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Tape Subject Log
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Conversation No. 234-1

Date: December 6, 1972

Time: Unknown between 5:31 pm and 5:54 pm

Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 157-17]

Conversation No. 234-2

Date: December 6, 1972

Time: Unknown between 5:31 pm and 5:54 pm

Location: Camp David Hard Wire

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

Henry A. Kissinger's cable

Cable

-Col. Richard T. Kennedy

-Conversation with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin

Kissinger

-Emotions

-[Interview with Oriana Fallaci, November 2 and 4, 1972]

Cable

-Haldeman's reading

-Kennedy's call to the President

-Timing

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Conversation No. 234-3

Date: December 6, 1972
Time: Unknown between 5:31 pm and 5:54 pm
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation 157-18]

Conversation No. 234-4

Date: December 6, 1972
Time: 5:54 pm – 5:59 pm
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President talked with Col. Richard T. Kennedy.

[See Conversation No. 157-17]

Conversation No. 234-5

Date: December 6, 1972
Time: Unknown between 5:59 pm and 8:16 pm
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President met with H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman.

- Vietnam negotiations
 - Henry A. Kissinger’s cable
 - Option Two
 - Breakdown in talks
 - Kissinger’s frame of mind
 - Option One
 - Prisoners of War [POWs]
 - Return of Option Two

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Conversation No. 234-5 (cont'd)

- Six month period
 - POWs
- Effects
 - Soviet Union
 - People's Republic of China [PRC]
 - Congressional relations
 - Republicans
 - Second term
 - Failure to end war
 - South Vietnam
 - Honorable peace
- US bombing of North Vietnam
 - POWs
- Option One
 - South Vietnam
 - North Vietnam
 - Cessation of US bombing and mining, US withdrawal
 - POWs
- Poll
 - Cessation of US bombing and mining of North Vietnam, US withdrawal
 - Withdrawal of North Vietnamese troops from South Vietnam
 - Settlement agreement
- Kissinger's cable
 - Settlement agreement
 - POWs
 - US aid to South Vietnam
 - Vietnamization
 - Cessation of US bombing and mining of North and South Vietnam, US withdrawal
 - South Vietnamese self-determination
 - Separation of military and political issues
 - North Vietnam's intransigence
 - Minimum position
 - US withdrawal
 - POWs
 - Political issues
- Kissinger's view
 - Option Two
 - Publicity
 - US bombing of North Vietnam

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Conversation No. 234-5 (cont'd)

- Kissinger's frame of mind
- Option One
- Option Two
 - The President's message, December 5, 1972
- Kissinger's return
 - US bombing of North Vietnam
 - Resumption of talks
- Leverage
- Instructions for Kissinger
 - Minimum position
 - North Vietnamese intransigence
 - Breakdown in talks
 - US bombing of North Vietnam
 - Pace
 - Withdrawal of North Vietnamese troops from South Vietnam
 - Record
 - Publicity
 - Final offer
- Kissinger's recent actions
 - October 8, 1972 agreement
 - Publicity
 - “Peace is at hand”
- Continuation
- Kissinger's cable
 - Option Two
 - Compared to Option One
 - Recess
 - Nguyen Van Thieu
 - POWs
 - Continuation of war
 - “Hawks”
 - Settlement agreement
 - Honorable peace
 - Government of Vietnam [GVN] survival
 - Congressional relations
 - US military and economic aid to South Vietnam
 - Cut off
 - Thieu
- Kissinger's forthcoming meeting with the President

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- Strategy
- [David] Kenneth Rush's view
- Kissinger
- Alexander M. Haig, Jr.'s view
- Haldeman's forthcoming meeting with John D. Ehrlichman
- Kissinger's cable
 - Option Two
 - US bombing of North Vietnam
 - Duration
 - POWs
 - Tone
 - Interest in getting North Vietnam to "cave"
- Back cables
 - Kissinger's views
 - Presidential statement on television [TV]
 - Option One or Two decision
- Haldeman's and Ehrlichman's meeting with the President
 - Timing
- Presidential statement on TV
 - Haldeman's and Ehrlichman's meeting with the President
 - Message
 - Kennedy

Haldeman's schedule

Conversation No. 234-6

Date: December 6, 1972

Time: Unknown between 6:30 pm. and 8:16 pm

Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President dictated a memorandum to Henry A. Kissinger.

