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**Tape Subject Log**  
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Conversation No. 158-1

Date: December 28, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 6:50 pm and 7:14 pm  
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 237-3]

Request for a call to Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo

Conversation No. 158-2

Date: December 28, 1972  
Time: 7:14 pm  
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 237-4]

Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo  
-Location  
-Return call  
-Timing

Conversation No. 158-3

Date: December 28, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 9:10 pm and 9:41 pm  
Location: Camp David Study Table

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The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 237-6]

Request for a call to Henry A. Kissinger

Conversation No. 158-4

Date: December 28, 1972

Time: 9:41 pm - 10:47 pm

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger.

[See Conversation No. 237-7]

Vietnam War

-Cessation of US bombing north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel

-Notification

-William P. Rogers

-[David] Kenneth Rush

-Rogers's location

-Bahamas

-Rush

-Orders

-Adm. Thomas H. Moorer

-Rush

-Messages

-Timing

-Possible leak

-Moorer

-Rush

-Rogers

-U. Alexis Johnson

-Announcement

-The President's and Gerald L. Warren's location

-Camp David

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- Compared to Washington, DC
  - Tone
    - Negotiations
      - November 1972 round
    - White House
    - Television [TV]
      - Warren
    - North Vietnam's position
    - Negotiations
      - November round
  - White House
- Notification of supporters
  - Timing
    - Announcement
  - Effect
  - John C. Stennis
  - Tone
  - William E. Timmons
    - Office
      - Concerns
        - Forthcoming negotiations
  - Tone
  - Announcement
    - Reading
      - Warren
      - National Security Council [NSC]
- Leaks
  - Howard K. Smith
- Promises
- Timing
  - Announcement
- Notification
  - Johnson
  - Rush
  - Moorer
  - Leaks
  - Moorer
  - Timing
  - Rush

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- Rogers
  - State Department
- Richard M. Helms
  - Location
    - Mexico
      - The President's attempt to contact
        - Middle East oil
- Effect
- Announcement
  - Interpretation
- Effect
- Interpretation
  - The President's conversation with Col. Richard T. Kennedy
- Warren's press conference
  - Parameters
    - Written answers
    - “No comment” instruction
    - North Vietnam
    - “No comment” instruction
    - Interpretation
  - Question
    - Answer
      - Kennedy
        - Delivery to Warren
        - Timing
- Timing
  - North Vietnam
- Negotiations
  - North Vietnam's rhetoric
    - Restraint
      - Kissinger's statement
- US statements
  - Press relations
    - Liberals' view of bombing
      - Effect
- Congressional relations
  - Time table
    - Reconvention
  - Kissinger's schedule

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- Departure for Paris
- Meeting with Le Duc Tho
- The President's schedule
  - Possible meeting with leaders
    - Timing
      - Domestic agenda
        - John D. Ehrlichman
  - Reconvention
  - Republicans
- Meeting with Michael J. Mansfield
  - Kissinger's schedule
  - The President's schedule
    - 1972 election
  - Kissinger's schedule
    - Hugh Scott
      - Briefing
    - The President's schedule
      - Announcement
      - Briefing of leaders
        - Domestic matters
  - J. William Fulbright
  - Stennis
  - F. Edward Herbert
  - The President's schedule
    - Domestic matters, foreign relations
  - Kissinger's telephone call
    - Mansfield's location
      - Montana
  - Congressional relations
    - [Thomas] Hale Bogg's memorial service
    - Harry S. Truman's memorial service
  - Departure for Paris
- The President's schedule
  - Domestic matters
- North Vietnam's position
- Resumption of talks
  - Deadline
  - Timing
  - Delay

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- Le Duc Tho's departure for Paris
- North Vietnam-Soviet Union relations
- Kissinger's conversation with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
  - Le Duc Tho's health
  - Offer of Soviet Union doctor
- US position
  - The President's conversation with Kissinger
- The President's bombing decision
  - Effect on negotiations
  - Significance
  - Effect on negotiations
    - Nguyen Van Thieu
    - North Vietnam
    - Timing
      - Previous US bombing
      - Conditions
      - Media relations
  - Possible resumption of US bombing
    - Effect
      - Critics' uncertainty
- Congressional relations
  - Mansfield
    - Telephone call from Kissinger
    - Negotiations
      - Sensitivity
      - The President's schedule
        - Meeting with leaders
        - Domestic matters

Conversation No. 158-5

Date: December 29, 1972

Time: Unknown between 10:30 am and 10:48 am

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

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Conversation No. 158-5 (cont'd)

[See Conversation No. 237-9]

Request for a call to Col. Richard T. Kennedy

Conversation No. 158-6

Date: December 29, 1972

Time: 10:48 am - 11:06 am

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Col. Richard T. Kennedy.

[See Conversation No. 237-10]

US bombing of North Vietnam

- December 28, 1972

- Sorties

  - Number

- Losses

  - Press coverage

  - Timing

- Location of targets

  - Sorties

  - Losses

  - Adm. Thomas H. Moorer's report

    - Surface to air missiles [SAMs]

  - SAM storage areas

  - Damage

- Significance

- US-People's Republic of China [PRC] relations

  - Chou En-Lai's statement

    - Significance

    - Tone

    - (Madame) Nguyen Thi Binh's location

    - Peking

    - March

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Conversation No. 158-6 (cont'd)

- The President's trip to PRC
- PRC-North Vietnam relations
- Cessation north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
  - Awareness
    - Chou En-lai [?]
    - North Vietnam
    - South Vietnam
    - Rumors
      - North Vietnam
      - Negotiations
      - Resumption
    - US comment
- Announcement
- The President's conversation with Henry A. Kissinger
- Notification
  - France, Britain
    - Timing
    - Courtesy
    - Australia
    - Edward R. G. Heath, Georges J. R. Pompidou
  - Willy Brandt
  - Italy
  - Britain, France
  - Thailand
  - Leaks
  - Timing
    - Thailand
    - South Korea
  - Leaks
  - Australia

Nicaragua earthquake relief

- Maurice J. Williams
  - Press and media relations
  - Gerald L. Warren briefing
  - Departure for Nicaragua
    - Timing
  - Press relations
  - Authority



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Conversation No. 158-6 (cont'd)

- State Department
- John A. Scali
- Public relations [PR]

Thailand

- Hijacking
  - Resolution
  - Airplane's location
  - Thai officials [Dawee Chullaspaya, Chartichai Choonhavan]
  - Press reports
  - Comparison to 1972 Munich Olympics

France

- Military aid to Israel
  - Number of airplanes
  - Timing

US bombing of North Vietnam

- Demonstrations
  - Dean Francis B. Sayre
  - March to the White House
    - Timing
    - Announcement
  - Scientists [American Association for the Advancement of Science] [AAAS]
  - Sayre
    - Effect
      - Announcement on cessation north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
      - Negotiations
- Warren's press conference
- Cessation north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
  - Warren's press conference
    - Kennedy's conversation with Warren
    - “No comment” instruction
  - Questions
    - Demonstrations
  - Details
  - Rumors
    - Warren's press conference
    - “No comment” instruction

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Conversation No. 158-6 (cont'd)

