Conversation No. 189-1

Date: May 17, 1972
Time: 9:14 am - 9:33 am
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President talked with Charles W. Colson; the recording began at an unknown time while the telephone call was in progress.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 14s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Foreign policy
   - Senate role
   - Henry A. Kissinger
     - Actions
     - An unidentified person's vote
   - Michael J. Mansfield[?]
   - Senate vote

President’s forthcoming trip to the Soviet Union
   - Preparations
     - Reading material
   - Expectations
   - Planning

Mansfield
   - The President’s view
   - Position
   - Senate
     - Filibuster
President's nominees
- Delays in Congress
- Political issue
- Order of confirmation
- Senate
  - The President’s view

Date: May 17, 1972
Time: Unknown between 9:33 am and 9:34 am
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

Request for a call to John B. Connally

Date: May 17, 1972
Time: 9:34 am - 9:41 am
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President talked with John B. Connally.

Greetings

Connally's note
  - President's thanks
    - Sequoia

Connally's health

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 2m 26s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

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George P. Shultz
- Succession at Treasury Department
- Personnel
  - Replacements
    - Timing
  - Staff meeting
- James W. Donley
  - Role

Connally's trip to Latin America
- Preparations
  - Australia and New Zealand

Rest
- Golf

Conversation No. 189-4

Date: May 17, 1972
Time: Unknown between 9:41 am and 9:44 am
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

Return calls to Dr. William M. Lukash, Julie Nixon Eisenhower and Henry A. Kissinger

Conversation No. 189-5
Date: May 17, 1972
Time: 9:44 am - 9:46 am
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President talked with Dr. William M. Lukash.

George C. Wallace
- Prognosis
- Call from President
- White House operator

Conversation No. 189-6

Date: May 17, 1972
Time: 9:48 am - 9:51 am
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President talked with Julie Nixon Eisenhower.

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 2m 53s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
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Conversation No. 189-7

Date: May 17, 1972
Time: Unknown between 9:51 am and 9:52 am
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

Request for a call to Henry A. Kissinger

Date: May 17, 1972
Time: 9:52 am - 10:06 am
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

Conversation No.189-8

Henry A. Kissinger talked with the President.

Greetings

The President’s forthcoming trip to the Soviet Union
  -Preparations
    -Reading material
      -The President’s view
    -Andrei A. Gromyko and Leonid I. Brezhnev
  -Communications
    -The channel
    -William P. Rogers
    -Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
      -Message
      -Brezhnev
      -Rogers
  -Kissinger's preparations

Vietnam
  -Decision to mine and blockade
    -The President’s view
    -Public support
    -South Vietnamese morale
      -Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
  -North Vietnamese offensive
    -Kontum
- Air Strikes
  - Sorties
    - Number
  - Weather in North Vietnam
  - A bridge
- Priorities
  - Number of sorties
- Michael J. Mansfield
  - Position
  - Amendment
  - The President’s view

Soviet Summit
  - Salzburg stopover
  - Plenary sessions
    - President’s participation
    - The President’s view
  - Negotiations
    - Conditions
  - Agreements
    - News release
    - Limitations

Kissinger’s schedule
  - Dinner with Stewart J.O. Alsop
  - Camp David
    - Dogwood Lodge
    - Breakfast
    - Meeting

Vietnam
  - Central Intelligence Agency [CIA] estimates in 1968
    - Importance
  - Soviet Summit
  - Congress
    - Bills to end the war
  - Media coverage
  - Soviets

The President’s forthcoming trip to the Soviet Union
Tape Subject Log
(rev. 10/06)

Conv. No. 189-8 (cont.)

- President's television speech to Soviet people
  - Length
- Toasts
  - Length
  - Speechwriters
  - Length
  - Method of delivery
  - Translations
  - Brezhnev
  - Method of delivery
    - Dobrynin
  - Length
    - Translation

Conversation No. 189-9

Date: May 17, 1972
Time: Unknown between 10:06 and 10:15 am
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President met with Beverly J. Kaye.

