

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

Conversation No. 701-1

Date: April 4, 1972

Time: Unknown between 8:31 am and 9:05 am

Location: Oval Office

The President talked with an unknown person.

Meeting with the President

Conversation No. 701-2

Date: April 4, 1972

Time: 9:05 am - 9:43 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

The President's schedule

- Meeting with John H. Chafee
 - Melvin R. Laird
 - Timing
- The President's previous talk with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- Candidacy for Senate

The President talked with Haldeman at an unknown time between 9:05 and 9:08 am.

[Conversation no. 701-2A]

The President's meeting with Chafee

- Purpose
 - Laird
 - Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft
 - Secretary of the Navy
 - Candidacy for Senate
- Presence of others
 - Laird

[End of telephone conversation]

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Henry A. Kissinger entered at 9:08 am.

The President's meeting with Chafee

- Laird's presence
- Purpose

Butterfield left at 9:09 am.

- Press conference
- Possible location

Vietnam

- Laird
 - Criticism
 - Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
 - Laird's reaction
 - Reports
 - Meeting with the President
 - Purpose
- Air strikes
 - Authority
 - Possible criticism
 - Kissinger
 - Moorer's opinion
 - Laird
 - Weather
 - Impact
 - Number of sorties
 - Damage
 - Bridge
 - Convoy
 - Secondary explosions
 - Tanks
 - B-52s
 - Increase
 - Number
 - From the US
- Naval Gunfire
 - Increase
- North Vietnamese offensive
 - US intentions
 - Amount of preparation
 - Soviet Union and People's Republic of China [PRC]

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- Possible impact on the upcoming election
- Blockade
 - Preparation of the Navy
 - President's instructions
- Seriousness
 - Slow nature of mining
- Blockade
 - Selective nature
 - Food and medical supplies
- Air strikes
 - Weather
 - Impact
 - Months of activity
- Laird
 - Department of State
 - New ideas
 - Upcoming meeting
- Public relations
 - Demilitarized Zone [DMZ] crossing
 - New York Times*
 - Characterization of invasion
 - Impact
- Threefold US reaction
 - Protection of US forces
 - Withdrawal program
 - South Vietnamese resistance
- White House, Defense and State Department statements
 - Inadequacies
 - Correction
 - The President's displeasure
 - Sources
- Press coverage
 - Statement by Gen. Nguyen Van Thieu
 - New York Times* coverage
 - Quality
 - News summary
- II Corps-B-3 area
 - US actions
 - Reports
 - Answer to Kissinger's question
 - Moorer
 - Gen. John A. Vogt, Jr.
 - President's instructions to Kissinger

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- Problems
- Surface to Air Missiles [SAMs]
- Press reports
- Public relations
- US actions
 - Compared with Laos
 - Low profile
 - Laird's press conference
 - Press reports
 - Ronald L. Ziegler
 - Atmosphere in White House
 - Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS] story
 - Source
- US foreign policy
 - Soviet Union, PRC
 - Impact of current offensive
 - The President's November 3, 1969 speech
 - Cambodia
- North Vietnamese offensive
 - Success
 - Encouragement to domestic critics
 - Nuclear weapons
 - Blockade
 - Soviet Reaction
 - Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
- Soviets
 - The President's forthcoming trip
 - Poland
 - Dobrynin
 - Message from Leonid I. Brezhnev
- North Vietnamese offensive
 - US military
 - Possible obstacle

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The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 9:08 and 9:24 am.

[Conversation no. 701-2B]

[See Conversation no. 22-72]

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam

- North Vietnamese offensive
- US reaction
 - Weather
 - Naval gunfire
 - Orders
 - Cessation
 - Location of targets
 - Accuracy
 - Bombing halt
 - B-3 area

The president talked with Thomas H. Moorer between 9:24 and 9:28 am.

[Conversation No. 701-2C]

[See Conversation No. 22-73]

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam

- Kissinger's forthcoming contact with Ziegler
 - Report
 - Timing
- North Vietnamese offensive
 - South Vietnamese countermeasures
 - Dangers
 - Quang Tri and Dong Ha
 - Kissinger's concern
 - Retreat
 - Effect on North Vietnamese supply lines
 - Anticipated results

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- Hue
 - Symbolism
- Retreat
 - Counterattack
 - Laos operation
 - US Air Force [USAF]
- Third division
 - Kissinger's opinion
- Strength
 - Concentration
 - Effects of weather
- Crossing of river
- Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.
 - South Vietnamese retreats
- Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
 - Trip to South Vietnam
 - Possible options
 - Laird's reaction
- Laird

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

[Privacy]

[Duration: 3s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

- Reaction to offensive
- North Vietnamese offensive
 - US counterattack
 - Restrictions on statements
 - Scali
 - Ziegler
 - Massive invasion
- The President's Responsibilities
 - Protecting human lives
 - Ensuring withdrawal

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- South Vietnamese resistance
- Public Reaction
 - Refugees
 - Anticommunism
 - Statements
 - Rhetoric
 - Scali and Ziegler
 - President's instructions to Kissinger
- Soviet Reactions
 - Impact of US bombing
- Blockade
 - Ships required
 - Kissinger's opinion
 - Legality
 - Mining
 - Implementation
 - Problems
 - Compared with Cuban missile crisis
 - Mines
 - Delayed fuses
 - Time allotted
 - Selectivity
 - Problems
 - Food and medical supplies
 - PRC
- Prisoners of War [POWs]
- Critics
 - Edmund S. Muskie
 - George S. McGovern
 - Statements on escalation
 - Muskie
 - Kissinger's view
 - Charges of escalation
 - US position
 - Consequences of victory and defeat
 - Reaction of the press
 - Compared with Cambodian operation
- North Vietnamese offensive
 - Impact on election
- The President's view
 - Impact on US foreign policy
 - Communist powers
 - Confidence in US