- US military operations and plans
- “No comment” instruction
- Completion of negotiations
- Effect on press
- Critics
  - John Kenneth Galbraith
  - AAAS
  - George S. McGovern
  - Unilateral disarmament
  - Antiballistic missile [ABM] opposition
- Cessation north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
  - [David] Kenneth Rush
    - Meeting with Kennedy
  - Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
    - Negotiations
    - North Vietnam’s willingness to take
  - Orders
  - Timing
- Damage reports
  - Hanoi
    - Market
  - Veracity
  - Media
- Timing
  - Final runs
- Targets
  - Downtown Hanoi
    - Kennedy’s conversations with Moorer
    - North Vietnam’s supply activities
    - Dry Season
  - Petroleum, Oil, Lubricants [POL]
  - SAMs
    - Moorer’s view
  - B-52s’ performance
    - Moorer’s view
    - Damage
    - Reconstruction
- Cessation north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
  - Warren’s press conference

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Conversation No. 158-6 (cont'd)

- The President's schedule
  - Meeting with Kennedy and Warren
  - Timing
    - Warren's press conference
  - Review of questions
    - Washington, DC
    - Possible telephone call
- Return call

Conversation No. 158-7

Date: December 29, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 11:06 am and 11:23 am  
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 237-12]

Request for a call to Henry A. Kissinger

Conversation No. 158-8

Date: December 29, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 11:06 am and 11:23 am  
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 237-13]

Henry A. Kissinger's schedule

- Telephone call

Request for a call to Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo

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Conversation No. 158-9

Date: December 29, 1972

Time: 11:24 am - 11:46 am

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger.

[See Conversation No. 237-14]

Kissinger's schedule

- Conversation with an unknown person

Vietnam War

- Cessation of US bombing North of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel

- The President's conversation with Col. Richard T. Kennedy

- Report

- Kissinger's conversation with Kennedy

- Announcement

- Public relations [PR]

- [David] Kenneth Rush

- Negotiations

- Demonstrations

- Conversation with Kissinger

- Loyalty

- Media

- Loyalty

- Notification

- Continuation of bombing

- Kissinger's view

- Adm. Thomas H. Moorer

- Kissinger's view

- Demonstrations

- Press relations

- Tone of announcement

- Settlement agreement

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Conversation No. 158-9 (cont'd)

- Congressional relations
  - Reconvention
  - Perception of administration vacillation
    - Rush's view
  - US bombing of North Vietnam
    - Conditions for cessation
- Gerald L. Warren
- Congressional relations
- Opinion makers
  - Kissinger's possible role
    - Effect
      - North Vietnam
      - Compared to State Department statement
      - Demilitarized Zone [DMZ]
- Warren's press conference
  - The President's conversation with Warren
- Rumors
  - Negotiations
  - Cessation of bombing
- Tone
  - Questions
    - Responses
      - Ronald L. Ziegler
      - Exchange of messages
        - Negotiations
      - Negotiations
        - Cessation of bombing
        - Timing
      - “No comment” instruction
      - Cessation of bombing
        - Negotiations
        - Tone
      - Resumption of bombing north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
        - “No comment” instruction
    - The President's relationship with Kissinger
      - Contacts
      - Kissinger's effectiveness
      - Time, Newsweek*
      - John A. Scali

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Conversation No. 158-9 (cont'd)

- Ziegler
  - Contacts
  - Media relations
  - DMZ
  - Negotiations
    - Specifics
    - Capitulation
  - Settlement agreement
  - Rush
  - Timeframe
- Ziegler
- Effect
  - Public relations
- Kissinger's press conference, October 26, 1972
- Negotiations
- Daniel P. ("Pat") Moynihan
  - Criticism
    - Cambridge
- Criticism of liberals
  - Harvard University
  - George S. McGovernites
  - 1972 election
- Negotiations
- Press relations
  - Bombing
    - Effect
      - Negotiations
      - Rush
- Jerrold L. Schecter's conversation with Kissinger
  - Time* cover story
    - Bombing
      - Effect
        - Negotiations
    - Kissinger's schedule
    - Vacation
  - Change
- North Vietnam's position
- Congressional relations
  - “Doves”

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- Reconvention
- Negotiations
  - Paris
- “Hawks”
  - Bombing
    - Effect
      - Negotiations
- Kissinger’s telephone calls
  - Ronald W. Reagan
  - Barry M. Goldwater
  - John C. Stennis
  - F. Edward Hebert
  - Gerald R. Ford
  - Carl B. Albert
  - Michael J. Mansfield
    - Timing
    - Announcement
  - Timing
    - Nelson A. Rockefeller
    - Reagan, Goldwater, Ford, Albert, Hebert
  - Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
    - Col. Richard T. Kennedy’s telephone call
      - Timing
  - “Hawks”
    - Richard (“Dick”) Wilson
    - Howard K. Smith
    - William F. Buckley, Jr.
    - Joseph W. Alsop
    - Wilson, Smith
    - Max Frankel
      - New York Times*
- Press relations
  - New York Times, Washington Post*
  - Negotiations
    - Thomas Grey (“Tom”) Wicker
    - The President’s success
- Strategy
  - Kissinger’s view
  - Resumption of bombing

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- North Vietnam
- Liberals
- Kissinger's telephone calls
- Otis Chandler
- Los Angeles Times*
- Editorial
- Timing

Conversation No. 158-10

Date: December 29, 1972

Time: Unknown between 11:46 am and 11:53 am

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 158-15]

Request for a call to John V. ("Jack") Brennan

-Cdr. Alexander R. Larzelere

Conversation No. 158-11

Date: December 29, 1972

Time: Unknown between 11:46 am and 11:53 am

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

Cdr. Alexander R. Larzelere on the line

Call to Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo



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Conversation No. 158-12

Date: December 29, 1972  
Time: 11:53 am - 11:54 am  
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Cdr. Alexander R. Larzelere.

[See Conversation No. 237-16]

Raymond K. Price, Jr.'s schedule  
-Arrival at Camp David  
-Accommodations  
-Birch Lodge  
-Dogwood Lodge

Tricia Nixon Cox's schedule  
-Trip to the Soviet Union

Conversation No. 158-13

Date: December 29, 1972  
Time: 11:55 am - 11:59 am  
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo.

[See Conversation No. 237-17]

Rebozo's schedule  
-Meeting with George C. Wallace  
-The President's attempted telephone call to Rebozo  
-Location  
-Rebozo's mother  
-Wallace's meeting with John N. Mitchell  
-Wallace's view of the President  
-The President's visit with Wallace, May 19, 1972

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- Cornelia Wallace
- Wallace's health
- Weight

Camp David weather

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

The President's schedule  
-Return to Washington, DC  
-Congressional relations  
-Reconvention

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[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

- The President's visit to Florida
- Rebozo's possible visit to Camp David
- Julie Nixon Eisenhower's schedule

Rebozo's real estate operations

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

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John and Martha (Beall) Mitchell's schedule  
-The President's residence in Key Biscayne  
-Dinner  
-Pool

Conversation No. 158-14

Date: December 29, 1972

Time: Unknown between 11:59 am and 12:01 pm

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Conversation No. 158-14 (cont'd)

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 237-18]

Request for a call to Henry A. Kissinger

Conversation No. 158-15

Date: December 29, 1972

Time: 12:01 pm - 12:08 pm

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger.