Draft message to Henry A. Kissinger

- Typing instructions
- Vietnam negotiations
 - Kissinger's performance
 - Forthcoming meeting

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Conversation No. 234-6 (cont'd)

- Kissinger's meeting with the President
- The President's reading of messages and transcripts
 - North Vietnamese
 - October 26, 1972 commitments
- Minimum positions
 - Issues
 - Withdrawal of North Vietnamese troops from South Vietnam
 - North Vietnam's response
 - Record
 - Historians
 - Final offer
 - Report to the President
 - Forthcoming meetings
- Breakdown
 - [Option Two]
 - Withdrawal of North Vietnamese troops from South Vietnam
 - Effect
 - Responsibility
 - Ultimatums
 - Forthcoming meetings
 - Kissinger's cable
 - Option One
 - Approval
 - US military action
- Kissinger's cable
 - Option One
 - North Vietnam's acceptance
- Breakdown
 - Responsibility
 - US domestic situation
- Presidential statement on television [TV]
 - Continuation of war
 - Prisoners of War [POWs]
 - Advisability
 - “Propaganda organs” of North Vietnam and US
 - [October 1972] deal
 - South Vietnamese intransigence
- Option Two
 - Kissinger's meeting with the President
 - US bombing of North Vietnam

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Conversation No. 234-6 (cont'd)

- Pace
- Duration
- POWs
 - George S. McGovern
- South Vietnam's survival
 - Congressional relations
 - US military and economic aid to South Vietnam
 - Cut off
 - South Vietnam's intransigence
- Option One
 - Settlement agreement
 - POWs
 - South Vietnam's survival
- Option Two
 - US bombing of North Vietnam
 - POWs
 - Effect
 - Congressional relations
 - US domestic situation
 - People's Republic of China [PRC]
 - Soviet Union
- Forthcoming meeting
 - Settlement agreement
 - Breakthrough
 - Possibility
- US bombing of North Vietnam
 - Pace
 - Presidential statement on TV
 - Draft
 - Casualties
 - Public relations [PR]
 - “Washington establishment”
 - Duration of bombing

Conversation No. 234-7

Date: December 6, 1972

Time: Unknown between 6:30 pm and 8:17 pm

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Conversation No. 237-7 (cont'd)

Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

Draft message to Henry A. Kissinger
-Typing instructions
-Patricia B. McKee
-Spacing

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 8:17 pm.

Conversation No. 234-8

Date: December 6, 1972
Time: 8:16 – 8:17 pm
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

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

[See Conversation No. 157-21]

Conversation No. 234-9

Date: December 6, 1972
Time: Unknown between 8:17 pm and 8:24 pm
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

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

The President's schedule
-Meeting
-Location

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Conversation No. 234-10

Date: December 7, 1972
Time: 1:05 pm – 1:20 pm
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

John D. Ehrlichman met with George D. Webster.

Second term reorganization

- Internal Revenue Service [IRS]
 - Webster confirmation
 - Effect on the President
 - Edwin S. Cohen
 - George P. Shultz
 - Bureaucracy
 - Effect on the President
- [American Bar Association] [ABA] Tax Section chairmen
 - Unknown person
- Bureaucracy
 - Ehrlichman's conversation with Shultz
 - Johnnie M. Walters
- Webster's contact with administration

Common Cause

- Lawsuit against Committee to Reelect the President [CRP]
 - The President
 - Defense
 - Ultra Vires*
 - Political activity
 - Tax exempt status
- Settlement
 - Maurice H. Stans
 - Defense waiver
 - Tax exempt status challenge
- Settlement
 - Timing
 - 1972 election
- Governing or litigation committee
 - Democrats
 - John W. Dean, III

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Conversation No. 234-10 (cont'd)

-Mitchell Rogovin

IRS

-Roger Barth

-Deputy Chief Counsel

-Retention

-Conversation with Ehrlichman

-State Department

-Ruling on exemption for prisoners of war [POWs] organization

-White House

-Policy

-Vietnam War

-The President's interests

-Conflict with bureaucracy

-Cohen

-Retention

-Congressional relations

-Tax reform

-Frederic W. Hickman

-John H. Hall

-Deputy to Hickman

-Los Angeles

-Dana Latham

-IRS Commissioner

-Dwight D. Eisenhower

Webster's background

-Government experience

-Harvard University Law School

-Justice Department tax division

-Tax cases

-Circuit

-Ehrlichman's law firm

-Unknown person

-Wife

Second term reorganization

-Webster's confirmation

-Opposition

-[Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan]

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- Randolph W. Thrower
- Mac Asbill, Jr.
 - ABA Tax Section chairman
- William French Smith [?]
- Thrower
- Washington, DC and Atlanta

Webster's background

- Washington, DC
 - Justice Department
 - Marriage
- Rogersville, Tennessee
 - Knoxville
- Webster's conversation with the President
 - Tennessee
 - Ivy League
 - Harvard University
- Education
 - Harvard University
 - The President's view
 - Yale University
 - Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger
 - James T. Lynn
 - Adelbert College of Western Reserve University
 - Ohio
 - Weinberger
 - Elliot L. Richardson
- Maryville College
 - Presbyterian affiliation
- Navy
- Ehrlichman's background
 - GI Bill
 - Stanford University
 - Harvard University
 - Stanford
- Navy
 - West Coast
- Stanford
- Harvard
- Ehrlichman's background

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- Compared to Webster's
 - Graduation dates
- Undergraduate career
- Law school
- Law firm
 - Length of practice
 - Income
- Counsel to the President

Ehrlichman and Webster left at 1:20 pm.

