



**NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF**

**Tape Subject Log**  
(rev. Nov-03)

Conversation No. 809-1

Date: October 28, 1972  
Time: 8:45 am - 9:00 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

Speech draft revisions for October 29, 1972 radio broadcast  
-National defense  
-Opponent's proposals  
-1962 compared to 1969

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 8:45 am.

Instruction

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 9:00 am.

Speech draft revisions for October 29, 1972 radio broadcast

An unknown person entered and left at an unknown time before 9:00 am.

Speech draft revisions for October 29, 1972 radio broadcast  
-Status of U.S. nuclear forces  
-January 1969  
-Size of US superiority  
-Soviet Union's nuclear buildup  
-US inaction  
-Compared to Soviet Union  
-Page notation  
-Instructions on draft changes

Woods left at 9:00 am.

Conversation No. 809-2

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## **Tape Subject Log** (rev. Nov-03)

Date: October 28, 1972

Time: 9:10 am - 10:26 am

Location: Oval Office

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

### Watergate

- Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS] news broadcast
  - Condensation of proposed special
  - Effect
    - Damage
- Lyndon K. ("Mort") Allin's News Summary item
  - Quality of program
    - Content
- Charles W. Colson's conversation with Frank Stanton
  - Political impact
- Colson's conversation with Stanton
  - Special
  - News broadcast

### Radio speeches

- Schedule
  - "One America"
  - National defense
  - Ronald L. Ziegler
- News effect of defense speech
  - Vietnam

### Vietnam

- Settlement
  - Proximity to 1972 election
    - Political effect
      - Samuel Lubell's view
      - American Broadcasting Company [ABC] interviews in Columbus, Ohio
      - Henry A. Kissinger, William P. Rogers
        - Hanoi
- As campaign issue
  - Administration handling
- George S. McGovern's position

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- Attainment of terms in 1969
- R. Sargent Shriver
- Counters to McGovern's position
- McGeorge Bundy
- George W. Ball
- W[illiam] Averell Harriman
- Howard K. Smith

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 38s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 9:10 am.

President's schedule

-Ziegler

Bull left at an unknown time before 9:24 am.

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 1m 1s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

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Bull entered at an unknown time after 9:10 am.

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The President's schedule  
-Ziegler  
-Gerald L. Warren

Bull left at an unknown time before 9:24 am.

Legislation  
-Social Security  
-The President's recent vetoes  
-News coverage  
-Signing, October 30, 1972  
-Credit  
-News coverage

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3  
[Personal returnable]  
[Duration: 3m 34s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

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CBS news story  
-Stanton  
-Colson's view concerning broadcast  
-Duration  
-Upcoming segment  
-Feature story  
-Variety

Press relations  
-1967

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 7m 40s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

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Bull entered at an unknown time after 9:10 am.

Ziegler's schedule

- Voting
- Telephone call

Bull left at an unknown time before 9:24 am.

Radio speeches

- Schedule
- "One America"
- National defense
  - Amnesty
  - Last minute changes
    - Ziegler's possible statement
    - News worthiness
    - Editing
    - Vietnam
  - Speculation
- "One America"
  - Quality
- Federal spending [October 7, 1972]
- William L. Safire [Philosophy of Government, October 21, 1972]
- American Farmer [October 27, 1972]
- Education [October 25, 1972]
- Crime [October 15, 1972]
- Urban affairs [November 1, 1972]
- Foreign policy [November 4, 1972]
- Goals [November 5, 1972]
- Television spot

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 44s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

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Ziegler talked with Haldeman between 9:24 am and 9:27 am.

[Conversation No. 809-2A]

[See Conversation No. 32-78]

[End of telephone conversation]

Announcement

-Ziegler's forthcoming call to Warren

The President's schedule

-Camp David

-Surrogates meeting

-Camp David

-Residence

-Auditorium

-Women

-Duration

Kissinger's schedule

-Surrogates briefing on Vietnam

-Political content

-Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

-Necessity

-Haig

-Paul C. Warnke

-Ethnic press briefing

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The President's schedule

- Ethnic press, October 27, 1972

- Value

- Timing

- Benefit

- Cultivation of contacts

- Poles, Italians, Puerto Ricans, Swedes, Danes

- Contact after the election

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 3m 24s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6

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Watergate

- CBS program

- Administration's position

- Editors

- 1972 election

- Truth

- Patrick J. Buchanan

- Post-election strategy

- Money

- James Keogh's book [*President Nixon and the Press*]

- Edith Efron's book [*The News Twisters*]

- Propaganda war

The President left and Bull entered at an unknown time after 9:27 am.

Speech

The President's schedule

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- Bull's telephone conversation with the President, October 27, 1972
  - Speech
  - Camp David
  - Speech
- Speech
  - Timing
  - Western audiences
- Andrews Air Force Base

Bull left at an unknown time before 9:36 am. The President entered at an unknown time before 9:36 am.