[See Conversation No. 237-19]

Vietnam War

- US-People's Republic of China [PRC] relations

- Chou En-Lai's statement

- Analysis

- Possible intent

- (Madame) Nguyen Thi Binh's location

- [Peking]

- The President's conversation with Col. Richard T. Kennedy

- Significance

- Copies of notes

- Previous statements

- US bombing

- Message

- Chou's statement

- Tone

- Message

- Content

- US bombing

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- Delivery
  - New York
- Significance
  - Marilyn Berger
- Cessation of US bombing north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
  - Aleksei N. Kosygin
    - Statement
      - Expectation
        - US
- Chou En-lai's statement
  - PRC-North Vietnam relations
    - Madame Binh
- Notification
  - The President's conversation with Kennedy
    - U. Alexis Johnson
    - Britain
    - France
    - Australia
  - Australia, South Korea
    - Johnson
  - Britain, France
    - Restraint
- US bombing of North Vietnam
  - US-Australia relations
    - Gough Whitlam's statement
      - State Department
        - [National Security Council] [NSC]
          - Kennedy
  - Meat quotes
  - Communications
    - Cables to Canberra
      - Clearance through NSC
    - Birthday, New Year's messages
      - Clearance through NSC
  - Whitlam's election
    - “Peaceniks”
  - Effect
  - Ambassador [Sir James Plimsoll]
    - Avoidance

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- Whitlam's letter
- Lack of reply
  - Kissinger's conversation with Plimsoll
  - Australia's message to North Vietnam
- Whitlam's meeting with Charles H. Percy
- Kissinger's and the President's position
- Percy's position
- 1976 election

Conversation No. 158-16

Date: December 29, 1972  
Time: 12:08 pm - 12:09 pm  
Location: Camp David Study Table

Col. Richard T. Kennedy talked with the President.

[See Conversation No. 237-20]

- Kennedy's and Gerald L. Warren's schedules
  - Arrival to Camp David
    - Timing
    - Arrangements
    - Pentagon

Conversation No. 158-17

Date: December 29, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 12:09 pm and 12:13 pm  
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 237-21]

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Request for a call to Charles W. Colson

Conversation No. 158-18

Date: December 29, 1972

Time: 12:13 pm - 12:37 pm

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Charles W. Colson.

[See Conversation No. 237-22]

Vietnam War

- Cessation of US bombing north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
  - Announcement
    - Press relations
- US bombing
  - Demonstration
    - Dean Francis B. Sayre
      - White House
      - Administration response
        - Infiltration
      - Demeanor
        - Liberals
        - Colson's viewing on television [TV]
          - Establishment
          - Attire
  - American Association for the Advancement of Science [AAAS]
    - Press conference
  - Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS] special, December 28, 1972
    - Tone
    - Charles Collingwood
      - Comments on breakdown of negotiations
        - Henry A. Kissinger
        - Ambiguities
        - Options
        - Resumption of negotiations

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US bombing of North Vietnam

- December 28, 1972
  - Plane losses
  - Sorties
  - Targets
  - Effect
  - Effect
    - Damage
    - Recovery
    - Compared to World War II
      - Japan
      - Soviet Union
      - Germany
      - Britain
      - France
    - Damage
    - Communists
    - Recovery
- Cessation north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
  - Report from Saigon
    - Washington Post*
    - The President's meeting with Colson
    - Washington Star*
  - Washington Post* articles
    - US bombing of North Vietnam north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
      - Effect
        - Damage
          - B-52s
          - Hanoi
          - Civilians
  - Reports from Saigon
    - Washington Star*
- Announcement
  - Gerald L. Warren
  - Tone
  - Negotiations
    - North Vietnam
- Public relations [PR]

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- US bombing
  - Effect on negotiations
    - Liberals' view
  - Pressure on US
    - Liberals' view
  - Necessity
    - Negotiations
      - Liberals' view
    - Effect
      - Public opinion
- “Nixon’s done it again”
  - New Majority, “Hawks”
  - North Vietnam
- White House
- Possible op-ed article in *New York Times*
- Television [TV]
- Letters
- Telephone calls
- The President’s May 8, 1972 decision
- Collingwood
  - Commentary
- Paper [“Things They Would Like to Forget”]
  - Distribution
    - Congress, editors, broadcasters, opinion leaders
  - Effect
- Criticism
  - Herbert G. Klein
  - “Nixon’s done it again”
    - Effect
- Possible op-ed article in *New York Times*
  - J. Anthony Lukas [?]
- John A. Scali
  - Possible meeting with Colson
  - Kissinger’s concern
    - The President’s relationship with Kissinger
    - Kissinger’s conversation with journalists
- US bombing of North Vietnam north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
  - The President’s decision
    - William P. Rogers’s schedule



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- Melvin R. Laird's schedule
- Reaction of White House staff
- Scali
  - Victory for the President
  - Ability as "salesman"
  - Meeting with Colson
    - Timing
    - Secrecy
- PR
  - Liberals' view
    - The President's May 8, 1972 decision
    - People's Republic of China [PRC]
    - "Nixon's done it again"
    - Pressures on US
      - Credibility
  - Resumption of negotiations
  - Instruction for Colson
    - Scali
      - Timing
- Announcement
  - "No comment" instruction
  - Warren
    - Compared to Ronald L. Ziegler
    - Kissinger
- PR
  - Scali
    - Leaks
      - Ambassadorship to United Nations [UN]
      - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman's view
      - Ambassadorship to UN
      - Daniel L. Schorr
    - Judgment on announcement
      - Background
    - White House
      - Resumption of negotiations
        - North Vietnam
    - Deep background
      - Unknown person
      - Bernard and Marvin L. Kalb

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- Howard K. Smith
- Stewart M. Hensley
- Leaks
- Resumption of negotiations
  - Tone
  - “Serious”
- Instruction for Colson
- Labor leaders
- Congressional relations
  - William E. Timmons
    - Telephone call to leaders
  - Kissinger’s calls to leaders
    - Negotiations
    - John C. Stennis
    - F. Edward Hebert
    - Gerald R. Ford
    - Barry M. Goldwater
  - Hugh Scott
- PR
  - Labor leaders
  - Statements
- Negotiations
  - Breakdown
    - Liberals’ view
      - 1972 election
      - [Arnold] Eric Sevareid
    - Telephone calls
      - Dan Rather
      - Harry Reasoner
      - Effect
      - Commentators
- Colson’s call to Scali
  - Colson’s call to the President

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Conversation No. 158-19

Date: December 29, 1972  
Time: 5:03 pm  
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 237-25]

Request for a call to Col. Richard T. Kennedy

Conversation No. 158-20

Date: December 29, 1972  
Time: 5:06 pm  
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 237-26]

Col. Richard T. Kennedy's location  
-State Department

Request for a call to Henry A. Kissinger

Conversation No. 158-21

Date: December 29, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 5:06 pm and 5:12 pm  
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

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Conversation No. 158-21 (cont'd)

[See Conversation No. 237-28]

Request for a call to Stephen B. Bull

Conversation No. 158-22

Date: December 29, 1972

Time: 5:12 pm - 5:15 pm

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Stephen B. Bull.

[See Conversation No. 237-29]

Harry S. Truman's memorial service

- Reception

- Dwight D. Eisenhower's funeral

- Official representatives

- Gen. Charles A. J. M. de Gaulle

- Arrangements

- State Department

- Col. Richard T. Kennedy's office

- Henry A. Kissinger

- Eisenhower's funeral

- The President's schedule

- Location

- Eisenhower's funeral

- Washington National Cathedral

- Truman's funeral

- Heads of state

- De Gaulle's funeral

- The President's attendance

- Reception by Georges J. R. Pompidou

- Arrangements

- State Department

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Conversation No. 158-23

Date: December 29, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 5:15 pm and 5:20 pm  
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 237-52]]

Request for a call to Charles W. Colson

Conversation No. 158-24

Date: December 29, 1972  
Time: 5:20 - 5:32 pm  
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Charles W. Colson.