Conversation No. 234-11

Date: December 7, 1972

Time: Unknown between 1:20 pm and 9:04 pm

Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Fire

The President's movie selection

- Julie Nixon Eisenhower
- Arrival
- List
- Old movie

The President's glasses

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 9:04 pm.

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Conversation No. 234-12

Date: December 7, 1972
Time: 9:04 pm
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 157-22]

Conversation No. 234-13

Date: December 7, 1972
Time: Unknown between 9:04 pm and 9:12 pm
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

The President's movie selection
-Comedies [?]

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 9:12 pm.

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Conversation No. 234-14

Date: December 7, 1972

Time: Unknown between 9:04 pm and 9:12 pm

Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

The President's movie selection
-Julie Nixon Eisenhower

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 27s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Movies

Invitations to secretaries

-Jana Hruska

-John D. Ehrlichman

-Patricia B. McKee

-[Diane Sawyer]

-Ronald L. Ziegler

-Timing

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 9:12 pm.

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Conversation No. 234-15

Date: December 7, 1972

Time: Unknown between 9:04 pm and 9:12 pm

Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President dictated a memorandum for the file.

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Dictation

- Date
- Location
- Time

Vietnam negotiations

- Henry A. Kissinger's message
 - Progress of talks
 - The President's conversation with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
 - Options
 - John D. Ehrlichman
- Breakdown
 - Kissinger's state of mind
 - Responsibility
- The President's television [TV] appearance
 - Risk
 - Hope of settlement
- Cambodia and Laos
- May 8, 1972 decision
- Meeting with [David] Kenneth Rush

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

The President talked with the Camp David operator at an unknown time between 9:12 pm and 10:00 pm.

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Conversation No. 234-15 (cont'd)

[Conversation No. 234-15A]

[See Conversation No. 157-23]

[End of telephone conversation]

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Raymond K. Price, Jr.

- Location
- Letter
- Quality
- The President's appreciation

Vietnam negotiations

- Kissinger
 - Settlement track
 - Breakdown
 - People's Republic of China [PRC]
 - Relations
- Options
 - Breakdown
 - Rush and Adm. Thomas H. Moorer recommendations
 - US bombing of North Vietnam
 - Kissinger's recommendation
 - Prisoners of War [POWs]
 - Risk
 - Congressional reaction
 - Cut off of funds for South Vietnam

Cost of Living Council

- George P. Shultz
 - John D. Ehrlichman's conversation with the President
 - Personnel recommendations
 - Labor people
 - Arthur F. Burns
 - Floyd E. ("Red") Smith
 - Loyalty

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- Naiveté
- Bureaucracy

Internal Revenue Service [IRS]

- George D. Webster appointment
- Loyal personnel
- Investigations
- Foundations

Vietnam negotiations

- The President's discussion with Ehrlichman and Haldeman
- Opinions

The President's telephone conversation with Julie Nixon Eisenhower

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 14s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

Manolo Sanchez

- The President's conversation with Haldeman
- Personality
- George E. Allen

Julie Nixon Eisenhower

- Effect on the President

The President's conversation with Charls E. Walker

- Appointment as Deputy Secretary of the Treasury
- Tax law changes
- Congress
- The President's call to Colson

Meeting on budget

- Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger
- Appointment of deputies

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Justice Department

- Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]
 - The President's conversation with Haldeman and Ehrlichman
- Appointments
 - Deputy Attorney General
 - Dean of Duke Law School
 - Robert H. Bork
 - Haldeman's role

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Conversation No. 234-16

Date: December 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 12:05 pm and 1:12 pm

Location: Camp David Hard Wire

George P. Shultz talked with the Camp David operator.

[Wrong line]

[See Conversation No. 157-24]

Conversation No. 234-17

Date: December 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 12:05 pm and 1:12 pm

Location: Camp David Hard Wire

John D. Ehrlichman talked with George P. Shultz.

[See Conversation No. 157-24]

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Conversation No. 234-18

Date: December 8, 1972
Time: Unknown between 1:12 pm and 4:00 pm
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

Manolo Sanchez met with an unknown woman.

Aspen Lodge tour
-Study
-Bedroom
-Guest room
-Julie Nixon Eisenhower
-The President's family

Sanchez and the unknown woman left at an unknown time before 4:00 pm.

Conversation No. 234-19

Date: December 8, 1972
Time: Unknown between 1:12 pm and 4:00 pm
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President met with Julie Nixon Eisenhower.

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Unintelligible]
[Duration: 5m 10s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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Conversation No. 234-19 (cont'd)

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

The President and Julie left at an unknown time before 4:00 pm.