Camp David
  - Kaye's visit
    - Cabin
    - Maple
  - Arrival
    - Time
    - Transportation
      - Huey helicopter
      - Pentagon

Recording
  - Memorandum to H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
  - John D. Ehrlichman
  - Delivery

Briefing books
Kaye's schedule
- Typing
- Walks
- Swimming

Kaye left at an unknown time before 10:15 am.

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Date: May 17, 1972
Time: 10:15 am - 10:32 am
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

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

The President’s forthcoming trip to the Soviet Union
- Preparations
  - Briefing books
- Henry A. Kissinger
  - Instructions for speechwriters
- Toasts
  - Length
  - Notes
- A speech
  - Draft
    - Kissinger's review
    - President's review
- President's meeting with Kissinger
- Speeches
  - Drafts
    - Haldeman's review
    - Kissinger's work
-John K. Andrews, Jr.  
-Duties  
-Ronald L. Ziegler  
-Duties  
-Raymond K. Price, Jr.  
-The President’s view  
-William L. Safire  
-The President’s view  
-Price and Safire  
-Toasts and other speeches  
-Method of delivery  
-Leonid I. Brezhnev  
-Translation  
-Length  
-Substance  
-Notes  
-Television coverage  
-Length  
-Television coverage  
-Length  
-Notes  

Calls to Dr. William Lukash, John B. Connally, Charles W. Colson and Henry A. Kissinger

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2  
[Personal returnable]  
[Duration: 1m 43s]  

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2  

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Wallace  
-Injury  
-Paralysis  
-Lukash's diagnosis
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 1m 20s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

Connally
   - Resignation announcement
   - Speculation

Michael J. Mansfield
   - Colson's report
     - Dealings with administration
   - The President’s view
   - Trip to the People's Republic of China [PRC]

Vietnam
   - Robert C. Byrd Amendment
     - Vote timetable
       - Clifford P. Case-Frank F. Church Amendment
   - Cease fire
     - Case-Church Amendment
       - Robert A. Taft, Jr. and Lowell P. Weicker, Jr.
     - Votes
   - Senate role in war
     - Kissinger
     - Charles H. Percy
     - Taft

Soviet Summit
   - Plans

President's previous walk to Treasury Department
-Press coverage
-Importance
-Wallace

Vietnam War
-Critics
  -Soviet Summit

Soviet Summit
-Logistics
  -Arrangements
    -Emil (“Bus”) Mosbacher, Jr.
    -Role
  -A speech
    -Andrews
      -Work in the Soviet Union
  -Secretaries
    -Beverly J. Kaye
    -Marjorie P. Acker
    -Typing work
    -PRC trip
    -Price and Safire
      -Typing ability
    -Rose Mary Woods
      -Work on speeches
      -Work on trip

Connally
-Telephone calls
  -Purpose
  -Ehrlichman

Date: May 17, 1972
Time: Unknown between 10:32 and 10:33 am
Location: Camp David Hard Wire
The President talked with the Camp David operator.

Telephone call

Conversation No. 189-12

Date: May 17, 1972
Time: 10:33 am - 10:43 am
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President talked with Harry S. Dent.

Connecticut
- Trip
- Support for Vietnam action

An unknown man
- The President’s view

Vietnam
- Vote in Congress
- Republican vote
- Soviet summit

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 1m 47s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

George C. Wallace
- The President’s view
- Dr. William M. Lukash's report
  - Possible call by President
- President's call to Cornelia Wallace
- Possible visit by President
  - Hubert H. Humphrey visit
    - The President’s view
- Telephone call
- Day and time
- Arrangements
  - H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
  - Day
  - Press coverage

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 3m 11s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

Vietnam
- Blockade
  - Henry A. Kissinger
- President's decision
  - The President’s view
  - John B. Connally
  - Melvin R. Laird
  - William P. Rogers
  - Necessity
  - Alternative
  - South Vietnam and US troop morale
- Future of war
  - The President’s view
Conversation No. 189-13

Date: May 17, 1972
Time: 10:43 am
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

Request for a call to Henry A. Kissinger

Conversation No. 189-14

Date: May 17, 1972
Time: 10:52 am - 11:09 am
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger.

