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Tape Subject Log
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Conversation No. 709-1

Date: April 17, 1972
Time: Unknown between 8:36 am and 8:58 am
Location: Oval Office

The President dictated a memorandum for the file.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
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[Duration: 1m 24s]

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Conversation No. 709-2

Date: April 17, 1972
Time: Unknown between 8:36 am and 8:58 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Ronald L. Ziegler
-Meeting with the President

Bull left at an unknown time before 8:58 am.

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Conversation No. 709-3

Date: April 17, 1972
Time: Unknown between 8:36 am and 8:58 am
Location: Oval Office

The President dictated notes for the file.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 5m 29s]

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Conversation No. 709-4

Date: April 17, 1972
Time: Unknown between 8:36 am and 8:58 am
Location: Oval Office

The President dictated a memorandum for the file.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 3m 48s]

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Date: April 17, 1972

Time: Unknown between 8:36 am and 8:58 am

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[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 1m 16s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Conversation No. 709-6

Date: April 17, 1972

Time: Unknown between 8:36 am and 8:58 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule

-Meeting with Henry A. Kissinger

-William M. Colmer luncheon

Bull left at an unknown time before 8:58 am.

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Conversation No. 709-7

Date: April 17, 1972

Time: Unknown between 8:36 am and 8:58 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

Tape of memoranda for the file

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 8:58 am.

Conversation No. 709-8

Date: April 17, 1972

Time: 8:58 am - 9:34 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

Vietnam

- Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Jr.'s cable
 - Possible US action
 - Military situation
 - Predictions
 - Troop withdrawals
 - Conversation with Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.
 - Figures
 - Announcement
 - Timing
 - Numbers
 - Kissinger's recommendation
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
 - Message to the President
 - Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
 - Hanoi
 - US response
 - Soviet reply
 - Summit

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Conv. No. 709-8 (cont.)

- The President's trip
 - Impact on domestic issues
- Kissinger's trip
 - Timing after bombing of Hanoi and Haiphong
- Soviet message from Dobrynin
 - Hanoi
 - Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
- People's Republic of China [PRC]
 - Chou En-lai

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[National Security]

[Duration: 1m 43s]

VIETNAM

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

- William P. Rogers
 - The President's conversation with Rogers
 - Kissinger's conversation with Rogers

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 8:58 and 9:03 am.

[Conversation No. 709-8A]

Request for a call to Rogers

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam

- Negotiations

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Conv. No. 709-8 (cont.)

- Resumption of Paris Peace Talks
 - Le Duc Tho
 - Plenary sessions
 - Cessation of bombing

The President talked with William P. Rogers between 9:03 and 9:10 am.

[Conversation No. 709-8B]

Vietnam

- Negotiations
 - Resumption
 - Cessation of bombing
 - US response
- Blockade
 - Rogers's statement
 - Delays
 - Wording
 - Military targets
 - Ronald L. Ziegler
 - Necessity of weapons
- Military operations
 - South Vietnam
 - Courage
 - Air sorties
 - Figures
- Negotiations
 - Statement
- USSR and PRC protests
 - US replies
 - CIA analysis
 - Nature of responses
- Summit
 - Cancellation
- Rogers's statement
- William F. ("Billy") Graham
 - Conversation with the President
 - Conversation with University of North Carolina Chancellor
 - Student protests
 - Students
 - Acceptance of US policies

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Conv. No. 709-8 (cont.)

- Support for the President
- The President's trips to the PRC and USSR
- Military operations
 - An loc
 - Ground action
 - Newspaper reports
 - Air power
 - Abrams
 - Military targets

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam

- Blockade
 - Necessity
 - Legality
 - Timing
 - US commitment
 - Kissinger's trip to USSR
 - Return
 - Timing
 - Soviet responses
- The President's Administration
 - Kissinger' analysis
 - Impact of war
 - Lyndon B. Johnson's Administration
 - Confidence in government
 - John F. Kennedy's Administration
 - Foreign policy
 - Advisors
 - Johnson's Administration
 - Foreign policy
 - Successor
 - Democrats
 - Edmund S. Muskie
 - Hubert H. Humphrey
 - Edward M. Kennedy
 - Republicans
 - Spiro T. Agnew
 - Ronald W. Reagan
 - Nelson A. Rockefeller

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Conv. No. 709-8 (cont.)