[See Conversation No. 237-30]

Vietnam War

- US bombing of North Vietnam

- Justification

- Settlement agreement

- Enforceability

- US commitments and credibility

- US allies

- Negotiations

- North Vietnam's "filibuster"

- North Vietnam's preparation to fight

- Colson's conversation with John A. Scali

- Infiltration

- Settlement agreement

- US credibility

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Conversation No. 158-24 (cont'd)

- Enforceability
- Pause
  - Press reports
    - People's Republic of China [PRC]
    - South Vietnam
    - North Vietnam
- Scali
  - View
    - Compared to Colson's view
  - Report on public relations
  - Role
    - Media relations
      - Wires
        - United Press International [UPI]
        - Associated Press [AP]
      - Television [TV]
- The President's decision
  - Historical perspective
    - Henry A. Kissinger
    - Previous statements
- Congressional relations
  - Consultations
    - Leaders
      - William E. Timmons
      - Senate, House of Representatives
      - Republicans
  - William B. Saxbe's statements
    - Senate Armed Services Committee
  - Response
    - Ohio
      - Donald E. Lukens
      - Samuel L. Devine
      - Lukens
- Republicans
  - 1972 election
    - The President's victory
      - Margin
      - Ohio
  - Defeats

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- Margaret Chase Smith
- J. Caleb Boggs
- Jack Miller
- Gordon L. Allott
- Robert C. ("Bob") Wilson
- House of Representatives
- Democrats
  - George S. McGovern
- William A. Rusher
  - Yale University
- 1970 campaign
  - Contributions
    - Murray M. Chotiner
- Cessation north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
  - Announcement
  - Effect
  - Scali's view
- Liberals' view
  - Prisoners of War [POWs]
  - Killing of civilians
    - Responsibility
  - Honor
- Media relations
  - Colson's view
    - Killing of civilians
    - North Vietnamese rocket attack on Hue
- Demonstrations
  - McGovern
  - Dean Francis B. Sayre
    - Response
      - Washington National Cathedral
      - Signs
      - “Tell it to Hanoi”
      - Tone
      - Blind Vietnam veteran

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Conversation No. 158-25

Date: December 29, 1972  
Time: 5:40 pm  
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 237-32]

Henry A. Kissinger's location  
-Location  
-Call from the President

Col. Richard T. Kennedy's location  
-Call from the President

Conversation No. 158-26

Date: December 29, 1972  
Time: 6:28 pm - 6:44 pm  
Location: Camp David Study Table

Henry A. Kissinger talked with the President.

[See Conversation No. 237-34]

Weather

Vietnam War  
-Status  
-Col. Richard T. Kennedy  
-Briefing of U. Alexis Johnson  
-Kissinger's conversation with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin  
-Report from Hanoi  
-Resumption of negotiations  
-Congressional relations



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Conversation No. 158-26 (cont'd)

- Kissinger's telephone calls
  - Hugh Scott
    - The President's message
    - Michael J. Mansfield
  - Leslie C. Arends
  - Gerald R. Ford
  - Carl B. Albert
  - F. Edward Hebert
  - John C. Stennis
  - Barry M. Goldwater
- US bombing of North Vietnam
  - Explanation
    - The President's possible speech on television [TV]
      - Kissinger's conversation with Ronald W. Reagan
    - Resumption of negotiations
  - Gerald L. Warren's press conference
    - Consultations with Congressional leaders
    - Explanation
  - Explanation
    - Resumption of negotiations
      - Tone
      - Stopping invasion, return of POWs
      - Announcement
        - Forthcoming week
- Congressional relations
  - Briefing of Congressional leaders
    - Timing
      - The President's role
      - Kissinger's role
        - J. William Fulbright
        - Edward M. Kennedy
      - Success of negotiations
        - Kissinger's conversation with Mansfield
  - Kissinger's possible meeting
    - Senate Foreign Relations Committee
    - Senate Armed Services Committee
      - “Hawks”
    - Charles H. Percy, McGeorge Bundy
    - George S. McGovern

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Conversation No. 158-26 (cont'd)

- Explanation
  - Kissinger's response
    - Negotiations
      - Breaking impasse
    - “Doves”
      - Cambodia
        - South Vietnamese troops
  - Necessity
- Forthcoming announcement
- The President's critics
  - Demonstration
    - Dean Francis B. Sayre
    - [Thomas] Woodrow Wilson
  - Warren's press conference
    - Protests
  - William B. Saxbe
    - Briefing
- Effect
- Explanation
  - Kissinger's conversation with Mansfield
- The President's statements
  - Press and Congressional relations
- Explanation
  - Negotiations
  - Prisoners of War [POWs]
    - Political prisoners in South Vietnam
      - Exchanges
    - Press relations
    - Liberals
- Negotiations
  - Following round
    - Possible failure
    - Publication of record
- Congressional relations
  - Kissinger's telephone calls and meetings
    - Stennis
    - Goldwater
    - Percy
    - Fulbright

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- Albert
- Mansfield
- Ford
- Leaders
  - Instruction for Warren
- US bombing of North Vietnam
  - Public relations [PR]
    - Liberals' view
      - US government's position
      - Congressional relations
- Cessation north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
  - Notification
    - People's Republic of China [PRC]
      - Message
      - Tone
- US-PRC relations
  - Chou En-Lai's statement
    - Tone
      - Washington Star*
    - Settlement agreement
  - Meeting with Kissinger
    - Timing

Harry S. Truman's memorial service

- Reception
  - Arrangements
    - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman, John D. Ehrlichman
  - Edward R. G. Heath
  - Dwight D. Eisenhower's funeral
  - Gen. Charles A. J. M de Gaulle's funeral
    - The President's attendance
    - Reception by Georges J. R. Pompidou
- The President's schedule
  - Heath
  - [Gough Whitlam] of Australia
  - [Pierre E. Trudeau] of Canada
  - Pompidou
  - Heath
    - [February 1-2], 1973 meetings

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US-France relations

- National Security Council [NSC] memorandum
  - France election
    - Socialists
      - Francois M. Mitterand
  - Pompidou
    - The President's written instructions
- NSC
  - Liberals
  - State Department
- State Department
  - Polls
    - Pompidou
    - Socialists
- Pompidou
  - The President's written instructions
  - Socialists
  - Public support
- The President's possible visit to France
  - Kissinger's meeting with Pompidou
  - French Ambassador to US [Jacques Kosciusko-Morizet]
  - Kissinger's trip to Paris
    - Timing
    - Message from the President
    - The President's support for Pompidou
- Announcement
  - Timing

Kissinger's schedule

- NSC

Conversation No. 158-27

Date: December 29, 1972

Time: Unknown between 6:44 pm and 6:49 pm

Location: Camp David Study Table

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The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 237-35]

Request for a call to Col. Richard T. Kennedy

Conversation No. 158-28

Date: December 29, 1972

Time: 6:49 pm - 6:52 pm

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Col. Richard T. Kennedy.

