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Conversation No. 799-36/800-1

Date: October 16, 1972
Time: 5:01 pm - 5:03 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Paul Miller.

[This recording began at an unknown time while the conversation was in progress.]

[See Conversation No. 31-74; one item has been withdrawn.]

Conversation No. 800-2

Date: October 16, 1972
Time: 5:03 pm - 5:26 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

- Vietnam negotiations
 - Henry A. Kissinger
 - Possible proposals
 - The President's proposal
 - Nguyen Van Thieu
 - Possible meeting with the President
 - Midway Island
 - Possible interpretation

The President talked with William R. Hearst between 5:04 pm and 5:08 pm.

[Conversation No. 800-2A]

[See Conversation No. 31-75]

[End of telephone conversation]

- Vietnam negotiations
 - Thieu

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- Possible meeting with the President
 - 1972 election
 - San Clemente
 - Western White House

The White House operator talked with the President at an unknown time between 5:08 pm and 5:14 pm.

[Conversation No. 800-2B]

[See Conversation No. 31-76]

The President conferred with Haig.

Vietnam negotiations
-Thieu

[End of conferral]

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam negotiations

- Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.
 - Haig's view.
 - Role with Thieu
 - Kissinger compared to Abrams
- Thieu
 - Kissinger
- The President's letter to Abrams
- Haig's previous conversation with Abrams
- South Vietnam
 - US support
 - Limitations
 - Riots aboard US naval vessels

An unknown person entered and left at an unknown time between 5:08 pm and 5:14 pm.

Refreshment

Vietnam negotiations

- Navy and Air Force
- Length of deployments

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- Timing of possible settlement announcement
 - Haig's view
 - Kissinger's schedule
 - Meetings with Thieu
 - Thieu's possible modification of the agreement
 - Return to Washington
 - Possible additional negotiations in Paris
 - 1972 election
 - H.R. ("Bob") Haldeman
 - Possible collapse of settlement
- Thieu's possible reaction to proposal
 - Haig's view
 - South Vietnamese bureaucracy
 - Possible modifications of the agreement
 - North Vietnamese reaction
- Possible settlement
 - Political aspects compared to security aspects
 - The President's view
 - Viability of South Vietnam

The President talked with Robert W. Galvin between 5:14 pm and 5:16 pm.

[Conversation No. 800-2C]

[See Conversation No. 31-77; one item has been withdrawn]

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam negotiations

- Possible settlement
 - Thieu
 - Prisoners of war [POWs] wives

The President talked with Martin S. Hayden between 5:16 pm and 5:21 pm.

[Conversation No. 800-2D]

[See Conversation No. 31-78]

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam negotiations

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- Possible settlement
 - Thieu
 - Possible meeting with the President
 - Kissinger
 - Haig's view
 - Thieu's enthusiastic support of the settlement
 - The President's possible meeting with Thieu
 - Need for Thieu's support of the settlement
 - Possible collapse of settlement
 - 1972 election
 - Subsequent settlement
 - Possible ultimatum to Thieu
 - The President's May 8, 1972 decision
 - Bombing and mining
 - Effect on North Vietnamese
- POW wives
 - The President's recent meeting with the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia
 - The President's pledge not to abandon the POW's
 - The President's pledge to prevent imposition of communist government on South Vietnam
 - Betrayal of allies
 - POW's, missing in action [MIA's]
 - The President's pledge not to rely on goodwill of North Vietnamese to release POW's
 - George S. McGovern
- Abrams
 - Role as advocate
 - The President's previous meeting with Abrams
 - Haig's view
 - Haig's forthcoming meeting with Abrams
 - Abrams's key role in the settlement
 - Kissinger
 - Ellsworth F. Bunker
 - Forthcoming meetings with Thieu
 - Thieu's possible acceptance of settlement
 - The President as an ally of Thieu
 - Thieu's possible rejection of settlement
 - The President's loss of confidence in Thieu

Haig left at 5:26 pm.

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Conversation No. 800-3

Date: October 16, 1972

Time: Unknown between 5:26 pm and 5:34 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's telephone calls

-John F. Collins, John T. Connor, Francis Scumaci, Fred Gualtieri

-Instructions

-Timing of calls

Bull left at an unknown time before 5:34 pm.