- Possibilities for the nomination
- Legacy
 - US strength
 - Possible successors' strength and experience
 - Leadership evaluated
 - Muskie
 - Kennedy
- Successors
 - Strength in foreign policy
- US credibility
 - North Vietnamese victory
 - Foreign policy initiatives
 - Policies
 - Criticism
 - Hue
 - Vietnamization
 - Muskie
 - Statements
- World War I
 - Verdun
 - Comparisons
 - France and Germany
 - Costs
 - South Vietnamese losses
 - Hue
 - An loc
 - Hue
 - New York Times* article
 - Unknown reporter
- North Vietnamese offensive
 - Hugh S. Sidey article
 - The President's demeanor
 - Jerrold L. Shechter
 - Conversation with Kissinger
 - Location
 - The President's instructions to Kissinger
 - Robert B. Semple, Jr.
 - New York Times*
 - Max Frankel
 - Leads
 - Victory

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Conv. No. 709-8 (cont.)

- Consequences
 - Soviets
 - Middle East
 - Message for Golda Meir
 - Kissinger's call to Yitzhak Rabin
- Military operations
 - Kissinger's upcoming conversation with Dobrynin
 - Soviet Message
 - US reply
 - Wording
 - Kissinger's upcoming trip to the USSR
 - Summit
- Chou En-lai
- Soviet message
 - Private talks
 - US reply
 - Dobrynin
 - US response
 - Rogers's cable
- Kissinger's trip to USSR
 - Possible agenda
 - Reasons
 - Compared with PRC trip
- Press conference
 - Announcement
 - The President's statement
 - Kissinger's television appearance
 - Democrats' responses
 - Kissinger's trip to USSR
 - Possible North Vietnamese presence in Moscow
 - Announcement
- The President's schedule
 - Camp David
 - Kissinger's presence
 - Low key
 - Return to Washington
 - Meeting with Kissinger
 - Arrangements
 - Meeting in Paris
 - Meeting with Kissinger
 - Trip to Moscow

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Conv. No. 709-8 (cont.)

- Timing
- Place
 - The Executive Office Building [EOB]
- USSR
 - Dealings with US
- North Vietnamese offensive
 - Bombing
 - Target areas
 - Scheduling
 - B-3
 - South Vietnam
 - Timing
 - Public reception
 - USSR and PRC protests
 - Intensity
 - Kissinger's return to US
- Soviet talks
 - Kissinger's trip
 - Blockade
 - Soviet Summit
 - Possible cancellation
 - US stance
 - Impact
 - Tone to be used witho the Soviets
- Johnson
 - Differences
- North Vietnamese troop levels
 - Possibility of cease-fire during USSR trip
 - US conditions
 - Demilitarized zone [DMZ]
 - Cessation of bombing
 - Domestic opinion
 - Abrams
 - Air attacks
 - Intensification
- Military operations
 - Number of sorties
 - Naval action
 - Number of destroyers, cruisers and carriers
 - Location
 - Bomb damage

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Conv. No. 709-8 (cont.)

- Haiphong petroleum, oil, and lubricants [POL]
 - Photographs of damage
- Rail cuts
- Railroads
- Hanoi POL
- Railroads in Hanoi
- Haiphong
 - Warehouse
 - Naval base
 - Shipyards
 - Warehouse
- Truck parks
 - Photographs

Frank J. Shakespeare

- Withdrawal of resignation

Vietnam

- An Loc
 - North Vietnamese tank losses
 - North Vietnamese maneuvers
 - Losses
- Hue
 - Military action
- Quang Tri
 - South Vietnamese movements and offensive
 - South Vietnamese tanks
 - Damage against North Vietnam

Kissinger left at 9:34 am.

Conversation No. 709-9

Date: April 17, 1972

Time: 9:35 am - 10:32 am

Location: Oval Office

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

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Conv. No. 709-9 (cont.)

Richard G. Kleindienst confirmation

-Meeting with Samuel J. Ervin, Jr.

-Clark MacGregor

-Call to Ervin

-Reason

-Paul J. Fannin

-Next move

-Likely result

-Options

-Russell B. Long's statment

-John N. Mitchell

-Belief in success

-MacGregor

-View of Kleindienst's chances

-Democrats' strategy

-*Washington Post* story

-Replacement

-Caspar W. Weinberger

-Risks

-Rejection

-Lewis F. Powell, Jr.

-Risks

-William French Smith

-Interests

-Oil

-International Telephone and Telegraph [ITT]

-Prestige

-Dean at Duke Law School

-Qualities

-John D. Ehrlichman

-Charles S. Rhyne

-*Washington Post* story

News summaries

-The President's instructions

-Cambodia and Laos

-Screening

-Vietnam

-Developing stories

-Republican National Convention [?]

-The President's attention

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Conv. No. 709-9 (cont.)

