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Tape Subject Log
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Conversation No. 159-1

Date: December 31 1972
Time: Unknown between 9:55 am and 11:17 am
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 238-25]

Request for a call to Charles W. Colson

Conversation No. 159-2

Date: December 31, 1972
Time: 11:17 am - 11:47 am
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Charles W. Colson.

[See Conversation No. 238-26]

1972

- End of the year
- Review of the year

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

- Politics
 - Accomplishments
 - History
 - 1972 campaign
 - Press relations

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[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Vietnam War

- US bombing of North Vietnam
- Press relations
 - New York Times* article
 - Disagreement in administration
 - State Department
 - Defense Department
- James B. ("Scottie") Reston article ["Nixon and Kissinger"] in *New York Times*
 - Henry A. Kissinger's position
 - Compared to the President's position
 - Messages
 - Cessation of US bombing north of 20th Parallel
 - Timing
 - Kissinger's relationship with the President
 - Kissinger's possible resignation
 - Vietnam negotiations
 - Writing of record
 - Breakdown in talks
 - Effect on the President
- Comments
 - Distortion
- Reston
 - The President's refusal to see
 - Interview with Chou En-Lai
- Accuracy
- Source
- Kissinger
 - Marvin L. Kalb's story
 - Colson's conversation with Kissinger
 - Conversation with Kalb
 - Kissinger's conversation with the President
 - Kalb's congratulations
- Ronald L. Ziegler

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- John A. Scali
- Cessation north of 20th Parallel
 - Announcement
 - Colson's conversation with Scali
 - Timing
- Public relations [PR]
 - International protests
 - Britain, France
 - International protests
 - Australia, Sweden
- Press relations
 - Scali's view
 - Scali's role
 - Helen Thomas
 - Gerald L. Warren's press conference
 - “Peacenik”
 - Robert Pierpoint's report
 - Scali
 - Alleged US capitulation to North Vietnam
 - Credibility
 - Columbus, Ohio
 - Motives for criticism
 - Washington, DC
 - 1972 election
 - Reston
 - “Preacher”
 - Scientists [American Association for the Advancement of Science]
 - George S. McGovernites
 - Interim before 1973 Inauguration
- Patrick J. Buchanan
- 1972 election
 - Effect on establishment
- Kissinger
 - Conversations with Kalb, McGeorge Bundy
 - Conversation with the President
 - Harvard University
 - Reston
 - Telephone calls

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- Check
 - Instruction for Colson
 - White House operator, switchboard
 - Reston
 - Palm Spring, California
 - Reston article
 - Kissinger
 - Scali
 - Ziegler
 - Negotiations
 - Settlement agreement
 - Investigation
 - Colson's call to Kissinger
 - Sources
 - National Security Council [NSC]
 - Scali's view
 - Negotiations
 - Breakdown
 - Possible leak of wire
 - Effect on Kissinger
 - Timing
 - Resumption
 - Le Duc Tho
 - Paris
 - Attacks on Hanoi, Haiphong
 - Congressional relations
 - The President's second term
 - Source
- The President's policies
 - Accomplishments
 - Effect
 - Settlement agreement
 - North Vietnam
- PR
 - Colson's view
 - Politicians
 - Polls
 - Albert E. Sindlinger
- Congressional relations
 - Samuel L. Devine

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- Press relations
 - George Embrey article in *Columbus Dispatch*
 - “Nixon Ends Bombing; North Vietnam to Negotiate”
 - Devine
 - “[William B.] Saxbe Feels Political Shock”
- Saxbe’s comments
 - Devine
 - Condition for support
 - Apology
 - Donald D. Clancy
 - Op-ed article
 - The President’s view
- Cessation of US bombing north of 20th Parallel
 - Republicans
 - Percy
 - Hugh Scott
 - Dan Rather’s report
 - Hubert H. Humphrey’s statement
 - Press coverage
 - Carl B. Albert’s statement
 - Michael J. Mansfield
- Possible investigation
 - Consultation with Congress
 - The President’s May 8, 1972 decision
- Negotiations
- Press relations
 - Cessation of US bombing north of 20th Parallel
 - Columbia Broadcasting Company [CBS]
 - Hanoi
 - Destruction
 - Announcement
- Airplane losses
 - The President’s conversation with Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
 - B-52s
- Press relations
 - Timing
 - Attacks on Hanoi
 - Washington Post*
 - Demonstration
 - New York Times*

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- Article
 - Writing
 - Timing
- Negotiations
 - “Serious” tone
 - Pierpoint
 - Scali
 - Conversation with the President
 - Loss of B-52s
 - Kissinger’s press conference
 - US bombing north of the 20th Parallel
 - The President’s May 8, 1972 decision
- Kissinger’s press conference
 - Kissinger’s concern
 - Self-image
 - Explanation of points
 - Ziegler
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 - Herbert G. Klein
 - 1972 campaign
 - John B. Connally
- Scali
 - Compared to Klein
- Ziegler
- Kissinger
 - Reston article
 - Col. Richard T. Kennedy
 - Telephone calls
 - The President’s staff
- Concern
 - Self-image
- Call from Colson
 - Kissinger’s telephone calls
 - Palm Springs, California
- Kalb
 - Reston article
 - Effect on negotiations
 - Le Duc Tho
 - Questions for Warren
- Sources

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-Return call to the President