Conversation No. 191-1

Date: May 18, 1972
Time: Unknown between 10:05 and 10:10 am
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President met with an unknown man.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 9s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 10:10 am.

Conversation No. 191-2

Date: May 18, 1972
Time: Unknown between 10:05 and 10:10 am
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 131-24]

Conversation No. 191-3
Date: May 18, 1972  
Time: 10:10-10:33 am  
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President talked with Charles W. Colson.

[See Conversation No. 131-25; one item has been withdrawn from this conversation.]

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Conversation No. 191-4

Date: May 18, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 10:33 and 10:58 am  
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 131-26]

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Conversation No. 191-5

Date: May 18, 1972  
Time: 10:58-11:08 am  
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

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

[See Conversation No. 131-27; one item has been withdrawn from this conversation]

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Conversation No. 191-6

Date: May 18, 1972
Time: Unknown between 11:08 and 11:22 am
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President met with an unknown person.

  Camp David jacket
    - Anatoliy F. Dobrynin's size
    - Gift

  Lunch
    - Laurel Lodge

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 17s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 11:22 am.
Conversation No. 191-7

Date: May 18, 1972
Time: Unknown between 11:08 and 11:22 am
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 131-28]

Conversation No. 191-8

Date: May 18, 1972
Time: 11:22-11:23 am
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

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

[See Conversation No. 131-29]

Conversation No. 191-9

Date: May 18, 1972
Time: Unknown between 11:23 and 11:24 am
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 131-30]
Date: May 18, 1972
Time: 11:24-11:26 am
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

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

[See Conversation No. 131-31]

Date: May 18, 1972
Time: 11:34-11:37 am
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President talked with George P. Shultz.

[See Conversation No. 131-32]

Date: May 18, 1972
Time: Unknown between 11:37 and 11:38 am.
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 131-33]
Time: 11:38-11:42 am
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President talked with Rose Mary Woods.

[See Conversation No. 131-34]

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Date: May 18, 1972
Time: Unknown between 11:42 and 11:44 am
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 131-35]

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Date: May 18, 1972
Time: 11:44-11:45 am
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

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

[See Conversation No. 131-36]

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Date: May 18, 1972
Time: Unknown between 11:45 and 11:48 am
Location: Camp David Hard Wire
The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 131-37]

Conversation No. 191-17

Date: May 18, 1972
Time: 11:48-11:50 am
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President talked with Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon.

[See Conversation No. 131-38; one item has been withdrawn from this conversation]

Conversation No. 191-18

Date: May 18, 1972
Time: 12:25-12:45 pm
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

The President’s forthcoming trip to the Soviet Union
-Briefing materials
- Bilateral agreements
- Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
- Nuclear Agreement
- Communiqués
- Henry A. Kissinger's review with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
  - People’s Republic of China [PRC] trip
- Agreement with Soviets
  - Kissinger’s view
-President’s schedule
  -Space cooperation treaty
  -Environmental agreement
    -Russell E. Train
  -SALT principles
  -Signings
    -Publicity
    -Press commentaries
  -Science agreements
  -Environment
  -Arrangements
    -Dr. Edward E. David, Jr.
    -Meeting with Kissinger
    -State Department work
  -Settlement
  -Incidents at sea
  -Military view
  -Formula of resolution
    -Dobrynin
    -Melvin R. Laird and Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
  -Soviet acceptance of proposals
    -President’s role
    -Kissinger’s view

-Agreements
  -President’s role
  -Peter G. Peterson
  -Gerard C. Smith
  -Publicity
    -Kissinger's meeting with journalists
    -President’s role
    -National impact
    -Kissinger’s meeting with press
    -State Department
      -President’s role
      -The President’s view

-Handling
  -President’s role

-Signings
  -Format
Conv. No. 191-18 (cont.)

Tape Subject Log
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-Number
-SALT
-Space treaty
 -1959 speech

-Itinerary
 -President’s first speech
  -Length
   -H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
   -Translation
 -President’s speech at Spaso House
 -Leonid I. Brezhnev’s speech
  -Length
  -Toast to the President
 -President’s toast
  -John K. Andrews, Jr.
  -William L. Safire
 -President’s television speech
  -Raymond K. Price, Jr.
  -Work with Kissinger
  -Preparation
 -President’s first speech
  -Tone

-Agreements
  -Space
  -Environment
   -William P. Rogers
   -Kissinger’s view
  -Space treaty
  -Environment
  -SALT
  -Statement of principles
  -Signing
   -President and Brezhnev

-Communiqué
-Agreements
  -John F. Kennedy
  -Space treaty
  -President’s meeting with congressional leaders
Conv. No. 191-18 (cont.)

-Nixon
-Salt
-Content of trip
-News stories
-Space
-Environment
-Health
-Science and technology
-Maritime
-Incidents at sea
-Commercial agreement
  -Agricultural agreement
  -Value
-President's meeting with Dobrynin
  -William P. Rogers
  -Vietnam
  -Middle East
    -Review of paper
    -US-Soviet talks
    -Israel
    -US proposals
    -Agreement
      -Kissinger’s view
      -Statement
      -Gunnar Jarring
      -Final agreement
        -Timing
  -Vietnam
    -Discussion
      -Value
        -Soviet position
        -Kissinger’s view
  -Vietnam
    -Negotiations
      -North Vietnam document
        -Length
- Kissinger offer
  - Reply
- Soviet role
- Dobrynin
- North Vietnam

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[National Security]
[Duration: 21s]

VIETNAM

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

-Morale in Hanoi
  - Children
  - Casualties in South Vietnam
  - Destruction of bridges
  - Blockade
  - Possible riots
- North Vietnamese army
  - Military Region I
    - Troop strength
- An Loc
- North Vietnamese offensive
  - Kontum
    - US equipment
    - Troop and artillery strength
    - Possible fall
- Effects
Conv. No. 191-18 (cont.)

-Alexander M. Haig, Jr.’s view
-Quang Tri
-Press coverage

-Blockade
-Blockade and bombing
-Damage
-Soviet Union and PRC response
-Resupply efforts
-Repair work
-Time involved

-Negotiations
-President’s meeting with Brezhnev
-Kissinger’s view
-Approach
-Basis for settlement
-Nguyen Van Thieu
-Soviet position

-North Vietnamese offensive
-Military Region I
-Quang Tri
-Possible future moves
-Compared to Germany in 1918

-Ivy League presidents
-Meeting with Kissinger
-President's view
-Request for meeting with the President
-Haldeman
-The President's view
-Future
-Meeting with Kissinger
-Kissinger’s view
The President talked with the Camp David operator at an unknown time between 12:25 and 12:33 pm.

[Conversation No. 191-18A]

[See Conservation No. 131-39]

[End of telephone conversation]

John B. Connally
- Dinner with Stewart J.O. Alsop
  - Soviet trip
    - Expectations
    - 1972 election

Michael J. Mansfield
- PRC trip
  - The President’s view

The President talked with Haldeman between 12:33 and 12:34 pm.

[Conversation No. 191-18B]
[See Conversation No. 131-40]

[End of telephone conversation]

Massachusetts Institute of Technology [MIT]
  -Federal funds
  -Cut-off

Ivy League presidents
  -President's PRC trip
  -Soviet trip

Soviet Summit
  -Expected results
  -Right wing's position
    -Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
    -Statement of principles
    -Criticism
      -The President’s view
      -Kissinger's briefing
        -Clark Macgregor
        -Moorer
    -SALT
      -Rogers
        -Smith
      -Kissinger’s view
      -President's role
        -Brezhnev

Vietnam
  -Ivy League presidents
  -Press
    -The President’s view
      -Time
      -Newsweek
      -New York Times
      -Washington Post
      -Networks
- Business elite
  - *Time*
    - Coverage
      - The President’s view
    - Hugh S. Sidey
      - Kissinger’s view
  - *Life*
    - Kissinger’s view
  - New establishment
  - Harvard graduates
    - White House staff positions
      - The President’s view
    - Quality of education
    - Compared to Ohio State University
  - Yale graduates
    - Compared to Harvard
    - Columbia
  - Princeton
  - Ivy Leaguers
    - The President’s view
    - Position on President's policies
      - Kissinger’s plan
    - The President’s plan
      - Presidential election
      - Soviet summit
  - North Vietnamese offensive
    - Duration
  - Blockade
    - Air strikes
      - Timing
      - Intensity
      - Casualties
      - Intensity
        - Number
      - Lyndon B. Johnson’s efforts
    - Petroleum, Oil, Lubricants [POL]
    - Hanoi power plant
    - Transformer station
The President’s forthcoming trip to the Soviet Union
- Dobrynin's meeting with Rogers
  - Time
  - Rogers
    - Suggestions to the President
    - Shanghai Communiqué
    - SALT
  - Berlin Agreement
    - Signing
    - German treaties
    - Rogers
    - [David] Kenneth Rush
  - Agreements
    - Rogers's position
  - Brezhnev Doctrine
  - President's meeting with Dobrynin
  - Brezhnev's trip to US
    - Trip to California
  - Talking points
  - Rogers

The President and Kissinger left at 12:45 pm.