- Haldeman's review
- Ehrlichman and Charles W. Colson

Issues

- ITT
 - Colson
- Busing
 - Ehrlichman's project
- Vietnam
 - Cabinet meeting
 - Publicity
 - Alarmism

The President's schedule

- Camp David
 - Henry A. Kissinger
 - Length of stay
- Monday
 - Kissinger's Paris meeting
- Kissinger's Soviet trip
 - Public statements
 - Cover
 - Ehrlichman and Ronald L. Ziegler
 - Comparisons to Key Biscayne
- Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
 - Return to US
- Kissinger's trip
 - Meeting with Haig
 - Report to the President
- Camp David
 - Time
- Press conference
 - Troop withdrawals announcement
- The President's trip to Capitol
 - The President's instructions
 - Press coverage
 - Ziegler
 - Problems
 - Entrance to building
 - Blocking reporters

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Kleindienst nomination

-Mitchell

-Support for Kleindienst

Ronald L. Ziegler entered at 9:49 am.

William P. Rogers's television appearance

-Time

Pandas

-Photographs

-Ziegler's conversation with Constance M. (Cornell) ("Connie") Stuart

-Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon's schedule

-Conflicts with table tennis event

-Two People's Republic of China [PRC] stories

-Ziegler's call to Mrs. Nixon

-Mrs. Nixon's location

-*Washington Post* story

-Musk oxen from the PRC

-Sickness

-Treatment in zoo

-*Washington Post* story

-Photographs

-Associated Press [AP] story

-Postponement

-Theodore H. Reed

-Musk oxen

-Sickness

-Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon's schedule

-Photographs with pandas

-Table tennis match

-Publicity

-Schedule of team

Table tennis

-PRC's team visit

-Publicity value

-Mrs. Nixon's schedule

-Ziegler's call

-Historic significance

-Postponement of appearance with pandas

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- Scheduling problems

The President's schedule

- Meeting with Polish Ambassador, Witold Trampczynski
 - Photographs
 - Kissinger
 - Arrangements
 - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] trip
 - The President's upcoming conversation with Kissinger
 - Ramifications

Soviet summit

- Ziegler's line
 - Answer to USSR and PRC protests on Vietnam
- Rogers
 - Melvin R. Laird
- Bombing
 - Impact
 - Ziegler's statements
 - Guidelines
 - Possible questions
- New York Times*
 - Terence F. Smith
 - Story about Hue
- World War I
 - France and Germany
 - Verdun
 - Losses
 - Symbolism
- White House staff
 - Conversations with *New York Times* reporters
 - Prohibitions
 - Robert B. Semple, Jr.

Vietnam

- Ziegler's comments
 - Protests
 - Edmund S. Muskie and Hubert H. Humphrey
 - Counterattacks
 - North Vietnamese invasion
 - Failure

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Conv. No. 709-9 (cont.)

- Resolutions in the US Senate
- Critics
 - North Vietnamese invasion
 - Lack of criticism
 - US policies
 - Rhetoric
 - Criticism
 - Support for the enemy and hostility toward South Vietnam
 - Rogers's statement
 - White House support
- Negotiations
 - Ziegler's statements
- Bombing
 - Limitations
 - The President's previous conversation with Rogers
 - Cessation
 - Nuclear weapons
 - Withdrawal of US forces across the demilitarized zone [DMZ]
 - Conditions
 - Wording
- South Vietnam
 - Praise
- US Air Force [USAF]
 - Praise
 - Defensiveness
- Bombing
 - Escalation of debate
 - Colson and Kissinger
 - Kissinger's view
 - Democrat attacks
- Critics
 - Answer
 - Need to defend South Vietnam and US airmen and seamen
 - Current line
 - Muskie
 - United Nations [UN] consideration
 - UN Security Council
 - Humphrey's resolution
 - President's view
 - Soviet and PRC vetoes
 - Humphrey as Vice President

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- Muskie's resolution
 - Cessation of all operations by US
- Ziegler's responses
 - Individual attacks
- Rogers
- The President's decision to bomb
- The President's instructions to Ziegler
- Press
 - Hugh S. Sidey and John F. Osborne
 - Boycott
- The President's decision to bomb
 - Ziegler's response
- Soviet summit
 - The President's previous conversation with Kissinger
 - Possible comments by Kissinger
- US policies
 - Hard line
 - Defense of policies
 - Attack from Democrats
 - Counterattack
 - Posture of confidence
- Negotiations
 - Ziegler's statement
 - The President's November 25th speech
 - US policies and record of Administration
 - Private channels
 - Release of record
 - Embarrassment of press
 - “Red faces”
 - Rogers's statement

Mrs. Nixon

- Ziegler's upcoming telephone call
- PRC related stories
 - Number
 - Pandas
 - Table tennis game

Ziegler left at 10:12 am.