The President’s forthcoming trip to the Soviet Union
-Speech
-Raymond K. Price, Jr.’s draft
-References to Vietnam
-References to liberty and freedom
-World War II alliance
-Suffering in war
-American goals
-World peace
-Great power influence
-President’s respect for the Russian people
-Anecdotal material
-Speechwriters
-Russian people
-President’s 1959 speech
-Samarkand in 1967
-President’s meeting with war casualty
-Price’s draft
-Substance
-References to agreements
  -Arms control
  -Trade
-Importance of President's trip
-Great power responsibilities
  -Peace
-Peoples Republic of China [PRC]
-Price
-Possible cancellation [?]
-Talks
  -Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
  -Preparation
    -Topics
  -Briefing books
  -Helmut Sonnenfeldt and Winston Lord
    -The President’s view
-Meetings
  -Talking points
    -Lord and Sonnenfeldt
    -President’s abilities
-Dobrynin
  -Meeting with William P. Rogers
  -Meeting with Kissinger
    -Rogers and Andrei A. Gromyko
    -Middle East
    -European security
-Statement of principles
  -Handling
  -Rogers
    -Call from Kissinger
-President’s preparation
-Rogers
  -Itinerary
    -North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO]
    -Poland
    -Iran
-President’s schedule
  -Leningrad
  -Kiev
-President’s party
  -Itinerary
-H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
-Leonid I. Brezhnev
  -Relations with Gromyko
    -Comparison with President and Rogers
    -Dobrynin's understanding
-Gromyko
  -The President’s view
  -Stature
-Cabinet officers
  -Future foreign travel with President
    -The President’s view
    -Haldeman
-Plenary sessions
  -Number
  -Rogers
-Rogers
  -Possible meeting with Brezhnev
    -Haldeman
    -The President’s view
    -Purpose
-Meetings
  -Gromyko
  -Rogers
  -Brezhnev
  -President
  -Aleksei N. Kosygin
-Kosygin's role
  -Meeting with Rogers
  -Meeting with opposite numbers
    -Dobrynin
    -Rogers
    -Gromyko
    -President
    -Brezhnev
    -Kosygin
    -Gromyko
-Rogers
  -Presence at a meeting
  -Soviet plans
Conv. No. 189-14 (cont.)

Conversation No. 189-15

Date: May 17, 1972
Time: Unknown between 11:09 am and 2:26 pm
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President dictated a portion of a memorandum to an unknown person.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[National security]
[Duration: 36s.]

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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Conversation No. 189-16

Date: May 17, 1972
Time: Unknown between 11:09 am and 2:26 pm
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 131-5]
Conversation No. 189-17

Date: May 17, 1972
Time: 2:26 pm - 2:35 pm
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President talked with H. R. Haldeman.

[See Conversation No. 131-6; two items have been withdrawn from this conversation.]

Conversation No. 189-18

Date: May 17, 1972
Time: Unknown between 2:35 pm and 2:36 pm
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 131-7]

Conversation No. 189-19

Date: May 17, 1972
Time: 2:36 pm - 2:40 pm
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President talked with Dr. Walter R. Tkach.

[See Conversation No. 131-8]

Conversation No. 189-20

Date: May 17, 1972
Time: Unknown between 2:40 pm and 2:42 pm
Location: Camp David Hard Wire
The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 131-9]

Conversation No. 189-21

Date: May 17, 1972
Time: 2:42 pm - 2:44 pm
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

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

[See Conversation No. 131-10; one item has been withdrawn from this conversation.]

Conversation No. 189-22

Date: May 17, 1972
Time: Unknown between 2:44 pm and 2:46 pm
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 131-11]

Conversation No. 189-23

Date: May 17, 1972
Time: 2:46 pm - 3:01 pm
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President talked with Charles W. Colson.
[See Conversation No. 131-12; one item has been withdrawn from this conversation.]

**Conversation No. 189-24**

Date: May 17, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 3:01 pm and 3:02 pm  
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 131-41]

**Conversation No. 189-25**

Date: May 17, 1972  
Time: 3:02 pm - 3:16 pm  
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President talked with John N. Mitchell.

[See Conversation No. 131-13; one item has been withdrawn from this conversation.]