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- Support
- Europe and Asia
 - Seven points
 - Communists
- The President's possible course of action in 1969
 - Seriousness
- The President's policy
 - Compared with Gen. Charles A. J. M. De Gaulle
 - Resistance to defeat
- North Vietnamese Offensive
 - Moorer's location
 - B-52s
 - Attacks on North Vietnam
 - Target areas
 - DMZ
 - Limits to target areas
 - Possible escalation
 - 18th parallel
- Criticism

The President's meeting with Robert S. Ingersoll

- Instructions
- Kissinger's trip to Japan
- Length of meeting
- Meeting with Kissinger

Vietnam

- Air strikes
 - Kissinger's trip to Japan
 - Delay
 - Decision
 - Delays
 - Possible duration
- Statements
 - Scali
 - Ziegler

Kissinger left at 9:43 am.

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Date: April 4, 1972

Time: 9:44 am - 10:08 am

Location: Oval Office

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

The President's schedule

- Meetings
 - John B. Connally
 - Russell A. Kirk
 - Concentration on foreign policy
 - Kirk
 - Connally
 - John N. Mitchell
 - Delays
 - Arthur F. Burns
 - Length
 - Purpose
- Connally
 - Possible call
 - Topics
 - Arrangements
 - The President's speech

Education

- The President's speech to the National Catholic Education Association [NCEA]
 - Draft
 - Haldeman's opinion
 - Revisions
 - Parochial schools
 - Raymond K. Price, Jr.
 - Inadequacies
 - Revisions
- Parochial schools
 - Patrick J. Buchanan
 - Charles W. Colson
 - Domestic Council
 - Opposition to aid to non-public schools
 - John D. Ehrlichman
 - Convention in Philadelphia
 - Dr. Sidney P. Marland's, Jr. speech
 - Reception

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- Reasons
 - Enthusiasm towards administration
- The President's appearance
 - Connally's view
 - Meeting with Ehrlichman
- The President's speech
 - Price
 - Article for *U.S. News & World Report*
- Revisions
 - Buchanan's and Colson's work on rhetoric
- Connally's advice
 - Politeness

Vietnam

- Public relations situation
 - Henry A. Kissinger
 - Confusion
 - Ronald L. Ziegler
 - Previous meeting with the President
- Kissinger
 - Current work
- North Vietnamese offensive
 - New York *Times* editorial
 - Characterization of offensive
 - Compared with Laos and Cambodia operations
 - Criticism of press
 - Crossing of Demilitarized Zone [DMZ]
 - Counter strategy
 - B-52s
 - Problems
 - Unknown South Vietnamese General
 - US military's tendency
 - Orderly Retreat
 - Psychological impact

Ambassadors

- Assignments
- Confirmation
 - Frederic V. Malek
- President's instructions
 - Unknown person
- Meeting with Richard S. Ingersoll

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Vietnam

- Public relations
- Laos operation in 1971
- Kissinger's handling
 - Haldeman's view
- Weather
 - Pictures
 - Refugees
 - Ziegler's question
- US bombing
- State Department handling of diplomats
 - North Vietnamese violations
 - DMZ, Geneva Accords, 1968 bombing halt
 - News coverage
 - Clarity
- Muskie
 - Attacks on statements
 - John G. Tower
 - Charge of defeatism
 - Media involvement with story
- Haldeman's control of public relations efforts
 - Concern for GIs and Prisoners of War [POWs]
 - Protection of Americans
 - Number
 - News summary
 - Withdrawal program

Vice-President Spiro T. Agnew's schedule

Voice of America

- Bruce Herschensohn
- Malek
- [US Information Agency]
- Resignation

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[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 45s]

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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

Big business

- Contributions to Democrats
 - The President's instructions
 - Colson
- August A. Busch, Jr. [?]
- Lyndon B. Johnson
- Hubert H. Humphrey in 1968
- Analysis

International Telephone and Telegraph [ITT] case

- Johnson administration
 - Antitrust record
 - Haldeman's reaction

Administration

- TV coverage
 - Reports of crisis in White House
 - Ziegler and John A. Scali
 - Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
 - Thomas E. Jarriell
 - American Broadcasting Company [ABC]
 - Ziegler
 - Unknown reporter
- Robert Pierpoint
- Counterattack
 - Haldeman's upcoming conversation with Ziegler
- Washington Special Action Group [WSAG] meeting
- Kissinger

Vietnam

- News reports
 - White House handling
 - Buchanan
 - Richard A. Moore

1972 campaign

- Contributions

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- Maurice H. Stans
- The President's campaign
 - Disclosure
 - John W. Gardner demands
- Other candidates
 - Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson
 - George C. Wallace
 - Shirley Chisholm
 - Eugene J. McCarthy
 - Lists of donors before April 7
- The President's campaign
 - Stans's position
- Jackson
 - Refusal to disclose

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 9:44 am.

The President's schedule

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:06 am.

1972 campaign

- Contributions
 - The President's campaign
 - Stans's position
 - Primary efforts
 - Wisconsin
 - Television
 - Problems
 - Amount of money
 - Reports to federal government
 - Stans's position
 - Full reports
 - Compliance with law
- Sums of money
 - Importance
 - Amounts
 - Disclosure
 - Problems
 - Alternatives to reporting
 - Limits to disclosure
 - Reports
 - Problems

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-E. Howard Hunt, Jr.

Henry A. Kissinger entered at 10:06 am.