Vietnam

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- Public relations
 - Press reports
 - Embarrassment
 - Colson
 - Spiro T. Agnew
 - Attacks
 - Patrick J. Buchanan speech
 - Nelson A. Rockefeller and Ronald W. Reagan
 - Joint statement
 - Agnew
 - Schedule and location
 - Buchanan
 - Draft of speech
 - Criticism of critics

Rogers

- Relations with Kissinger
 - Conflict
 - Possible action taken by Kissinger

Unknown treaty

Vietnam

- Unknown lieutenant colonel
- North Vietnam
- Press
 - President's view

Press

- Quality
 - Decline
 - Richard ("Dick") Wilson
 - William S. White
 - Public relations
- White House
 - Indifference to press hostility
- An Loc
 - Television media reports
- Terence F. Smith
 - Conversation with unknown White House aide
 - Identity of aide
 - Story of Hue loss

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- Joseph W. Alsop

Moon shot

- Audience
 - Raymond K. Price, Jr.
 - Diplomatic Corps
 - Invitations
 - Acceptances
 - The President's daughters
 - Haldeman's children [?]
- Television equipment
 - Increase in amount of coverage

The President's schedule

- William M. Colmer luncheon
- Bicentennial Gardens
 - Location
- Frank T. Bow
 - Meeting with the President
 - Future plans
- Colmer luncheon
 - Seating
 - Bow
 - Age

Vietnam

- Edward M. Kennedy
 - Criticism about Vietnam
 - White House strategy
- White House position
 - Public opinion
 - Hawkishness
- Supporters
 - Rockefeller
 - Kissinger [?]
 - Young Americans for Freedom [YAF]
 - Input
- White House staff
 - Buchanan
 - Timidity
 - Show of pride for administration

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- Support for the President
- Criticism of administration
- Public reactions of leaders
 - British view [?]
- Public support for administration
- Leaders
 - Rockefeller
 - William F. ("Billy") Graham
 - Chancellor of University of North Carolina
- North Vietnamese offensive
 - State Department
 - Public relations value
 - Press reports
 - Compared with Cambodian invasion
 - North Vietnamese violations
 - Horror stories on television
 - Refugees
 - US-South Vietnamese atrocities
 - Reports
- North Vietnam
 - Propaganda about US advisors
 - Truck driver incident

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 10:12 am.

- US bombing of Haiphong
 - Sanchez's view
 - North Vietnamese and Soviet complaints
 - US responses

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 10:32 am.

- North Vietnamese invasion
 - US responses
 - Softness of American Society
- White House staff
 - Problems
- Soviet Summit
- The President's instructions to Haldeman

White House staff

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- Problems
- Dealings with aides
 - Ehrlichman, George P. Shultz and Herbert G. Stein
- Dealings with Cabinet officers
 - John B. Connally
- Ehrlichman and Haldeman
 - Dealings with Connally
 - Meetings with the President

Weather at Camp David

- Spring
- Sunlight
- Rain and thunderstorms

White House staff

- Kissinger's staff

Vietnam

- Haig
- B-52s
- Navy
- Success
- Vietnamization
 - Muskie's criticism
 - Cease-fire
 - Problems

Haldeman left at 10:32 am.

Conversation No. 709-10

Date: April 17, 1972

Time: 10:32 am - 10:47 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule

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Conv. No. 709-9 (cont.)

- Meeting with Witold Trampczynski
 - Photographs
 - Oliver F. ("Ollie") Atkins
 - Press

Henry A. Kissinger entered and Bull left at 10:32 am.

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]

- Message to US
- Analysis

The President's forthcoming trip to Poland

- Announcement
 - Trampczynski
 - Soviets
 - Possible cancellation

USSR

- Soviet Summit
 - Collapse
 - Initiative
 - U-2 incident
 - Dwight D. Eisenhower
 - Possible similarities
- Joseph C. Kraft
 - Conversation with Kissinger
 - Soviet response

Trampczynski entered at 10:34 am.

Greetings

Photographs

- Arrangements
- Message for the President

Warsaw

- Kissinger's visit

Poland

- The President's last visit

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Conv. No. 709-10 (cont.)

