somme]
 - Austria
 - Italy
 - Balkans
- MacArthur
- Patton
- Bombing
 - Article
- US Military
 - Compared to German military
- Cambodia
- Laos
- Bombing
 - North Vietnam
- Mining
- Bombing
- Withdrawal
 - Leonid I. Brezhnev letter

Kissinger left at 12:20 pm.

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Date: February 8, 1972
Time: Unknown between 12:20 pm and 5:13 pm
Location: Oval Office

Unknown people met.

[Unintelligible]

The unknown people left at an unknown time before 5:13 pm.

Conversation No. 667-2

Date: February 8, 1972
Time: Unknown between 12:20 pm and 5:13 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull and Manolo Sanchez.

Microphone
-Location

Work with unknown person

Sanchez and Bull left at an unknown time before 5:13 pm.

Conversation No. 667-3

Date: February 8, 1972
Time: 5:13 pm - 5:19 pm
Location: Oval Office

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

The President's schedule
-Florida
-John B. Connally

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-Fishing

Connally [?]

- Memorandum about Value-Added Tax [VAT]
 - John D. Ehrlichman
 - White House staff
 - The President's alleged comments about VAT

Haldeman's interview on *Today* show

- Ronald L. Ziegler
- Handling
 - John A. Scali
 - Possible questions for the President
 - Ziegler
- Kissinger

Leadership briefing

- Hugh Scott and Gerald R. Ford
- Haldeman's comments on *Today*
 - Accusation at opponents of administration policy in Vietnam
 - Scott's reaction
 - Context
 - Press
 - Press
 - Kissinger
 - Ziegler
 - Public reaction
 - Telegrams

Stephen B. Bull entered and left at an unknown time between 5:13 pm and 5:15 pm.

The President's schedule

Haldeman's comments on *Today*

- Public opinion
 - John A. ("Jack") Mulcahy
- Possible statement by the President
 - Ziegler

Memorial service

- Llewellyn E. ("Tommy") Thompson, Jr.
- The President's attendance

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- Attendance
 - William P. Rogers
 - Military aide
- Wreath

Rose Mary Woods entered at 5:15 pm.

- The President's schedule
- Thompson memorial service
 - Wreath
 - Canada
 - Henry A. Kissinger
 - Possible effect of cancellation
 - Pierre E. Trudeau

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[National Security]

[Duration: 3s]

[Subject: Canada]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 5:15 pm.

- Executive Office Building [EOB]
- Briefcase
 - Books

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 5:19 pm

Schedule

Haldeman left at an unknown time before 5:19 pm

- The President's schedule
- Gen. Walter R. Tkach [?]
 - Forthcoming talk with Woods

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

[Privacy]

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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

[Personal Returnable]

[Duration: 28s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

Woods left at 5:19 pm.

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Date: February 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 5:19 pm and 11:59 pm

Location: Oval Office

Stephen B. Bull met with unknown people [Secret Service agents].

[Unintelligible]

An agent talked with an unknown person at an unknown time after 5:19 pm.

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[Unintelligible]

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[End of telephone conversation]

[Unintelligible]

[The recording was cut-off at an unknown time before 11:59 pm.]