Vietnam

-Air strikes

-Numbers

-Kissinger's conversation with Adm. Thomas H. Moorer

Haldeman left At 10:06 am.

-Target areas

-Moorer's statement

-Damage

Tanks and bridges

-Effectiveness

-Public relations efforts

-Ziegler

-Scali

-Robert J. McCloskey

-Daniel Z. Henkin

Kissinger left at 10:08 am.

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Date: April 4, 1972

Time: Unknown between 10:08 am and 10:09 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

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[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 15s.]

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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

The President's schedule

-The President's meeting with Robert S. Ingersoll

-Duration

-Interruption by Bull

-Adm. Thomas H. Moorer

-Location

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:09 am.

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Conversation No. 701-5

Date: April 4, 1972
 Time: 10:09 am - 10:43 am
 Location: Oval Office

The President met with Robert S. Ingersoll, Henry A. Kissinger and Stephen B. Bull[?].

Introductions and greetings

Bull [?] left at an unknown time before 10:39 am.

Ingersoll's assignment

- Preparations
- Departure
- Timing

US-Japan relations

- Current status
 - Possible problems
 - Ingersoll's role as ambassador
 - Importance
 - Compared to West Germany
 - Berlin agreements
 - [David] Kenneth Rush
 - Compared to the Soviet Union
 - Ingersoll's method of handling
 - Relations with Eisaku Sato, Takeo Fukuda and power elite
 - Identification of potential leaders
 - No need for limitation
- Japan's leadership
 - Fukuda
 - Mitsujiro Ishii
- Ingersoll's role
 - Relationship with the President
 - Importance
 - Armin H. Meyer
 - Personal confidence
 - Representative to the government
 - Use of special channels to communicate with the President
 - Ingersoll's staff
 - Ingersoll's relationship with the Japanese business community

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- The President's knowledge of Japan
 - Importance of US-Japanese alliance
 - The President's visits to Japan
 - Number
 - The President's relationship with Japanese leaders
 - Potential power
 - Economic, political and military
 - Eastern Pacific
 - US-Japanese alliance and friendship
 - Strong emphasis from the President
- Economic competition
 - US respect
 - Avoidance of protectionism, isolationism and Japanese counter reaction
- Ingersoll's dealings with Japanese leaders
- John B. Connally's theory
 - US relationship with Japan, Latin America and Canada
- Ingersoll's approach
 - Closer relations
 - Mutual respect
- People's Republic of China [PRC] issue
 - US-PRC opening of relations
 - US and Japanese interests
 - PRC nuclear capability
 - Possibilities of influence
 - Possibility for conflict
 - Similarities to Korea and Vietnam
 - Reasons
 - Soviet Union
 - Effect on US-Japan ties
 - Difference in relationships
 - Social, economic, political ties
 - Trade ties between US and Japan
 - PRC, Soviet Union, and Canada
 - Mutual security interests
 - US intentions
 - Viable policy in the Pacific
 - Japan's role
 - Frequent dialogue
 - Joint communique
 - Development of US-Japan ties
 - Support For Clause

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[National Security]

[Duration: 23s]

JAPAN

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Nixon Doctrine

- The President's conversation with Chou En-Lai and Mao Tse-Tung
 - State Department view
- Purpose
 - US role in world and the Pacific
 - Low profile
 - Commitment to South Vietnam
 - Continued US presence in Asia
 - PRC
- Japan
 - Neutrality
 - Rearmament
 - Likelihood
 - Economic power
 - World War II

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

[National Security]

[Duration: 21s]

SINGAPORE

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

- Choices in future
 - Nuclear guarantee
 - Firm US alliance
 - Possible Japanese rearmament
- Development of US ties

US-Japan relations

- Competition in PRC
 - Possible Japanese role
 - US Success
 - Possible discussions
 - Potential Japanese actions
- The President's Meeting With Chou en-Lai
 - Mao Tse-Tung
- Need for US-Japan cooperation
 - Dangers of competition
 - Soviet Union
- Kissinger's trip to Japan
 - Kissinger's work with Ingersoll
 - Translator
 - Use
- Ingersoll's dealings with Sato and Fukuda
 - Use of channels
 - Other channels
 - Danger of leaks in Tokyo
 - State Department
 - Arthur K. Watson
 - Georges J. R. Pompidou
- Private dinner

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- Sato
 - Meeting with Kissinger
 - Privacy
 - Meeting with Ingersoll
 - Fukuda
 - Arrangements
 - Scheduling
 - Timing
 - North Vietnamese offensive
 - The President's upcoming visit to the Soviet Union
- President's instructions to Ingersoll
 - Letters to Sato and Fukuda
 - President's signature
 - Drafts
 - Content
 - Dispatch
 - Arrangements
 - State Department files
 - Contact with the Japanese ambassador
 - Meyer
- US Asian policy
 - Message to Japan
 - Quotation of the President
 - Shanghai communique
 - US presence in Asia
 - US-Japan alliance
 - Importance
 - Peace
 - Taiwan, Republic of China
 - US policy
 - Korea
 - The President's message for Ingersoll to the Japanese
- Ingersoll's assignment
- Visits
 - Kissinger
 - The President
 - Upcoming trip to Soviet Union
 - Timing
 - Dwight D. Eisenhower's visit
 - [Emperor of Japan] Hirohito's visit
 - Timing
 - The President
 - Election

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- Respect for the Japanese
- Problems
 - Economic
- The President's message to Japanese leaders
 - Europe and Pacific
- Ingersoll's assignment
 - Conversations with Fukuda, Sato and Ishii
 - Dealings with Japanese
 - Toughness
 - Eisenhower's comments on British as allies
 - Suez crisis
 - Contrasts in war and peace
- Cameras
 - Kodak
 - Film
 - Cost

Presidential gifts
-Golf balls

Kissinger left and Stephen B. Bull entered at 10:39 am.