[See Conversation No. 237-36]

Vietnam War

- Cessation of US bombing north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
- Kennedy's conversation with U. Alexis Johnson
  - Notification
    - Australian ambassador [Sir James Plimsoll]
    - Prime Minister [Gough Whitlam]
  - US bombing of North Vietnam
    - Johnson's view
- US bombing of North Vietnam
  - Press relations
    - The President's conversation with Kennedy and Gerald L. Warren
  - Negotiations
  - Johnson's view
  - [David] Kenneth Rush's view
  - North Vietnamese reaction
    - Timing
    - Johnson's view
- Cessation
  - Announcement
    - Warren

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Conversation No. 158-28 (cont'd)

-Kennedy's conversation with Vice President Spiro T. Agnew  
-Timing

Conversation No. 158-29

Date: December 29, 1972  
Time: 6:52 pm  
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 237-37]

Request for a call to [David] Kenneth Rush  
-Rush's identity  
-Deputy Secretary of Defense

Conversation No. 158-30

Date: December 29, 1972  
Time: 6:52 pm  
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 237-38]

[David] Kenneth Rush  
-Return call

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Conversation No. 158-31

Date: December 29, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 6:52 pm and 7:02 pm  
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 237-39]

Request for a call to U. Alexis Johnson  
-Johnson's identity  
-[Under] Secretary of State

Conversation No. 158-32

Date: December 29, 1972  
Time: 7:02 pm - 7:04 pm  
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with U. Alexis Johnson.

[See Conversation No. 237-40]

Vietnam War  
-Cessation of US bombing north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel  
-William P. Rogers  
-Message  
-Security  
-US Navy channels  
-Notification  
-The President's conversation with Gerald L. Warren  
-Message from the President  
-Security  
-Johnson's initiative  
-Announcement  
-Security

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Conversation No. 158-32 (cont'd)

- Leaks
  - US Navy facility
- Johnson's initiative
- Congressional relations
  - J. William Fulbright
- Johnson's congratulations
- US bombing of North Vietnam
  - The President's decision
    - The President's May 8, 1972 decision
    - Breakdown in negotiations
  - Johnson's meeting with Netherlands representative
    - US-Netherlands relations
    - Historical perspective
- Cessation of US bombing north of 20<sup>th</sup> Paralle
  - Johnson's congratulations

Conversation No. 158-33

Date: December 29, 1972

Time: 7:10 pm - 7:11 pm

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with [David] Kenneth Rush.

[See Conversation No. 237-41]

**Vietnam War**

- Cessation of US bombing north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
  - Announcement
  - Rush's congratulations
  - Media relations
  - Outcome
  - Pressures
    - Settlement agreement
  - Timing
    - Congressional relations
    - Reconvention



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Conversation No. 158-34

Date: December 30, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 9:41 am and 9:53 am  
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 237-43]

Request for a call to Charles W. Colson

Conversation No. 158-35

Date: December 30, 1972  
Time: 9:53 am - 10:02 am  
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Charles W. Colson.

[See Conversation No. 237-44]

Vietnam War

- US bombing of North Vietnam
  - Demonstration
    - Dean Francis B. Sayre
    - Response
  - Cessation north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
    - Notification of Congress
      - William E. Timmons
        - Conversations with Colson and Col. Richard T. Kennedy
        - Call to Henry A. Kissinger
          - Kissinger's telephone call
        - Telephone calls

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Conversation No. 158-35 (cont'd)

- Hugh Scott
- Kissinger's telephone calls
  - The President's conversation with Kissinger
- Kennedy
- Congressional relations
  - Possible hearings
    - William Fulbright
    - Dr. Thomas E. ("Doc") Morgan
    - Kissinger, William P. Rogers
  - Negotiations
    - Colson's conversation with Timmons
- Cessation north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
  - John A. Scali
    - Telephone calls
  - Announcement
    - Scali
    - Colson
      - Gerald L. Warren
  - Public relations [PR]
    - Colson's possible call to the President
    - The President's possible call to Colson
      - Timing
      - Scali
- US bombing of North Vietnam
  - Congressional relations
    - Media relations
  - William B. Saxbe's statements
    - Response
      - Timmon's possible call to Saxbe
      - Thomas C. Korologos
      - Donald E. Lukens
        - Compared to Samuel L. Devine
- Hubert H. Humphrey
  - Statement
- PR
  - Albert E. Sindlinger's poll
  - Intensity
- Congressional relations
  - Reconvention

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Conversation No. 158-35 (cont'd)

- Timing
- 1972 election
- Humphrey
- Saxbe's statements
  - Previous statements and actions
    - G. Harrold Carswell vote
      - Letter
    - Response
      - Hugh Scott
- Cessation north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
  - Notification of Congress
    - Scott
      - Possible call from Kissinger
    - Kissinger's telephone calls
      - The President's instructions
      - Timmons's telephone calls
  - Timmons's telephone calls
    - Scott
      - Kissinger's telephone calls
        - Colson's conversation with Timmons
        - John C. Stennis
    - Stennis
      - Liberals
    - Scott
      - Gerald R. Ford
      - Michael J. Mansfield
      - Stennis
      - F. Edward Hebert
      - Carl B. Albert
      - Leaders
  - The President's decision
    - Explanation
      - Scali
        - The President's May 8, 1972 decision
          - Bombing and mining north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
            - Suspension
              - Negotiations
              - Tone
            - Resumption

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Conversation No. 158-35 (cont'd)

- Cessation north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
  - Announcement
    - Press relations
      - Scali's view
      - Wires
    - Saigon
      - United Press International [UPI] article
      - Reaction
        - Tone

Conversation No. 158-36

Date: December 30, 1972

Time: Unknown between 10:02 am and 10:04 am

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 237-45]

Request for a call to Henry A. Kissinger

Conversation No. 158-37

Date: December 30, 1972

Time: 10:04 am - 10:12 am

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger.

[See Conversation No. 237-46]

Vietnam War

- Cessation of US bombing north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
- Notification of Congress

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- Kissinger's conversation with Michael J. Mansfield
  - Hearings
    - J. William Fulbright
    - Dr. Thomas E. ("Dee") Morgan
      - Negotiations
      - Morgan
        - House Foreign Affairs Committee
  - Explanation
  - Briefings
    - Timing
      - The President
      - Negotiations
      - Paris
- US bombing of North Vietnam
  - Congressional relations
    - Hubert H. Humphrey
    - William B. Saxbe
    - Humphrey's statement
    - Saxbe's statement
  - Cessation north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
    - Notification of Congress
      - Kissinger's telephone calls
        - Humphrey
        - Carl B. Albert
        - Mansfield
        - Hugh Scott
        - F. Edward Hebert
        - John C. Stennis
        - Barry M. Goldwater
        - Nelson A. Rockefeller
        - Ronald W. Reagan
        - Rockefeller's reaction
        - Mansfield
          - Timmons's telephone calls
          - Timing
          - Announcement
        - Kissinger's telephone calls
- The President's decision
  - Gerald L. Warren

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- Meeting with the President
- Conversation with the President
- Press relations
  - The President's May 8, 1972 decision
  - Bombing and mining north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
    - Suspension
      - Negotiations
        - Tone
        - October 1972
    - Resumption
- Press relations
  - Los Angeles Times* editorial
- Public relations [PR]
  - Saxbe, Humphrey
  - Kissinger's location
    - Palm Springs, California
  - The President's television [TV] appearance
    - Condition
      - Continuation of bombing
  - Emotion
  - Liberals
    - Kissinger's attendance at dinner party
      - Michael Wallace
      - View
  - The President's TV appearance
    - Timing
- Debate
  - Announcement
- Cessation north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
  - Statement
    - Avoiding "gloating" about victory
      - Congressmen and Senators
      - Negotiations
        - North Vietnam
      - Kissinger's telephone calls
        - Necessity
        - Notification
      - William P. Rogers's schedule
      - Melvin R. Laird's schedule

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- [David] Kenneth Rush
- Warren
- Congressmen and Senators
  - Notification
  - Announcement
- Kissinger's telephone calls
- The President's call to Kissinger

Conversation No. 158-38

Date: December 30, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 10:12 am and 10:54 am  
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 237-49]

Request for a call to Stephen B. Bull

Conversation No. 158-39

Date: December 30, 1972  
Time: 10:54 am - 10:56 am  
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Stephen B. Bull.