Haldeman talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 9:27 am and 9:36 am.

[Conversation No. 809-2B]

- Radio speeches
  - Schedule
    - "One America"
    - National defense
    - Follow-up apparatus

[End of telephone conversation]

- Radio speeches
  - Schedule
  - Follow-up apparatus

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 1m 27s]

Rose Mary Woods entered at 9:36 am.

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7



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## Speeches

- Changes
- Timing
- Changes

Kissinger entered at 9:37 am.

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 52s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8

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Woods left at 9:39 am.

## Vietnam

- Story of negotiations
  - Kissinger's efforts
  - News summary
  - Political charges by opposition
    - ABC interviews
    - Columbus, Ohio
- Kissinger's possible surrogates briefing
  - Kissinger's presentation
    - Haig
    - Rogers
  - The President's role
  - Political nature
    - Warnke
    - Newspaper leaks
  - Rogers

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- Political points
- Points to be made
  - Colson
- Political nature
  - Lubell
- Settlement
  - Timing
  - The President's letter to Kissinger
    - Use
      - Hanoi
      - Trip
  - Publicity
    - Time*
      - Jerrold L. Schecter
- Political charges by opposition
  - Columbus, Ohio
  - Reaction by administration
  - Kissinger's role
- Rogers's possible presentation to surrogates
- Substance of proposal
  - Subtleties
    - George S. McGovern's position compared to the Administration's
- Substance of agreement
  - Prisoners of war [POWs]
  - Cease-fire
  - Communist government in South Vietnam
- Contrast to McGovern's position
  - POW's
  - Withdrawal
  - Disarmament of South Vietnam
  - Peace with surrender compared to peace with honor
- 1972 election
  - Priority of making right kind of settlement
  - Terms
    - POWs
    - Cease-fire
    - Non-Communist government in Vietnam
- Publication of agreement
- McGovern's stance
  - Political distortion
- Public relations

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- Presentation of administration's position
- The President's schedule

People's Republic of China [PRC]

- Grain deal announcement
  - The President's radio address on the American Farmer
  - Agriculture Department
  - Raymond K. Price, Jr.
  - Earl L. Butz
  - PRC note
- Consequences
- Price's staff
  - Instruction to Haldeman
  - Butz

Speeches

- Route of speeches
- [National Security Council] [NSC]
- Agriculture Department
  - Information channels
- Change of speeches by the President
- Price's responsibility
  - Check of speeches
  - Staff
  - Problems
- National defense speech
  - Timing
  - Changes

Warnke briefing

- Haig
- Kissinger
  - Press briefing
- Information in briefing
  - Amount of information
  - The President's 1968 briefing
- McGovern
  - Offer of briefing

Vietnam

- North Vietnamese

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- Meeting with Kissinger
  - Press
  - Timing of settlement signing
    - November 1, 1972
    - Consultation with the President and Saigon
- Acceptance by South Vietnamese
- Kissinger's forthcoming meeting with Marilyn Berger of *Washington Post*
  - Liberals
    - Nguyen Van Thieu
    - Chiang Kai-Shek
    - Berger
- Public opinion
  - Berger
  - Nixon compared to McGovern
  - Non-Communist coalition
  - Surrender
  - Kissinger handling
- Surrogates briefing
  - The President's capability
  - Haig
  - Politicization

Woods entered at an unknown time after 9:39 am.

Speech changes

Woods left at an unknown before 10:12 am.

Foreign policy

- Kissinger's call to Jay Lovestone, October 27, 1972
  - Forthcoming meeting
  - George Meany
    - Foreign policy briefings
- Meany
  - Purchase of national radio time
    - Timing
  - Possible endorsement of McGovern
  - Briefing
    - Haig
    - Postponement
  - Lovestone

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Vietnam

- Media and press relations
  - Marvin L. Kalb
  - Washington Post*
  - New York Times*
    - The President's instruction to Kissinger
      - Washington Post*
      - Opinion makers
      - Max Frankel
  - Howard K. Smith's broadcast
    - Kissinger
    - Bundy
    - Timing of agreement
  - Kissinger's possible conversation with Walter L. Cronkite, Jr.
    - John W. Chancellor
    - Watergate
  - [Arnold] Eric Sevareid
  - Kissinger's recent talk with Sevareid
  - 1972 election
- Timing of agreement
  - 1972 election
  - Possible public perception
    - Politics
    - Bombing halt
    - 1972 election
      - Nelson A. Rockefeller
  - US choice of peace strategies
    - Hypothetical effect
    - Hanoi's public acceptance of May 8, 1972 plan
      - Effect on 1972 election
    - May 8th, 1972 Plan

1972 campaign

- Magnification of problems
- Close elections
- McGovern supporters' fear
  - Reality of election
  - Smear campaign
    - Effect on election
- Election prospects