Golf balls and tie clips

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:43 am.

The President's foreign policy
-Ingersoll's admiration

Ingersoll's family
-Visit to Lincoln Memorial
-Abraham Lincoln
-Compared with the President

Presidential gifts
-Golf balls
-Donald McI. Kendall
-Money clip
-Presidential seal

Bull entered at an unknown time after 10:39 am.

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Photograph session

- Standing pictures

Presidential gifts

- Bronze compacts

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:43 am.

Photographs

- Copies

George P. Shultz

- Qualities

- Previous relationship with Ingersoll

- Dedication

- Eisenhower

The White House photographer entered at an unknown time after 10:39 am.

Photographs

- The President's instructions

The White House photographer left at an unknown time before 10:43 am.

Gifts

- Bronze compacts

- Cuff links

- Tie clasps

- Presidential seal

- Money clips

- Kendall

- “Bowser” [doggie] bags

Ingersoll's assignment

- Ingersoll's father, Roy C. Ingersoll

- Message to Japanese

- State Department

- The President's initials

Ingersoll left at 10:43 am.

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Conversation No. 701-6

Date: April 4, 1972

Time: Unknown between 10:43 am and 10:45 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule

-Meeting with Julie Nixon Eisenhower

-Timing

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:45 am.

Conversation No. 701-7

Date: April 4, 1972

Time: Unknown between 10:43 am and 10:45 am

Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation no. 22-74]

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Conversation No. 701-8

Date: April 4, 1972
Time: 10:45 am - 10:46 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with George P. Shultz.

[See Conversation no. 22-75]

Conversation No. 701-9

Date: April 4, 1972
Time: 10:46 am - 11:46 am
Location: Oval Office

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

Robert S. Ingersoll
-Praise from the President
-Comments on the President's foreign policy
-Lincoln Memorial
-Abraham Lincoln
-Compared with the President

Political support for the President
-General public
-Gallup poll
-Press

Press
-Ronald L. Ziegler's list of names
-Number
-Hugh S. Sidey
-John F. Osborne
-Friends of the President
-Return calls
-Peter C. Andrews of *Buffalo Courier Express*
-*New Republic* and *Life*
-News summary
-References to Sidey and Osborne

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- Importance
- Friendly journalists
 - Potential importance
 - Andrews
 - Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
- Unfriendly journalists
 - Dwight D. Eisenhower
 - Ziegler
 - Osborne
 - Possible influence
 - Sidey
 - Henry A. Kissinger
- Avoidance
 - Haldeman's enforcement

Julie Nixon Eisenhower entered at 10:49 am.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 3m 46s]

Julie Nixon Eisenhower left at 10:53 am.

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

White House Staff

- Parties
 - The President's concern
 - Movies
 - Paul Fisher

Photographs of the President

- Julie Nixon Eisenhower
- Problems
 - William L. Safire
 - Oliver F. ("Ollie") Atkins

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- Selection
- Frank Leonard
- John R. ("Tex") McCrary
- Leonard
 - Similarities of style
- Atkins
 - Photographs of the President
 - Image presentation
 - Eye on Nixon*

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 1m 19s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

News summary

- Comments on the President's personality
 - Source
 - Osborne
 - Spectrum*
 - Unknown journalist
- The President's trips
 - Human interest stories
 - Trip to People's Republic of China [PRC]
- Press reports
 - Trip to PRC
 - Impact
 - Presentation of the President as a person
 - The President's image

Julie Nixon Eisenhower entered at 10:58 am.

Photograph session

- Scheduling
- Atkins

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- The President's availability
- Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
- Location

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 5s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

- Time and day
- Family picture
- Preparations
- Timing
- Mrs. Nixon

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 3s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

- Preparations
- Mrs. Nixon

Julie Nixon Eisenhower left at 11:00 am.

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 16s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

Press

- Attacks
- Press conferences
 - Unknown White House staffer's suggestion
 - Imitation of John F. Kennedy
 - Kennedy's conferences
 - Comparisons to current administration
 - Reports in press
 - Contents
 - The President's conferences
 - Handling by media
 - Comparisons
- Osborne and Sidey
 - Meeting with the President
 - Timing
- Ziegler
- Osborne
- Journalists
 - Cultivation of friends
 - President's instructions
 - 1972 election
 - Ziegler

Drug speech

- TV appearance
 - John D. Ehrlichman's advice
 - Other's view
 - Need for reason
 - President's previous conversation with Ehrlichman
- Fireside chats
- Radio
 - Value
 - Photographs

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- Value
- Florida trip
- Timing
- Hotline
- Timing
- Plans
- TV coverage
- Haldeman's opinion

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 8s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6

- George S. McGovern
- Statements
- Denials
- Corporate taxes
- Amount
- International Telephone and Telegraph [ITT] reports
- Misrepresentation
- Media hostility to the President
- McGovern's reception by press

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 53s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7

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- Contributions
 - Republicans
 - Maurice H. Stans's statement
 - Richard A. Moore
 - Legal requirements
 - John N. Mitchell
 - Amounts
 - Publicity
 - W. Clement Stone
 - John A. ("Jack") Mulcahy
 - Problems
- List of contributors
 - Publication of list
 - Problems
 - Current actions
 - Jackson
 - List of contributors
 - Publication
 - The President's contributors
 - List of names
 - Publication
 - Effect on primaries
 - A mailing
 - Results
 - List
 - Publication
- Publicity
- John W. Gardner's criticisms
 - Public reaction
- Criticisms of the President's campaign
 - Reaction
 - ITT
 - Democrats
 - Edward M. Kennedy