[See Conversation No. 237-50]

- Harry S. Truman's memorial service
  - Guests
  - Rank
    - Low level delegations
  - Head of state

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- Edward R. G. Heath
- Reception
  - Guests
  - Attendance
- Dwight D. Eisenhower's funeral
  - Comparisons
- State Department
- Reception
  - Guests
  - Heads of state, prime ministers

Conversation No. 158-40

Date: December 30, 1972  
Time: 11:06 am - 11:42 am  
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Charles W. Colson.

[See Conversation No. 237-51/238-1]

Vietnam War

- Cessation of US bombing north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
  - Announcement
    - Gerald L. Warren's press conference
    - Henry A. Kissinger
  - Preparation
    - The President's meeting with Warren and Col. Richard T. Kennedy
  - Questions
  - Review
- Press relations
  - Reaction
  - Number of reporters
  - Reaction
- Resumption of negotiations
  - Kissinger, Le Duc Tho



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- Timing
- Technical talks
  - Timing
- Questions
  - William B. Saxbe's statement
  - US bombing of North Vietnam
    - Halt
  - Resumption of negotiations
    - Tone
    - Responsibility for initiative
      - John A. Scali's view
      - “No comment” response
  - US military operations
    - “No comment” response
  - Kissinger's view
    - Kissinger's conversation with Colson
      - Scali
      - Resumption of negotiations
        - Responsibility for initiative
          - Message
            - Kissinger and Le Duc Tho
          - Kissinger's press conference, December 16, 1972
    - Kissinger's “peace is at hand” comment, October 26, 1972
      - Warren
      - Ronald L. Ziegler
    - Warren's performance
- Statement
  - Kissinger's concern
    - Avoiding “crowing” about victory
      - The President's conversation with Kissinger
        - Warren
        - William P. Rogers's schedule
        - Melvin R. Laird's schedule
  - Congressmen and Senators
    - Kissinger's conversation with Colson
  - Negotiations
    - Statements
    - Effect

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- Resumption of negotiations
  - Kissinger's press conference, December 16, 1972
  - Exchange of messages
    - Warren's statement
    - Kennedy
    - Scali
- Announcement
  - Scali
  - Knowledge, conversations with reporters
  - Kissinger's concerns
- Kissinger's press relations
  - John F. Osborne
  - Palm Springs, California article
  - Kissinger's telephone calls from the President
- Announcement
  - Wire reports
  - Warren audio report
    - Ziegler
    - Scali
    - Radio stories
  - Resumption of negotiations
    - Kissinger, Le Duc Tho
    - Ziegler
  - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
  - John D. Ehrlichman
  - Ziegler
    - Kissinger's role
    - Warren
  - Warren's performance
  - Scali's conversation with Stewart M Hensley
    - Hensley's article
  - Scali's conversation with Robert Pierpoint
  - The President's demeanor
    - Confidence in settlement agreement
    - Decisiveness
    - Kissinger
  - Wire reports
    - Resumption of negotiations
    - Kissinger

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- Timing
- Warren
- US bombing of North Vietnam
  - US policy
  - Scali
  - The President's May 8, 1972 decision
    - Bombing and mining north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
    - Suspension
      - Negotiations
      - Tone
    - Resumption
  - Possible Hensley article
- Scali
- Announcement
  - Colson's conversation with Scali
  - Hensley, Pierpoint
  - The President's possible conversation with Scali
  - Scali's view
    - Warren's performance
    - Tone
- Congressional relations
  - William E. Timmons
  - Colson's conversation with Kissinger
    - Kissinger's telephone calls
      - Michael J. Mansfield
      - Gerald R. Ford
      - Barry M. Goldwater
      - Carl B. Albert
      - Ronald W. Reagan
      - F. Edward Hebert
  - Thomas C. Korologos
    - Kennedy
- US bombing of North Vietnam
  - William B. Saxbe's statements
    - Response
      - Request for apology
        - [Donald E. Lukens]
        - Hugh Scott
      - Colson's conversation with Korologos

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- Appointments
  - Keith McNamara
- Effect
  - Ohio
  - “Doves”
  - New York Times*
  - Washington Post*
  - New York Times*
  - Reaction to US bombing of North Vietnam
    - Sweden, Australia
    - Britain, France, Italy
    - Democrats
      - Study group
      - Wilbur D. Mills's statement
  - Hubert H. Humphrey
- The President's May 8, 1972 decision
  - Criticism
    - Public relations [PR]
- US bombing of North Vietnam
  - PR
    - Negotiations
    - Build up
    - Demonstrations
    - Press relations
    - The President's November 3, 1969 speech
- Congressional relations
  - Colson's possible call to an unknown person
  - Colson's conversation with Timmons, Korologos
  - Kissinger
  - Korologos
  - Telephone calls
    - Dr. Thomas E. (“Doc”) Morgan
    - Robert J. Dole
    - Republican National Committee [RNC]
    - William S. Mailliard
    - George D. Aiken
    - Korologos

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Conversation No. 158-40 (cont'd)

- Announcement
  - Press relations
    - Scali's note
    - Hensley
  - Gaylord Shaw, Associated Press [AP]
  - William Gill, American Broadcasting Company [ABC]
  - Pierpoint
  - Richard G. Valeriani

Scali

- Conversation with the President
- Appointment
  - Ambassadorship to United Nations [UN]

Vietnam negotiations

- Congressional relations
  - Mansfield
    - The President's conversation with Kissinger
      - Briefing
      - Timing
    - J. William Fulbright

The President talked with Scali at an unknown time between 11:06 am and 11:42 am.

Vietnam War

- US bombing of North Vietnam
  - Reaction
    - Appointments
      - Letters
        - Scali
        - Daniel P. ("Pat") Moynihan
- Cessation north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
  - Announcement
    - Warren's press conference
      - Kissinger
      - Preparation
        - The President's meeting with Warren, Kennedy
  - Warren's performance
    - Scali's conversation with Kissinger

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Conversation No. 158-40 (cont'd)

- Press relations
  - Exchange of messages
    - Kissinger's press conference, December 16, 1972
    - Christmas 1972
- Press relations
  - Hensley
  - Shaw of AP
    - The President's demeanor
  - Gill
    - Resumption of negotiations
      - North Vietnam
      - Liberals
  - Pierpoint
    - Attribution to Scali
    - Kissinger's press conference, December 16, 1972
    - Prisoners of War [POWs]
    - North Vietnam's signal
    - The President's demeanor
  - Valeriani
    - National Broadcasting Company [NBC]
    - Meeting with Scali
  - Critics
- Statements
  - Kissinger's concern
    - Avoiding "crowing" about victory
      - The President's conversation with Kissinger
        - Congressional relations
        - Commentators
    - Negotiations
      - North Vietnam
        - Power
      - The President's demeanor
      - Realism
- Announcement
  - Press relations
    - Warren's press conference
      - Scali's conversation with Valeriani
      - Surprise

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Conversation No. 158-40 (cont'd)