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- States
- Popular vote
  - Dwight D. Eisenhower
  - 1952 election
- Administration enemies
  - McGovern
  - Press
  - University professors
  - Clergy
  - Quality of criticism
- Settlement of war
  - Timing
  - Political charges
- Kissinger's briefing
- Election week rhetoric
- CBS news broadcast on Watergate
  - Possible hour long special
- Television commentators request for Kissinger interview
  - Cronkite
  - New York
  - Use of interview
    - Attribution
    - Commentary
- Public appearances of the President in Kentucky and West Virginia
  - Network coverage
  - Benefits
    - William F. ("Billy") Graham
  - Network coverage
  - Audiences

### **Vietnam**

- November 3, 1969 speech by the President
  - Anniversary
  - May 8, 1972 decision
  - Importance
    - Announcement
    - Timing
    - Demonstrations
- Reasons
  - Mining, aircraft alert
- Soviet Union

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-Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]

Radio speeches

- Number
- Time involved
- Education
- Los Angeles Times* coverage

Vietnam

- Settlement
  - South Vietnam
- Nguyen Van Thieu's possible meeting with the President
- Post-1972 election strategy
  - Thieu
- North Vietnam publication of settlement
- Settlement delay
- Thieu
  - Letter from the President to Thieu
  - Treatment of the President, Kissinger, Rogers
  - Letter from the President
    - The President's friendship and support
    - Thieu's public statements
    - Effect on US public support
- Previous letter
- The President's speeches
- Terms
- US military support
  - Departure
  - Degree

Kissinger's schedule

Kissinger left at 10:12 am.

Surrogates briefing on Vietnam

- Kissinger's view
  - Image
- Rogers's delivery of briefing
  - Compared to Kissinger
  - Political points
- 1972 election

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- The President's role
- Effect

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 14

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 2m 1s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 14

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Colson entered at 10:15 am.

Surrogates briefing on Vietnam

- The President's role
- Rogers
- Kissinger
- Rogers
  - Colson's forthcoming telephone call
  - Handling of politics
- Points
  - No communist government in South Vietnam
  - Guaranteed return of POW's
  - Cease-fire
  - McGovern program
    - Surrender
    - POW's
- Need for aggressive campaigning
- Purpose

Compilation of McGovern's quotes

- Shriver's quotes
- Use of quotes

Press relations

- Status



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- McGovern election prospects
- Pennsylvania polls
  - Interpretation of poll movement
  - Poll points related to votes
- Columbus, Ohio
  - Timing of poll
    - Kissinger's briefing
      - Undecided voters
      - Follow-up
        - Kincaid [sp?] [First name unknown]
          - ABC reporter
          - Voter opinion
            - Political aspect of Vietnam settlement
  - Undecided voters
    - John A. Scali
    - McGovern support
- Louis P. Harris poll
  - Harris's network availability
- CBS news broadcast on Watergate
  - Stanton

Watergate

- CBS
- Buchanan
- Distribution to editors
  - 1972 election
  - Martin S. Hayden
- Statements
  - International Telephone and Telegraph [ITT]
    - Richard G. Kleindienst
  - The President's press conferences
    - Grain deal, ITT
    - Watergate
    - Truth
- White House involvement in scandals
- White paper
- Distribution
  - Hayden
  - Paul Miller
  - Gannett
- Barron's

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- Mailing
- Media support for McGovern
  - Establishment
- Grain deal
  - Cronkite
  - News spot
- Treatment of issue

Press relations

- McGovern's tactics
  - Bombing
  - Robert J. Dole's attack
    - Forthcoming appearance on *Face the Nation*
    - McGovern background
  - Heckling
- 1960 campaign tactics
  - Insult to Claudia A. (Taylor) ("Lady Bird") Johnson
  - Tricia Nixon Cox
  - The President in New York City
  - Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
- Cooperation of media
  - Tricia Nixon Cox
  - Student demonstrations
  - Accidental compared to intentional nature
  - Statue of Liberty incident
  - San Francisco incident
- 1960 compared to 1972 campaign
  - Public perception
- Poll

Bull entered at an unknown time after 10:15 am.

The President's schedule

- President's radio speech
- Timing

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:26 am.

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 15

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 1m 11s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 15

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Bull entered at an unknown time after 10:15 am.

The President's schedule

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:26 am.

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 16

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 33s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 16

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CBS

-Colson's forthcoming telephone call to Stanton

The President, Haldeman and Colson left at 10:26 am.

Conversation No. 809-3

Date: October 28, 1972

Time: Unknown between 10:26 am and 11:59 pm

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Location: Oval Office

Manolo Sanchez, Stephen B. Bull and an unknown person met.

Briefcase

-Instruction

The conversation was cut off at an unknown time before 11:59 pm.