William P. Rogers

- Trip
 - Announcement
 - Possible timing

George H. Gallup group

- Call to Haldeman's office

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- PRC trip
- Relations with White House
- Louis P. Harris
- Albert E. Sindlinger
- Charles W. Colson
- Reports to the White House
 - Interest in the polls
- Figures
- Problems
 - Sampling techniques

Media

- Writers
 - Appearances on Television
 - Credibility
 - Neil MacNeil from *Time*
 - Spectrum* television show
 - ITT case
 - Harm to administration
 - Credibility
- Press relations
 - Peter Lisagor
 - Sidey
 - James Keogh
 - Osborne
 - Boycott
 - President Nixon and the Press*
 - Condensation in *Reader's Digest*
 - Readership
 - Comparisons

Acupuncture

- Interest
 - Hobart D. ("Hobe") Lewis
 - Articles
- Gen. Walter R. Tkach
 - Article
- Interest
 - Fascination
- Age of technique
- PRC
 - Abolition and reinstatement by Mao Tse-tung
 - Cultural revolution

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-Article by James A. Michener

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 1m 11s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 11:00 am.

The President's schedule

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 11:46 am.

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 9

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 1m 17s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 9

Polling Presidential popularity

-Thomas W. Benham's analysis and numbers

-Major issues

-Reversals in public opposition

-November 3, 1969 speech on Vietnam

-Cambodia

-Economic discussions of Phases I and II

-PRC trip

-High points

-Attrition

-Reasons

-Beginning of term

-Successes

-High approval

-Compared with Lyndon B. Johnson and Harry S. Truman

-Unsolvable problems

-Approval downturn

-Vietnam

-Impact

-Republican minority

-Public support

-Depth

-Expectations

-Current strategy

-Problems

-Inflation

-Food prices

-Labor

-Food prices

-Food chains

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- Reduction of prices
 - Safeway stores
 - Advertisements
 - Possible price freeze
- Weak areas
 - Groups
 - Independents
 - Reasons for voting
- Party loyalty
 - Importance
 - Mitchell
- New voters
 - Party affiliation
 - Independence
 - The President's inroads
 - Vietnam
 - PRC opening
 - End of draft
- Women
 - High prices
 - Administration record
 - Equal opportunity
 - Appointments
 - Nixon family
 - Concerns
 - Status of women
 - Patricia R. Hitt
 - Young women
 - Liberal leanings and idealism
 - ITT
 - Budget consciousness
 - Cost of goods
 - The President and Muskie
 - Comparisons
 - The President's personality
 - Projection
 - Importance
 - Press
 - Awards
- Presentation of awards
 - Timing
 - Image as President rather than as candidate
- Course of the President's popularity over first term

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- High and low points discussed
 - Moon landing
 - November 3, 1969 speech on Vietnam
 - Withdrawal from Cambodia
 - Laos
 - Pentagon papers
 - Phase I and Phase II discussions
 - PRC trip
- Gallup poll
- Range
 - John F. Kennedy
 - Johnson

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 10

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 1m 48s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 10

Media

- Radio speech on drugs

Education

- Forthcoming speech to the National Catholic Education Association [NCEA]
 - Ehrlichman
 - Draft
 - Timing
 - Problems
 - Non-public schools
 - Aid
 - Colson
 - Administration's position
 - Division within White House
 - Harris polls
 - Results
 - Catholic attitudes
 - George P. Shultz's study

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- Ehrlichman
 - Financing
 - Tuition
 - Parish funds
 - Contributions
 - Tax deductibility
 - Problems
 - Non-Catholic students
 - Percentage
 - Shultz and Ehrlichman
 - Opposition to aid
 - Shultz
 - Support for private schools
 - Ehrlichman
 - Busing issue
- Busing
 - Forum for handling
 - Television press conferences
- Media relations
 - The President's recent press conference
 - Press reports on the President's tone and physical condition
 - Osborne
 - Sidey
 - Lisagor
 - Sidey
 - The President's aging
 - Description from Sidey
 - Osborne
 - Comments
 - Difference of opinion
 - The President's press conferences
 - Reports
 - The President's tenseness
 - Dan Rather
 - Inaccuracies
 - Press conferences
 - President's dislike
 - Keogh's book
 - Osborne's review
 - Possible press corps view of the President
 - Press boycotts
 - Osborne

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- Ziegler's role
- Sidey
- Osborne

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 11:00 am.

The President's meeting with Prisoner of War/Missing in Action [POW-MIA] lawyers

- Press picture
 - Advantages
 - American Bar Association [ABA]
 - Format
- Number
 - [Louis] Patrick Gray, III
 - Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:45 am.

- John B. Connally
- Illness
 - Return home
 - Postponement of meeting with Arthur F. Burns

Haldeman left at 11:45 am.

Conversation No. 701-10

Date: April 4, 1972

Time: 11:46 am - 11:58 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Robert P. Murray, Harry Hathaway, Walter S. McLin III, John Mitchell Eger, L. Patrick Gray III and Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft; members of the press and the White House photographer were present at the beginning of the meeting.