- Meeting with Wladyslaw Gomulka
 - Chou En-lai
 - Nikita S. Khrushchev
- Letter inviting the President to visit Poland
 - Premier Piotr Jaroszewicz
- Chairman of the Council of State, Henryk Jablonski
 - Visit to US

US-Poland relations

- US aspirations
 - Differences
 - Similarities to the President's trips to the People's Republic of China [PRC] and USSR
- Polish-Americans
 - Special ties
- Mutual agreement
- Polish-Americans
 - The President's Polish acquaintances
 - Locations
 - John Cardinal Krol of Philadelphia
- The President's forthcoming visit to Poland
 - Lodgings
 - Size of party
 - Request from the Polish government
 - President and Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
 - Arrangements
 - The President's stop in Teheran
 - Meetings with officials
 - Mrs. Nixon
 - Tours
 - Schools
 - Hospitals
 - Areas of interest
 - Culture
- Poznan Boys' Choir
 - Past performances
 - Future performances
- Trampczynski's home town
 - Warsaw
 - Historic site
 - Memories

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Conv. No. 709-10 (cont.)

- Kissinger's visit in 1964
 - Visit of Polish Jews
 - Kissinger's reaction
- Trampczynski's stay in US
 - Berkeley, California
 - University of California at Berkeley [?]
 - Return visit
- The President's trip to Poland
 - Symbolism
 - Benefits
 - Economic cooperation
 - Warsaw

Trampczynski left at 10:45 am.

Vietnam

- Haiphong
- Kissinger's meeting with press
 - Ronald L. Ziegler
- US bombing
 - Haiphong and Hanoi
 - Visit of Polish Ambassador with the President
 - Invitation to visit Poland
 - Soviet attitude
 - Press reports

Kissinger's schedule

- Meeting with press
 - Robert J. McCloskey, Daniel Z. Henkin and Ziegler
- Washington Special Action Group [WSAG] meeting
- Meeting with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
- WSAG meeting
 - Kissinger's attacks on Democrats
 - Support for North Vietnamese invaders

Kissinger left at 10:47 am.

Conversation No. 709-11

Date: April 17, 1972

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Conv. No. 709-10 (cont.)

Time: Unknown between 10:48 am and 10:51 am

Location: Oval Office

Unknown persons met.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[Non-historical returnable]

[Duration: 2s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

The unknown persons left at an unknown time before 10:51 am.

Conversation No. 709-12

Date: April 17, 1972

Time: Unknown between 10:48 am and 10:51 am

Location: Oval Office

Unknown persons met.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[Non-historical]

[Duration: 33s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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Tape Subject Log*(rev. 10/06)*The unknown persons left at an unknown time before 10:51 am.

Conversation No. 709-13

Date: April 17, 1972

Time: 10:51 am - 11:03 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

Vietnam

- Daniel Z. Henkin's speech
- Democrats' criticism
 - White House response
 - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman and Ronald L. Ziegler
 - Defense of the President
 - Attacks on Democrats
 - Escalation in rhetoric
 - [Forename unknown] Coleman [?]
 - Previous conversation with the President
- Resolutions in Senate
 - Curtailment
 - Hanoi's response
 - Charge of defeatism
 - Administration's attacks
- Press coverage
- Edmund S. Muskie
- Hugh Scott and Michael J. Mansfield
 - Trip to People's Republic of China [PRC]
 - PRC statement
 - Mansfield statement
- The President's Soviet trip
 - Kissinger's conversation with PRC Ambassador
- Mansfield
 - Administration attacks
- Soviets
 - Kissinger offer

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Conv. No. 709-13 (cont.)

- Interim solution
 - Le Duc Tho
 - Paris Peace Talks
- North Vietnamese invasion
 - Defeats
 - Attitude after bombing
 - US conditions for negotiations
 - North Vietnamese refusal
- Prisoners of war [POWs]
 - Exchange
 - Sick and wounded
- Democrats
 - Criticism
 - US policies
 - Possible hardline
 - Blockade
 - End of war
 - Involvement of Soviets
- Negotiations
 - May announcement
 - Timing
 - Kissinger's view
 - Upcoming press conference
 - Troop reductions
 - Show of confidence
 - Paris Peace talks
 - Public impact
 - Upcoming press conference
 - Number
- Soviets
 - Kissinger's trip
 - Conversation with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
 - Message for the President
 - Reason for the talks
 - Reply
 - Administration's position
 - Soviet summit
- Blockade
 - Joseph C. Kraft
 - Soviet response
 - Option

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Conv. No. 709-13 (cont.)

Ziegler entered at 11:01 am.

Soviet summit

- United Press International [UPI] story
- The President's itinerary
 - Locations
 - Ziegler
- Source from the Kremlin

Kissinger left at 11:02 am.

Vietnam

- North Vietnamese invasion
 - William P. Rogers's televised statement before Senate Foreign Relations Committee
 - Number of North Vietnamese tanks with equipment
 - Frank F. Church
 - Criticism of Congress
 - Length

Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon

- Schedule
 - Visit to National Zoo
 - S. Dillon Ripley III
 - Table tennis game
 - Planning

PRC

- Table tennis game
 - The President's schedule
 - Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
 - Changes in schedule

Ziegler left at 11:03 am.

Conversation No. 709-14

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Conv. No. 709-13 (cont.)

Date: April 17, 1972

Time: 11:07 am - 11:33 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

The President's schedule

- Meeting with Ronald L. Ziegler
- Edward C. Nixon
- Dinner

Weather

Vietnam

- William P. Rogers's statement
- President's view
- Edmund S. Muskie
- Rogers's difficulties
- Democrats
- Woods's opinion

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 44s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Pandas

- Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon's schedule
- Table tennis team visit
- Constance M. (Cornell) ("Connie") Stuart
- Conflicts with Ziegler
- H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- John B. Connally
- Trip to Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]

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Conv. No. 709-14 (cont.)

- Ziegler
- President's view

Soviet Trip

- Mrs. Nixon
- Schedule
- John V. ("Jack") Brennan
- The President's schedule
 - People's Republic of China [PRC] trip
 - White House staff
 - President's instructions
 - Rogers
 - Mrs. Nixon

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 8m 39s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

The President's schedule

- Meeting with retiring members of Congress
 - Alexander P. Butterfield
 - Army Chorus
- Newspaper editors event
 - Arrangements similar to Christmas parties
 - The President's instructions
 - Chorus
 - Entertainment
 - Music
 - Location
 - Reception line
 - Number of people
 - Entertainment

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Conv. No. 709-14 (cont.)

- Duke Law School class event
- Whittier College class event
 - Enjoyment of party
 - Dinner
- Navy comrades event
- Social events
 - The President's Canadian trip [?]
 - Concert
 - John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
 - Organization of American States [OAS] function
 - Concert
 - Kennedy Center
 - Buffet
 - Preparations
 - White House staff
- Mexican President's visit
 - State dinner
 - The President's Canadian trip
 - Previous State dinners
- Concert
 - Buffet
 - Toasts
- Navy comrades
 - Party
 - Reception
 - Army Chorus
 - Uniforms
 - Planning
 - Butterfield and Lucy A. Winchester
 - The President's view
 - Modern dancers
 - Nancy Hanks
 - The President's request

Arts

- Modern dancers
 - Makeup of dancers
- Hanks
- Modern music
- Modern painting
- Entertainment during administration

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Conv. No. 709-14 (cont.)

- Quality of entertainment
- President and Mrs. John F. Kennedy
 - Reputation for support
 - Pablo Cassals
- Current administration
 - Invitations
 - Stuart
 - Press distortions
 - Entertainment at the White House
 - The President's memorandum
 - Stuart
 - Publicity

Woods left at 11:33 am.

Conversation No. 709-15

Date: April 17, 1972

Time: 11:35 am - 12:02 pm

Location: Oval Office

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

Richard G. Kleindienst confirmation

- John N. Mitchell's report
 - Negotiations with Samuel J. Ervin, Jr. and Paul J. Fannin
 - Robert Mardian
 - Clark MacGregor

Vietnam

- William P. Rogers's testimony, Senate Foreign Relations Committee
 - Rogers's hearing
 - Press coverage
 - Clifford P. Case's questions
 - Support for the President and Vietnamization
 - Criticism of air war
 - Press coverage
 - Rogers's bearing

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Conv. No. 709-14 (cont.)

-Frank F. Church's questions

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 11:35 and 11:50 am

[Conversation No. 709-15A]

[See Conversation No. 23-1]

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam

-Rogers's testimony

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 11:35 and 11:50 am.

[Conversation No. 709-15B]

[See Conversation No. 23-2]

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam

-Rogers's testimony

Kleindienst confirmation

-MacGregor

-Mitchell

-Advice on Kleindienst

-Speech

-Scheduling

-Ervin's tactics

-Delay of testimony

-Michael Gravel case

-Supreme Court

-Privilege of Congress

-Criticism of Ervin's position

Vietnam

-Rogers's testimony

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Conv. No. 709-15 (cont.)