Conversation No. 800-4

Date: October 16, 1972

Time: Unknown between 5:26 pm and 5:34 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule

-Forthcoming telephone call to Richard M. Scaife

-Possible meeting with H.R. ("Bob") Haldeman

-Haldeman's schedule

Bull left at an unknown time before 5:34 pm.

Conversation No. 800-5

Date: October 16, 1972

Time: 5:34 pm - 6:16 pm

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Location: Oval Office

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

Haldeman's previous conversation with William P. Rogers

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[National security]

[Duration: 1m 38s]

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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 3m 12s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

Polls

-Vietnam War

-Approval of the President's handling

-George S. McGovern's televised proposals

-Compared with reaction to Administration actions

-May 8, 1972 announcement

-Busing announcement

-January 25, 1972 announcement of peace plan

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-August 15, 1971 announcement on wages and prices

Vietnam War

- The President's recent meeting with the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia
 - Charles W. Colson
 - Public relations
 - Similar events
 - Washington Star* headline and photograph
 - Unknown woman [Nellie Davis?]
 - Article
 - The President's pledge not to rely on the goodwill of North Vietnamese to release prisoners of war [POW's]
 - Amnesty
 - Possible network coverage
 - The President's impromptu remarks
 - Advantages compared to possible prepared remarks

-Polling

- McGovern's plan for peace
 - Henry A. Kissinger
 - Bombing halt
 - End of military and political support for South Vietnam
 - Withdrawal of US forces
 - Resolution of issues by Vietnamese alone
 - Possible trip by the Vice President Spiro T. Agnew to Hanoi
 - POW's
 - Amnesty for draft evaders
 - The President's statement
 - Raymond K. Price, Jr.
 - Corruption of Nguyen Van Thieu government
 - Role of Thieu government in heroin trafficking
 - US military personnel
 - Re-election of the President
 - Continuation of conflict
 - Espionage and sabotage by the Committee to Re-Elect the President [CRP]

The President talked with Joseph J. Staszak between 5:42 pm and 5:44 pm.

[Conversation No. 800-5A]

[See Conversation No. 31-79; one item has been withdrawn]

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[End of telephone conversation]

Telephone calls by President

- Effect
- Haldeman's view
- Unknown labor official

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 7m 13s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

Press briefing

- Ronald L. Ziegler's responses [to questions concerning Dwight L. Chapin and Donald H. Segretti]
- Washington Star* article

Campaign practices

- Effect of McGovern's charges
- Public response
- Vietnam, welfare
- View of the President

Vice President Spiro T. Agnew

- Possible call from the President
- Agnew's schedule
- Previous conversation with Haldeman
- Washington Post* story on campaign practices
- Effect on public relations
- 1968 campaign
- Possible backlash

Press relations

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- Response by the administration to stories on campaign practices
 - Colson
 - Robert H. Finch, Herbert G. Klein
 - Robert J. Dole
 - Agnew
 - Clark MacGregor
 - John B. Connally
 - Possible press conference
- Press stories on Segretti's activities
 - National press
 - Local press
 - National press
 - Washington Post* story
- The President's instructions
 - Life* magazine
 - Time* magazine
 - Hugh S. Sidey
 - Theodore H. ("Teddy") White
 - 1972 election

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 5:44 pm and 5:59 pm.

[Conversation No. 800-5B]

[See Conversation No. 31-80]

[End of telephone conversation]

The President's telephone calls

- White House switchboard
- Operators

Agnew

- Schedule
 - Grand Rapids, Michigan
 - Green Bay, Wisconsin
 - Local taping
 - Alfred E. Smith dinner
 - Revenue sharing signing ceremony
 - Chicago
 - Pittsburgh

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The President talked with Agnew between 5:59 pm and 6:08 pm.

[Conversation No. 800-5C]

[See Conversation No. 31-81]

[End of telephone conversation]

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 8m 7s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

The President and Haldeman left at 6:16 pm.

Conversation No. 800-6

Date: October 16, 1972

Time: Unknown between 6:16 pm, October 16, 1972 and 7:54 am, October 17, 1972

Location: Oval Office

An unknown person [Secret Service agent] talked with an unknown person.

[Pause]

The President's location
-Residence