- Greetings and introductions
- Murray

Photograph session

Introductions

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- Hathaway
- McLin
- Eger
- Gray

Unknown person's visit to White House

- Law Enforcement Assistance Act [LEAA] grant

Press picture

Meeting with the President

- Appreciation
- American Bar Association [ABA] program for Prisoners of War [POWs] and Missing in Action [MIAs]
 - Purposes
 - Contacts with families
 - Civil problems
 - Judge Advocate General [JAG]
 - Remedial legislation
 - Power of attorney
 - State legislatures
 - California
- Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act
 - Problems
 - Department of Defense [DoD]
 - Jurisdiction
 - US Air Force [USAF] Reserve lawyers
 - Possible amendments
 - Hearings in California
- Coordination with military
 - Contacts with families
- The President's help
 - Endorsement
 - Contact person at White House
 - Scowcroft

POWs

- Efforts at release
- Importance of subject
- US bargaining power
 - Maintenance
 - Reasoning
- North Vietnamese offensive

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- Air strikes
 - Possible resolution
- Conclusion of war
 - Critics
 - Withdrawal
 - Problems for POWs
 - The President's January 25, 1972 speech
 - US bargaining power
- POW group
 - Position on war
 - Commitment from the President
- Legal problems
 - Titles

Photographs

- Copies

POWs

- Attorney group

Gray

- Appearance

Murray et al left at 11:58 am.

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Conversation No. 701-11

Date: April 4, 1972

Time: Unknown after 11:58 am until 12:11 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull and Alexander P. Butterfield.

The President's schedule

- Meeting with Prisoner of War/Missing in Action [POW/MIA] lawyers
- Gifts
- Pens

John B. Connally

- Idanell (Brill) ("Nellie") Connally
- Use of Camp David

Bull and Butterfield left and Oscar Dystel, Markus Jaffe, Samuel Schulman, Richard L. Wilson and Herbert G. Klein entered at 12:00 pm; the White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

Greetings

Introductions

- Klein
- Dystel
- Jaffe
- Schulman
- Wilson

Photograph session

Presentation of *The President's Trip to China*

- Copies
- Page of book
- Production quality
- Time
- Value

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 36s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

The President's trip to the Soviet Union

- Possible book
- Leningrad
- Kremlin
- Iran And Poland
- Impact on world
 - Comparison to World War II
- Substance
- News stories
 - Pictures
 - Kremlin
 - Leningrad
 - Warsaw
 - Teheran
 - Crowds
 - Railroads and trains
- Size of press corps
 - Television
 - Compared to PRC trip

Presidential gifts

- Cuff links
- Pens

Book on the President's trip to Soviet Union

- Pending decision
- Raymond K. Price, Jr.
- Preface by the President
- Possible contents
- Arms control
- Middle East

Middle East

- Ceasefire

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The President's Trip to China

- Binding
- Cost
- Subsequent book on Soviet Union trip
 - Topics
 - Arms control
 - Trade
 - Space
 - Wilson

Gridiron Dinner

- The President's absence
 - Women
- Henry A. Kissinger's attendance
- The President's schedule
 - Florida
- Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo

Unknown person's support

San Diego Chargers

- Status
- Seattle Supersonics
- Season's record
- John Hadl

Dystel, et al left at 12:11 pm.

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Conversation No. 701-12

Date: April 4, 1972
Time: Unknown between 12:11 pm and 12:12 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule

- Meeting with Melvin R. Laird and John H. Chafee
- Meeting with LynRae McClintock
 - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
 - Gordon C. Strachan
 - McClintock's husband
 - Justice Department lawyer

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

Conversation No. 701-13

Date: April 4, 1972
Time: 12:12 pm - 12:13 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull, LynRae McClintock and Gordon C. Strachan.

Introduction

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:13 pm.

Change of jobs

Photographs

Home

- New job
- Hometown
- College [University of Southern California]
 - Major
- Hometown [Riverside]
 - High School

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-Gift

Gift

McClintock et al. left at 12:13 pm.

Conversation No. 701-14

Date: April 4, 1972

Time: 12:13 pm - 1:15 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

Kissinger's schedule

-Meeting

Vietnam

-Weather

-Naval gunfire

-Mining operations

-Kissinger's previous conversation with Adm. Thomas H. Moorer

-Plans

-Preparations

-Philippines

-Richard M. Helms

-Information

-Reaction

-[David] Kenneth Rush

-Conversation with Kissinger

-Dated statement

-Review of requests for bombing authority

-Melvin R. Laird's approval

-Surface to Air missiles [SAMs]

-Air strikes

-Increase

-Marine planes

-Location

-Support personnel

-US Air Force [USAF]

-Marine Aircraft

-Marines compared to USAF

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- USAF pilots
- Aircraft
 - Quality
 - The President's view
- Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
 - Haig's opinion
- Moorer
 - Response to the President's orders
- The President's orders
 - Politics
 - US foreign policy
 - Military's role and responsibilities
 - Ground troops
 - Moorer
- B-52s
 - Increase
- F-4s
- Carriers
 - Number
- Destroyers
 - Number
 - The President's opinion
- Cruisers
- Naval gunfire
 - Targets
 - Dong Hoi airfield
 - Logistics
- Lyndon B. Johnson
- Air strikes
 - Weather
 - Improvement
 - Possible delays
- Moorer's plans
 - Kissinger's previous conversation with Moorer
 - Authority
 - 18th parallel
 - Extension
 - 48 hour strike
 - US position
- Mining
 - Impact
 - Delays
 - Impact

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- North Vietnamese offensive
 - Challenge
 - South Vietnamese strategy
 - Retreat and consolidation
 - The President's theory
 - Winston S. Churchill on World War I
 - Comparisons to present situation
 - Lt. Gen. Sir Hubert de la Poer Gough
 - Allied victory
 - German losses and victories
 - Ypres
 - Numbers
 - British retreat
 - Erich Ludendorff
 - Churchill's point
 - Necessity
 - Hue and Da Nang
 - Gen. Nguyen Van Thieu
 - Possible strategy
 - Formation of line
 - Exposure of North Vietnam
 - Demilitarized Zone [DMZ]
 - Impact on North Vietnam
 - Compared to Laos
 - Possible end to the war by year's end
- Political impact
 - Election
 - Timing
 - Democratic National Convention
- North Vietnamese Offensive
 - Need for decisive defeat
 - Break in weather
 - Negotiations
 - Probability before trip to Soviet Union

Announcement on Warsaw

- Notification of State Department and Warsaw
- Laird

The President talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 12:13 and 12:25 pm.