- Congressional relations
- The President's decision
  - Kissinger
  - Necessity
  - Negotiations
    - North Vietnam's delays
    - Duration
    - Effect
      - Return of POWs
      - Military build up
        - Surface to air missiles [SAMs]
      - Infiltration rates
      - Forthcoming US bombing
      - Trucks
- Cessation north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
  - Announcement
    - The President's May 8, 1972 decision
    - Consistency
- Explanation
  - The President's May 8, 1972 decision
    - Bombing and mining north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
      - Suspension
      - Negotiations
      - Resumption
    - Ziegler
    - Possible Hensley article
- North Vietnam's delays
  - Congressional relations
  - Cut off of funds
- Cessation north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
  - Warren's press conference
  - Kissinger's schedule
  - Consultation with the President
  - Telephone calls
- Telephone calls
  - Richard ("Dick") Wilson
  - William S. White
  - Crosby S. Noyes
  - Washington Star*

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Conversation No. 158-40 (cont'd)

- Moynihan
  - State Department briefing
  - Meeting with scientists
    - Washington Post*
  - Harvard University
- Korologos
  - Compared to Timmons
  - Morgan, Mailliard, Aiken
- Media relations
  - Scali
    - The President's demeanor
    - Determination, decisiveness
  - Announcement
    - Effect
  - Walter L. Cronkite, Jr.
  - John Chancellor
  - David Brinkley
  - [Arnold] Eric Sevareid
  - New York Times* op-ed article
- Demonstration
  - Dean Francis Sayre
    - Reaction
      - Telephone calls
      - Washington National Cathedral
  - Possible appearance
    - Likelihood
  - Reaction
    - Charles P. Collins, III
    - Blind veteran
    - John M. O'Neill
  - Possible appearance
    - Likelihood
- Colson's possible call to John B. Connally
- Explanation
  - The President's television [TV] appearance
    - Advisability
      - Press and media relations
      - Washington, DC
    - North Vietnam



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Conversation No. 158-40 (cont'd)

-Kissinger's view  
-Self-interest

The President's schedule  
-Call to Kissinger

Conversation No. 158-41

Date: December 30, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 11:42 am and 11:51 am  
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 238-3]

Request for a call to Cdr. Alexander R. Larzelere  
-Larzelere's identity  
-Military aide

Conversation No. 158-42

Date: December 30, 1972  
Time: 11:51 am - 11:52 am  
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Cdr Alexander R. Larzelere.

[See Conversation No. 238-4]

Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon's schedule  
-Return to White House  
-Timing  
-Helicopter  
-Weather

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Conversation No. 158-42 (cont'd)

-Helicopter  
-Automobile  
-Timing

Conversation No. 158-43

Date: December 30, 1972  
Time: 11:52 am  
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 238-5]

Request for a call to Nellie L. Yates

Conversation No. 158-44

Date: December 30, 1972  
Time: 11:52 am - 11:53 am  
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Nellie L. Yates.

[See Conversation No. 238-6]

Yates's location

Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon's schedule  
-Return to Washington, DC

New Year's celebration  
-Chinese wine

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Conversation No. 158-45

Date: December 30, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 11:53 am and 11:54 am  
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 238-7]

Request for a call to Charles W. Colson

Conversation No. 158-46

Date: December 30, 1972  
Time: 11:54 am - 11:56 am  
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Charles W. Colson.

[See Conversation No. 238-8]

Vietnam War

- Cessation of US bombing north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
  - Announcement
  - The President's call to Henry A. Kissinger
    - Colson's call to Kissinger
      - Reaction
        - Colson's conversation with John B. Connally
  - Colson's conversation with Col. Richard T. Kennedy
    - Gerald L. Warren's press conference
      - Kissinger's press conference, December 16, 1972
        - Reference to transcript
          - Kissinger's view
            - Public relations [PR]
- Colson's call to Kissinger
  - Congressional relations

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Conversation No. 158-47

Date: December 30, 1972

Time: 12:06 pm - 12:15 pm

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Charles W. Colson.

[See Conversation No. 238-9]

Vietnam War

- Cessation of US bombing north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
  - Announcement
    - Henry A. Kissinger's view
    - John A. Scali
  - Kissinger's telephone calls
    - John C. Stennis
    - Hugh Scott
    - Negotiations
  - Gerald R. Ford
- Congressional relations
  - Telephone calls
    - William E. Timmons and Thomas C. Korologos
    - Colson
    - Scali
    - Charles H. Percy
    - Robert A. Taft, Jr.
      - The President's 1952 "secret fund" controversy
      - Robert A. Taft, Sr.
    - William B. Saxbe
  - Saxbe's statements
    - Response
      - Clark MacGregor
      - Ohio
    - Request for apology
    - Columbus Dispatch*
      - Preston Wolfe
      - Editor, Carl DeBlum

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Conversation No. 158-47 (cont'd)

- Editorials
- Possible call from Herbert G. Klein
- Possible call from Kenneth W. Clawson
- Expression of regret
- Newsman
- Samuel L. Devine
  - Compared to Donald E. Lukens
- Clarence J. ("Bud") Brown, Jr.
- Robert Taft, Sr.
- Timing
- Telephone calls
  - Korologos
  - Democrats
- The President's call to Kissinger
  - Timing
- Announcement
  - Kissinger's view
- Telephone calls
  - Opinion makers
    - Howard K. Smith
    - Scali
  - The President's conversation with Scali
- Press relations
  - Criticism of US bombing of North Vietnam
    - Washington Star* editorial page
      - Crosby S. Noyes
      - Blacks
      - Washington Post*
    - The President's interview with Garnett D. ("Jack") Horner, November 5, 1972
    - Smith Hempstone
    - Noyes's conversation with Scali
    - Timing
- Saxbe's statements
- Harvard University
  - Kissinger
- Colson's call to Daniel P. ("Pat") Moynihan
- The President's call to Colson
  - Timing

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Conversation No. 158-48

Date: December 30, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 12:15 pm and 12:27 pm  
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 238-10]

Request for a call to Gerald L. Warren

Conversation No. 158-49

Date: December 30, 1972  
Time: 12:27 pm - 12:29 pm  
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Gerald L. Warren.

[See Conversation No. 238-11]

Vietnam War

- Warren's press conference
- The President's view
  - The President's meeting with Warren
  - Henry A. Kissinger
  - John A. Scali
- Press relations
  - Scali's view
  - Questions
  - Tone
  - Patriotism
  - Norman Kempster
  - Helen Thomas
  - Comment about 1973

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Conversation No. 158-49 (cont'd)

- The President's demeanor
- Gaylord Shaw of Associated Press [AP]
- Scali
- Wire stories

Conversation No. 158-50

Date: December 30, 1972  
Time: 12:29 pm  
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 238-12]

Request for a call to Adm. Thomas H. Moorer

Conversation No. 158-51

Date: December 30, 1972  
Time: 12:35 pm - 12:37 pm  
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Adm. Thomas H. Moorer.

[See Conversation No. 238-13]

Vietnam War

- US bombing of North Vietnam
  - The President's message to military commanders
  - The President's appreciation for courage and sacrifice
  - Criticism
- The President's letter
- Effect on North Vietnamese
  - Military equipment
  - Missiles

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Conversation No. 158-51 (cont'd)

- Costs
- The President's message to military commanders
  - Avoiding "gloating" about victory
- North Vietnamese reaction
  - Significance
    - Resumption of negotiations
    - "Peaceniks" view
- The President's role
  - Courage
  - Air Force
- Air Force
  - View of the President
- The President's message to military commanders

Conversation No. 158-52

Date: December 30, 1972

Time: Unknown between 12:37 pm and 12:38 pm

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 238-14]

Request for a call to U. Alexis Johnson

-Johnson's identity

-Under Secretary of State

Conversation No. 158-53

Date: December 30, 1972

Time: 12:38 pm

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.