- Substance
 - Haldeman's opinion
- Television appearance
 - Bearing
- Criticism of invasion
- Prisoners of war [POWs]
- Plane loss
 - Figures and casualties
- US bombing
 - Military reasons
 - Diplomatic reasons
 - Importance
- Talents
 - Legal abilities
 - Public relations sense
 - Clarity
 - Compared with Henry A. Kissinger
- North Vietnamese intentions
 - Negotiations
 - Possible offer from North Vietnam
- US bombing
 - Cessation
 - Conditions
- Violations
 - Cessation
 - Demilitarized zone [DMZ]
- US bombing
 - Conditions for cessation
- Changes of policy under the President
 - Compared to 1968
- Troops
 - Retaliation for attacks
 - Protection of troops
 - Rogers compared to Kissinger
- North Vietnamese invasion
 - Mechanized forces
 - Source of supply
 - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
 - Petroleum dependence
 - US attacks on dumps
 - Purpose of bombings

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Conv. No. 709-15 (cont.)

- News coverage
- Edmund S. Muskie's resolution
 - Comments
 - Dangers to Democrats
 - Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson's criticism
 - George C. Wallace

Wallace

- Tax reform
 - Letter to the President
 - Congress
 - Donald H. Rumsfeld's reaction

John B. Connally

- Return from Texas
 - Timing
 - Haldeman's call
- Appointment with Haldeman
- Vacation in Texas
 - Benefits
 - Lyndon B. Johnson
 - Need to get back to Texas

Vietnam

- US bombing
 - Haiphong
 - Supporters
 - William F. ("Billy") Graham
 - Nelson A. Rockefeller
 - Charles W. Colson briefing
 - Albert E. Sindlinger poll
 - Hawkishness of public opinion
 - Voluntary reaction
- Sindlinger's press conference
- The President's previous conversation with Kissinger
 - Desire for negotiations
 - Possible partial deal
- Negotiations with the USSR
 - Blockade
 - Imposition
 - Timing

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Conv. No. 709-15 (cont.)

- North Vietnamese troop withdrawal from South Vietnam
- Blockade
 - Johnson's compared with the President's policies

White House staff

- Donald B. Rice
 - Job with Rand Corporation
 - Meeting with the President
 - Value
- Departures
 - Meetings with the President
 - Kissinger's people
- Rice
 - Meeting with the President
 - George P. Shultz
 - Reasons
- Departures
 - Meetings with the President
 - Scheduling
 - Alexander P. Butterfield
 - Individuals to meet with the President
 - Stephen Hess
 - Capitalization on White House job
 - Meetings with the President
 - President's view
 - Unknown accountant [?]

Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon's schedule

- Mix-up with pandas
 - Two People's Republic of China [PRC] related events on same day
 - Rescheduling
- Constance M. (Cornell) ("Connie") Stuart
 - Upcoming conversation with Haldeman
 - Work with Ronald L. Ziegler
 - Soviet trip
 - Ziegler's staff
 - Plane
 - Reason for trip
 - Favor to Mrs. Nixon
 - Haldeman's conversation with William R. Codus
 - Stuart's staff people

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Conv. No. 709-15 (cont.)

- Problems
- Mrs. Nixon's trip to Africa
 - Codus
 - Stuart
 - Job description
- Assignments
 - Work with Mrs. Nixon
 - Lucy A. Winchester
- Soviet trip
 - Restrictions
- Hairdresser on Soviet trip
 - The President's insistence
- Work on previous trips
 - Helpfulness
 - Value to Mrs. Nixon

Soviet trip

- Warsaw stopover
- Announcement

Vietnam

- Rogers's testimony
 - Haldeman's call
 - Complements
- The President's call
- Blockade
 - The President's previous conversation with Rogers
 - Rogers's statement
- Options
 - Exclusions
 - Ground forces
 - Nuclear weapons
- Rogers's testimony
 - Blockade question

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 11:52 am.

The President's schedule

- Luncheon with William M. Colmer
- Meeting with Rice
 - Length

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Conv. No. 709-15 (cont.)

- Next job
 - Rand Corporation
- Family
- Gift
- Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger
 - MacGregor
 - Ervin

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:02 pm.

Kleindienst confirmation

- Ervin
 - Meeting with MacGregor
- Jack Gleason

Haldeman left at 12:02 pm.

Conversation No. 709-16

Date: April 17, 1972

Time: 12:02 pm - 12:06 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Donald B. Rice, Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger and George P. Shultz; Stephen B. Bull and the White House photographer were present at the beginning of the meeting.

- Rice's next job
- Locaiton

Photographs

Rand Corporation

- Rice's job
- Experience
 - Office of Management and Budget [OMB]
 - Shultz
- Press office
- Location

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Conv. No. 709-16 (cont.)