[Conversation No. 701-14A]

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Message for Herbert G. Klein

- Message for Richard L. Wilson
- Announcement on Warsaw
- Delay
- Diplomatic channels

[End of telephone conversation]

US-Soviet Union relations

- Kissinger's meeting with Leonid I. Brezhnev
- Note to the President
- Purpose

Laird and John H. Chafee entered at 12:25 pm; the White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

Greetings

Chafee

- Departure from administration

[Photograph session]

Seating

Cabinet officers

- Subcabinet officers
- Importance
- Gratitude for Chafee's work

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 7m 59s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

Kissinger's departure
-Phone call

Kissinger left at 12:35 pm.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 5m 43s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

Portsmouth Navy Yard
-Decision to keep open
-Described
-Norris Cotton
-Value
-Laird
-Cotton
-Uses

Henry A. Kissinger entered at 12:42 pm.

Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]

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- Submarine-Launched Ballistic Missiles [SLBMs]
 - Passage
 - Submarine-Launched Ballistic Missiles [SLBMs]
- Naval vessels
 - Submarines
 - Technical problems
 - Keel laying
- Presidential gifts
 - Money clip
- Chafee
 - Laird
- 1972 election
 - Chafee
 - Campaign practices

Chafee left at 12:44 pm.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 41s.]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

SALT

- SLBMs
 - Laird's position
 - US negotiating position
 - Helsinki
 - An agreement
 - Undersea Long-Range Missile System [ULMS]
 - Keel laying
 - Limitations
 - Appeal
 - Powered by the State Department and Joint Chief of Staff [JCS]

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- Problems
 - Public apprehensions
 - Soviet Union
- Submarine agreement
 - Political problems
 - Development of facilities
 - Soviet [Delta Class] submarines
 - Missiles
 - Range
 - Number
 - Facilities
- US facilities
 - Limitations

Vietnam

- President's instructions to Laird
- North Vietnamese offensive
 - Stakes For US
 - US withdrawal
- President's view
 - US defeat
 - Consequences
 - US foreign policy
 - Presidency
 - President's awareness of situation
- US counteraction
 - National Security Council [NSC]
 - William P. Rogers
 - State Department
 - Risks
 - Election
 - Necessity for strong action
 - Air and naval power
 - Increase
 - The President's meeting with Adm. Thomas H. Moorer and [David] Kenneth Rush
 - Washington Special Actions Group [WSAG] reports
 - Laird's Role
 - Criticism
 - Assessing success and failure
 - Laird's recommendation
 - Cancellation of bombing
 - Target areas

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- Geographical limit
- US options
- Air strikes
 - Laird's recommendation
 - 18th parallel
 - No restrictions on authority
 - Timing
 - Authority
 - Extension
 - Time frame
 - US actions
 - Resources
 - Support role
 - Target areas
 - B-3 area
 - Activity
 - Weather
 - Forecasts
 - Timing
 - USAF reluctance
 - Battle of the Bulge
 - Comparisons
 - Risks
- Naval Gunfire
 - Ships
 - Number
 - Guns
 - Capacities
 - Accuracy
 - Shore batteries
 - Destroyers
- Targets
 - Tactical Air Support [TACAIR]
 - Performance
 - Tanks
 - Personnel
 - Sir Robert Thompson
 - North Vietnamese vulnerability
- South Vietnam military
 - Hue
 - Thieu
 - Retreat
 - Advantages

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- Battle of Verdun
- French
- Reports of battle
 - Criticism of Department of Defense [DoD]
 - Bombing requests
 - Possible problems coming from Laird's office
 - Blame on Laird for reluctance
 - JCS
 - Lack of forthcoming information to the President
- Air strikes
 - Laird's role
 - Loyalty to the President
 - Possibly questioned
- Press conference
 - Rogers
 - Timing
 - Demilitarized Zone [DMZ] violations
 - Schedule changes
 - Recognition of Bangladesh
 - Rogers's responsibilities
 - Laird's previous conversation with the President
 - Previous telephone conversation with Robert J. McCloskey
- Ronald L. Ziegler
 - Line for the press
 - Conversation with Laird's people
- President's instructions for Laird
 - Points to make
 - US purposes for air strikes
 - Protection of Americans
 - Vietnamization
 - Continuation
 - Aid to South Vietnam's defense
 - Prisoners of War [POWs] return
 - US actions
 - Ground troops
 - Air power
 - Target areas
 - Violation of international law
 - Strong, hard line from Laird
 - Rogers
 - Comparison to Laird
 - Cambodia

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- Changes in character of war
 - Compared with Korean Conflict
- Violations by North Vietnam
 - 1954 agreement, 1968 bombing halt
 - Rogers
- Air strikes
 - Targets
- Protection of Americans
 - Number
- Escalation of war
 - Edmund S. Muskie's charges
 - The President's response
- Hubert H. Humphrey
 - Demands for more aid to South Vietnam
- North Vietnamese offensive
 - Vietnamization
 - Impact
 - Laird's statement
 - Possible credibility problem
 - South Vietnamese strength
 - Chances of success
 - Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.
 - Thieu
 - US confidence in South Vietnamese Abilities
 - Abrams comment
 - Football analogy
 - Past retreats
 - Battle of the Bulge
 - World War I
 - Great Britain and Germany
 - Public relations response
 - Laird's statements
 - Follow-up from the President
 - Timing
 - Scheduling
 - Rogers and Laird
 - Coordination of various agencies
 - Authorities
 - Ziegler
 - Report of meeting between Laird and the President
 - Laird
 - Loyalty to the President

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- Questions
- Laird's relationship with JCS
- Hardline from Laird

The President talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 12:44 and 1:11 pm.