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Conversation No. 158-53 (cont'd)

[See Conversation No. 238-15]

U. Alexis Johnson's location  
-Golf course [Burning Tree Country Club]

Request for a call to [David] Kenneth Rush  
-Rush's identity  
-Deputy Secretary of Defense

Conversation No. 158-54

Date: December 30, 1972  
Time: 12:40 pm  
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 238-17]

[David] Kenneth Rush's location  
-Golf course [Burning Tree Country Club]  
-Return call

Request for a call to Henry A. Kissinger

Conversation No. 158-55

Date: December 30, 1972  
Time: 12:45 pm - 12:59 pm  
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger.

[See Conversation No. 238-18]

Weather

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Conversation No. 158-55 (cont'd)

**Vietnam War**

- Cessation of US bombing north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
  - Kissinger's telephone calls
    - Congressional relations
      - Barry M. Goldwater
      - Carl B. Albert
      - Liberals
        - “Doves”
    - Hugh Scott

**Vietnam negotiations**

- The President's possible report
  - Advisability
    - Scott's view
  - Timing
    - Kissinger's meetings [with Le Duc Tho]
    - Scott's view
    - 1973 Inauguration
    - Prospects
    - Anticipation
      - Delay
    - Ronald L. Ziegler
    - Kissinger's return from Paris
      - Timing
    - Announcement
- Advisability
  - Scott's view

**Vietnam War**

- Cessation of US bombing north of the 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
  - Kissinger's telephone calls
    - Congressional relations
      - Scott
      - John C. Stennis
      - Albert
    - Media relations
      - Secret Service
      - Jerrold L. Schecter
      - Charles W. Colson

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Conversation No. 158-55 (cont'd)

- Howard K. Smith
- Richard ("Dick") Wilson
- US bombing of North Vietnam
  - Media relations
  - Smith
    - The President's schedule
      - Dinner, December 18, 1972
    - Commentary on television [TV]
      - Public reaction
      - Telegrams
        - Number
        - Tone
- Critics of the President
  - McGeorge Bundy
    - Relationship with Kissinger
    - Telephone calls
- Congressional relations
  - Scott
  - Michael J. Mansfield
  - Negotiations
- US bombing of North Vietnam
  - Explanation
    - Congressional relations
      - J. William Fulbright
      - “Doves”
    - Necessity
    - Timing
    - Effect on North Vietnam
    - Negotiations
      - Kissinger's meetings [with Le Duc Tho]
- Nguyen Van Thieu
  - Notification
  - Timing
- Negotiations
  - Thieu
    - Ellsworth F. Bunker's view
    - Settlement agreement
    - Fait accompli
  - Settlement agreement
    - Paris

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Conversation No. 158-55 (cont'd)

- Alexander M. Haig, Jr.'s possible trip [to Saigon]
  - Tone
- Cessation of US bombing north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
  - Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
    - Briefing by Col. Richard T. Kennedy
  - Statements
    - Inconsistency
    - Lack of criticism or support
- Agnew
  - Character
  - Possible trip to Saigon
    - Advisability
  - Contributions
  - The President's May 8, 1972 decision
- US bombing of North Vietnam
  - Media relations
    - Smith story
    - Telegrams
    - Tone
  - Press relations
    - Washington, DC newspapers
    - Kissinger's conversation with Otis Chandler
- Cessation of US bombing north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
  - Kissinger's telephone calls
    - Stennis
      - Kissinger's call from Key Biscayne
    - F. Edward Hebert
    - Goldwater
    - George D. Aiken
    - John Chancellor
    - Washington, DC reporters
      - Compared to New York reporters
    - Walter E. Cronkite, Jr.
    - David Brinkely
    - Chancellor
    - Cronkite
    - [Arnold] Eric Sevareid

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Conversation No. 158-56

Date: December 30, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 12:59 pm and 1:04 pm  
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 238-19]

Request for a call to Charles W. Colson

Conversation No. 158-57

Date: December 30, 1972  
Time: 1:04 pm - 1:16 pm  
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Charles W. Colson.

[See Conversation No. 238-20]

Vietnam War

- Cessation of US bombing north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
- Colson's telephone calls
  - Schedules
  - Football games
  - Robert A. Taft, Jr.'s location
  - Nassau
- Daniel P. ("Pat") Moynihan
  - US bombing of North Vietnam
  - Support for the President
  - The President's burden
  - Note for the President
- Location
  - Cambridge, Massachusetts
- John B. Connally
  - US bombing of North Vietnam

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Conversation No. 158-57 (cont'd)

- Apprehension
- World reaction
- Concern, skepticism
- Support for the President
  - Connally's schedule
- John A. Scali's telephone calls
  - Press relations
    - William L. White
    - Crosby S. Noyes
    - Stewart T. O. Alsop
    - Time*
    - Newsweek*
    - Alsop
    - Frank Cormier
    - Wire services
    - Networks
    - Noyes, White
- US bombing of North Vietnam
  - Washington Star* editorial
    - Criticism of the President's policies
    - Resumption of negotiations
  - Retraction
    - Scali's conversation with Noyes
  - Newbold ("Newby") Noyes, Jr.
- Congressional relations
  - Thomas C. Korologos's report
  - William B. Saxbe's statement
    - Response
      - Clark MacGregor
      - George Sherman
    - Scali
    - Columbus Dispatch*
    - Carl DeBlum
    - Kenneth W. Clawson
- Media relations
  - Henry A. Kissinger's conversation with Howard K. Smith
  - Smith's commentary on television [TV]
  - Public reaction
    - Telegrams
- Public relations [PR]

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- Michael P. Balzano, Jr.
  - Calls from Pittsburgh
  - US bombing of North Vietnam
- US bombing of North Vietnam
  - Washington Star*
  - 1972 election
  - Management
- US bombing of North Vietnam
  - Washington Post*
  - New York Times*
  - Possible articles
- US bombing of North Vietnam
  - The President's decision
  - Difficulty
    - Compared to the President's May 8, 1972 decision
    - Scali's view
      - 1972 election
      - 1973 Inauguration
- Press relations
  - Scali's view
  - Kissinger
  - Demonstrations
- Media relations
  - Kissinger
  - Scali
    - Resumption of US bombing north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
- Colson's conversation with Moynihan
- US bombing of North Vietnam
  - William B. Saxbe's statements
  - Response from Ohio
  - Samuel L. Devine

Conversation No. 158-58

Date: December 30, 1972

Time: 1:18 pm - 1:20 pm

Location: Camp David Study Table

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Conversation No. 158-58 (cont'd)

The President talked with Tricia Nixon Cox.

[See Conversation No. 238-22]

Tricia Nixon Cox's schedule

- Trip to the Soviet Union
  - Forthcoming plans
  - Recent dinner
    - Jacob D. and Margaret (Glassford) Beam
    - Robert A. D. and Maria Thereza (Gomes) Ford [?]
  - Boston
- US embassy in Moscow
- Forthcoming luncheon
  - Minister of culture
  - Guests
    - Bolshoi Theater
- Party for Andrei A. Gromyko
- Mayors of Leningrad and Moscow
- Edward R. F. Cox

New Year's greetings

Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon