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**Tape Subject Log**  
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Conversation No. 234-1

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

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 157-17]

Conversation No. 234-2

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

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

Henry A. Kissinger's cable

Cable

- Col. Richard T. Kennedy
- Conversation with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin

Kissinger

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

Cable

- Haldeman's reading
- Kennedy's call to the President
- Timing

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Conversation No. 234-3

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

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation 157-18]

Conversation No. 234-4

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

The President talked with Col. Richard T. Kennedy.

[See Conversation No. 157-17]

Conversation No. 234-5

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

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

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

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Conversation No. 234-5 (cont'd)

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

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

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

Haldeman's schedule

Conversation No. 234-6

Date: December 6, 1972

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

Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President dictated a memorandum to Henry A. Kissinger.

- Draft message to Henry A. Kissinger
  - Typing instructions
  - Vietnam negotiations
    - Kissinger's performance
    - Forthcoming meeting

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Conversation No. 234-6 (cont'd)

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

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Conversation No. 234-6 (cont'd)

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

Conversation No. 234-7

Date: December 6, 1972

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

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Conversation No. 237-7 (cont'd)

Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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

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

Conversation No. 234-8

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

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

[See Conversation No. 157-21]

Conversation No. 234-9

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

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

The President’s schedule  
-Meeting  
-Location



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Conversation No. 234-10

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

John D. Ehrlichman met with George D. Webster.

Second term reorganization

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

Common Cause

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

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-Mitchell Rogovin

**IRS**

-Roger Barth

-Deputy Chief Counsel

-Retention

-Conversation with Ehrlichman

-State Department

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

-White House

-Policy

-Vietnam War

-The President's interests

-Conflict with bureaucracy

-Cohen

-Retention

-Congressional relations

-Tax reform

-Frederic W. Hickman

-John H. Hall

-Deputy to Hickman

-Los Angeles

-Dana Latham

-IRS Commissioner

-Dwight D. Eisenhower

**Webster's background**

-Government experience

-Harvard University Law School

-Justice Department tax division

-Tax cases

-Circuit

-Ehrlichman's law firm

-Unknown person

-Wife

**Second term reorganization**

-Webster's confirmation

-Opposition

-[Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan]

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

Webster's background

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

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Conversation No. 234-10 (cont'd)

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

Ehrlichman and Webster left at 1:20 pm.

Conversation No. 234-11

Date: December 7, 1972

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

Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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Fire

The President's movie selection

-Julie Nixon Eisenhower

-Arrival

-List

-Old movie

The President's glasses

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

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

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Conversation No. 234-12

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

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 157-22]

Conversation No. 234-13

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

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

The President's movie selection  
-Comedies [?]

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

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

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Conversation No. 234-14

Date: December 7, 1972

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

Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

The President's movie selection  
-Julie Nixon Eisenhower

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 27s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1  
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[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

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Movies

Invitations to secretaries

-Jana Hruska

-John D. Ehrlichman

-Patricia B. McKee

-[Diane Sawyer]

-Ronald L. Ziegler

-Timing

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

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Conversation No. 234-15

Date: December 7, 1972

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

Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President dictated a memorandum for the file.

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[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Dictation

- Date
- Location
- Time

Vietnam negotiations

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

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

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

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[Conversation No. 234-15A]

[See Conversation No. 157-23]

[End of telephone conversation]

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[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Raymond K. Price, Jr.

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

Vietnam negotiations

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

Cost of Living Council

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



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- Naiveté
- Bureaucracy

Internal Revenue Service [IRS]

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

Vietnam negotiations

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

The President's telephone conversation with Julie Nixon Eisenhower

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 14s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2  
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Manolo Sanchez

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

Julie Nixon Eisenhower

- Effect on the President

The President's conversation with Charls E. Walker

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

Meeting on budget

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

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Justice Department

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

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

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Conversation No. 234-16

Date: December 8, 1972

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

Location: Camp David Hard Wire

George P. Shultz talked with the Camp David operator.

[Wrong line]

[See Conversation No. 157-24]

Conversation No. 234-17

Date: December 8, 1972

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

Location: Camp David Hard Wire

John D. Ehrlichman talked with George P. Shultz.

[See Conversation No. 157-24]

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Conversation No. 234-18

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

Manolo Sanchez met with an unknown woman.

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

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

Conversation No. 234-19

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

The President met with Julie Nixon Eisenhower.

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

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1  
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Conversation No. 234-19 (cont'd)

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

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