[Conversation No. 701-14B]

Request that Ziegler join them

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam

- North Vietnamese offensive
 - Laird
 - Loyalty to the President
 - Problems of communication within the DoD and between the DoD and the White House
 - Weather
 - Forecasts
 - Effect on air sorties
 - Number
 - B-3 Area
 - Possible psychological impact
 - Effect on air sorties
 - B-52s
 - Problems
 - Surface-To-Air Missiles [SAMs]
 - Countermeasures
 - Target Areas
 - DMZ
 - Effectiveness
 - SAMs
 - Target Areas
 - Risks
 - DMZ
 - SAMs
 - Losses
 - Florida
 - US countermeasures
 - Options

Ziegler entered At 1:11 pm.

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- Impact on People's Republic of China [PRC] and Soviet Union
 - US credibility
- Impact on US allies
 - Asia, Europe and Latin America

Kissinger left at 1:12 pm.

- The President's meeting with Laird
 - Ziegler's report
 - Statement for press
 - Laird's press conference
 - Timing
 - Rogers
 - Presentation

Laird left at an unknown time before 1:15 pm.

- Weather
 - Impact on air strikes
 - Public reaction
- Air strikes
 - Muskie's criticism
- Escalation of war
 - Responsibility
- North Vietnamese offensive
 - McCloskey
 - Ziegler's report
 - Administration's stance
 - Ziegler's previous conversation with Haig
- Public relations
 - Strategy
 - Comments to press
 - Confidence
 - Possible outcome
- Press
 - Contradictory reports
 - Robert Pierpoint
 - Crisis in White House
 - Ziegler's previous conversation with Bill Jarriel [?]
 - WSAG meetings
 - Templeton [first name unknown]

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Ziegler left at 1:15 pm.

Conversation No. 701-15

Date: April 4, 1972
Time: Unknown between 1:15 pm and 1:17 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger.

Unknown person's schedule
-Meeting with the President

Conversation No. 701-16

Date: April 4, 1972
Time: Unknown between 1:15 pm and 1:17 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

The President's schedule
-Old Executive Office Building [EOB]

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 1:17 pm.

Conversation No. 701-17

Date: April 4, 1972
Time: 1:17 pm - 1:32 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

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Vietnam

- Melvin R. Laird
- Protestations of loyalty

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[Privacy]

[Duration: 5s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

- Public relations efforts
- North Vietnamese offensive
- Importance
 - Weather
 - Pessimism
- Weather
 - US Air Force [USAF]
 - Reluctance in bad weather
 - B-52s
- Naval gunfire
 - Laird's evaluation
 - Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
 - Kissinger's trust
 - Range
 - Employment
- Laird's Pessimism
 - Gen. Robert E. Pursley
- [David] Kenneth Rush
 - Support for the President
 - Compared with David N. Packard
 - Loyalty
- Laird
 - Pessimism
 - Naval gunfire
 - B-52s
 - Possible psychological impact
- Soviet Union and People's Republic Of China [PRC] and Hanoi
 - India-Pakistan war

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- Similarities to present situation
- North Vietnamese offensive
 - Kissinger's view
 - US counteraction
 - Dong Hoi
 - Supply Depots
 - B-52s
 - Effectiveness
 - B-3 area
 - Air strikes
 - Effectiveness
- Weather
 - PRC and Soviet Union
 - Duration of bad weather
 - Limitations on air power
 - Current aircraft
 - Impact on aircraft
 - Comparisons to the Battle of the Bulge
 - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
 - Previous conversation with Kissinger
 - Comparison to the early stages of the Vietnam war
 - Commercial planes
- Richard M. Helms
 - Support for administration's policy
 - Comments
- South Vietnamese resistance
 - Hue
 - Blockade of Haiphong
 - Strength of South Vietnam
 - Compared with the Battle of the Bulge
 - Gen. George S. Patton, Jr.
- US equipment
- Laird and Rush
 - Comparisons
- Public relations
 - William P. Rogers
 - Press conference
 - Bangladesh
 - Vietnam
- Air strikes
 - Northern limits
 - Administration's stance
 - Options

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- Target areas
- Blockade of Haiphong
- Mining
- Preparations
- Philippines

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

[National Security]

[Subject: Vietnam]

[Duration: 10s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

- North Vietnamese offensive
 - PRC and Soviet Union warnings against US interventions
 - US actions
 - Administration's stance
 - Appearance
 - Jordan
 - India-Pakistan war
 - Impact on PRC and Soviet Union
 - Impact on election
- Soviets
 - Interests
 - Berlin agreement
 - Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
 - Talk with Kissinger
 - Summit
 - Kissinger's previous conversations with the State Department
 - Likelihood of cancellation
 - Military mission in Hanoi
 - Analysis
 - Military equipment
 - Inclusion in Laird's statement
 - Equipment in Vietnam

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- Tanks, planes, trucks
- Joseph W. Alsop
 - Forthcoming meeting with Kissinger
 - Social occasions
 - Kissinger's previous conversation with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
 - 1972 election
- North Vietnamese offensive
 - Air strikes in North
 - Demilitarized Zone [DMZ]
 - Effectiveness
- South Vietnam
 - 1968 Tet offensive
 - Khe Sanh

The President and Kissinger left at 1:32 pm.