- Work
- Home
- Rice's family

Presidential gifts

- Money clip
- Cuff links
- Wife
- Compact
- Golf balls

Best wishes

Rice and Weinberger left at 12:05 pm.

Vietnam

- Bombing of Hanoi and Haiphong
- Troop withdrawals
- Negotiations
 - US peace offers
 - US bombing
 - Soviet Summit
 - Possible cancellation
 - Toughness
- Blockade
 - Implementation
- North Vietnamese invasion
 - Number of divisions
 - Lyndon B. Johnson's Administration
 - US response
 - Defense of South Vietnam
 - Odds
 - Ground forces
 - Press reports
 - US Marines

Shultz left at 12:06 pm.

Conversation No. 709-17

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Date: April 17, 1972

Time: Unknown between 12:06 pm and 12:15 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President talked with an unknown person in Henry A. Kissinger's office.

Kissinger

-Location

-Meeting with Washington Special Action Group [WSAG]

Adm. Thomas H. Moorer and [David] Kenneth Rush

-Location

Conversation No. 709-18

Date: April 17, 1972

Time: Unknown between 12:06 pm and 12:15 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President talked with an unknown person in Henry A. Kissinger's office.

Kissinger

-Return from meeting

-Meeting with the President

-Length

-The President's departure

-Time

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Conversation No. 709-19

Date: April 17, 1972

Time: 12:15 pm - 12:28 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

Vietnam

Kissinger's conversation with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin

-William P. Rogers's testimony

-Praise from Kissinger

-Kissinger's conversation with Dobrynin

-Purpose

-Interim compromise

-Difficulties

-Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Jr's report

-Demilitarized zone [DMZ]

-North Vietnamese capabilities

-US response

-Negotiations

-US bombing

-Soviets

-Pressure

-Dobrynin

-Blockade

-Implementation

-Immediacy

-Upcoming elections

-Interim agreement

-Rejection

-Consequences

-Possible Soviet actions

-Advantages according to Kissinger

-Soviet Summit

-People's Republic of China [PRC] summit

-Possible Middle East settlement

-Problem

-1972 election

-Continuation of war

-Possible outcome

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Conv. No. 709-19 (cont.)

- Haig's report
- Cessation of offensive
- Prevention of future offensive
 - Timing
 - Assurance by the Soviets
- North Vietnamese offensive
 - Possible actions by Hanoi
 - US response
 - Timing
 - Prisoners of war [POWs]
 - Failure
 - Concern from Kissinger
 - Blockade
 - Impact
 - Compared to 1969
 - Weaknesses
 - Circumvention
 - Interim Solution
 - POWs
- Haig report
 - Military Region One
 - South Vietnamese performance
 - Increase in South Vietnamese strength
 - US bombing
 - Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.
 - Carriers
 - Bombing support
 - North Vietnam
 - Number of sorties
 - South Vietnam
 - increase
 - I Corps
 - North Vietnamese weakness
 - B-52s
- Ground action
 - South Vietnamese strength
 - Improved situation
 - Compared with Laos operation
 - Retreats
 - Provincial capitals
 - Demoralization of North Vietnam

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Conv. No. 709-19 (cont.)

- US strategy
 - Military action
 - Toughness from the President
 - Peace offers
 - Soviet Summit
 - Preservation of US integrity
- Blockade
 - Implementation
 - Timing
 - Threat
- Soviet Summit
 - Meeting with Polish Ambassador [Witold Trampczynski]
 - Cancellation
 - Chances
 - Symbolism
 - Kissinger's Moscow meeting
 - Press reports

Kissinger left at 12:28 pm.

Conversation No. 709-20

Date: April 17, 1972

Time: 12:28 pm - unknown before 12:31 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule

The President talked with the White House operator at 12:28 pm.

[Conversation No. 709-20A]

[See Conversation No. 23-3]

[End of telephone conversation]

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Conv. No. 709-20 (cont.)

The President's schedule

- Call to William P. Rogers
- Meeting with William M. Colmer
- Trip to and from Capitol Hill
 - Clark MacGregor
 - William E. Timmons

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:31 pm.

Conversation No. 709-21

Date: April 17, 1972

Time: Unknown between 12:28 pm and 12:31 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown person.

President's schedule [?]

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 12:31 pm.

Conversation No. 709-22

Date: April 17, 1972

Time: Unknown between 12:31 pm and 4:53 pm

Location: Oval Office

Manolo Sanchez met with an unknown person.

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Conv. No. 709-22 (cont.)

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Sanchez and the unknown person left at an unknown time before 4:53 pm.