Conversation No. 184-1

Date: December 18, 1972
Time: Unknown between 10:25 am and 10:45 am
Location: Camp David Study Desk

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

Request for a call to Majorie P. Acker
   - Acker’s location
   - Rose Mary Woods’s office

Conversation No. 184-2

Date: December 18, 1972
Time: 10:45 am - 10:46 am
Location: Camp David Study Desk

The President talked with Marjorie P. Acker.

The President’s schedule
   - Dinner party
   - Telephone calls
   - Anne L. Armstrong
      - Secretary
      - Tobin Armstrong
   - Number of attendees
   - Adm. Thomas H. and Carrie Ellen (Foy) Moorer
   - Anne Armstrong

Conversation No. 184-3

Date: December 18, 1972
Time: Unknown between 10:46 am and 10:48 am
Location: Camp David Study Desk

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

Request for a call to Marjorie P. Acker

Conversation No. 184-4

Date: December 18, 1972
Time: Unknown between 10:46 am and 10:48 am
Location: Camp David Study Desk

The President talked with Marjorie P. Acker.

The President’s schedule
- Dinner party
- Invitations
  - Acceptances
    - Number
    - Adm. Thomas H. and Carrie Ellen (Foy) Moorer
    - Anne L. Armstrong
    - Number of women and men
- Menu
  - Food
    - Fish
    - Salad
    - Fish

White House gifts
- Music boxes
  - Lucy A. Winchester
  - Families
Date: December 18, 1972
Time: Unknown between 10:46 am and 10:48 am
Location: Camp David Study Desk

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

Request for a call to Ronald L. Ziegler

Date: December 18, 1972
Time: 10:48 am - 11:11 am
Location: Camp David Study Desk

The President talked with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Vietnam War
- Ziegler’s press conference
- US bombing and mining of North Vietnam
  - William Beecher’s New York Times article
    - Henry A. Kissinger
    - Washington Star
    - Washington Post
- Source
  - [National Security Council] [NSC]
- Kissinger’s reaction
- The President’s May 8, 1972 speech
- Purpose
  - Settlement agreement
  - Enemy buildup and offensive action
- Kissinger’s press conference
- Negotiations
  - Enemy buildup and offensive action
- Invasion of South Vietnam
- Points to make
Conversation No. 184-6 (cont’d)

Settlement agreement
- Prolongation of war and negotiations
  - The President’s memorandum
  - October 1972 agreement
    - Principles
  - Kissinger
-Negotiations
  - Resumption
  - Settlement agreement
  - Nguyen Van Thieu
  - Breakdown
  - Thieu
-Purpose
  - Enemy buildup and offensive action

Press relations
- Washington Post
  - Alleged barring from White House
    - Helen A. Thomas article
  - Washington Post article in Style section
- Ziegler’s possible call to Julie Nixon Eisenhower
  - Julie Nixon Eisenhower’s possible conversation with Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon
- Ziegler’s statement to United Press International [UPI]
  - Tone
- Ziegler’s statement to the Washington Star
- Invitations
  - Washington Star
  - Press pool
  - New York Times
  - Washington Star
  - New York Times
  - Selection process
    - Wire services
- Washington Post articles
  - Style section
  - Dorothy McCardle
    - Associated Press [AP] photographs
  - Pool report
- White House access policy
Conversation No. 184-6 (cont’d)

-San Antonio Light
-[Marianne Means] [?]
-Wire services
-Mrs. Nixon, Julie Nixon Eisenhower
-Ziegler’s view
-Washington Post’s attitude toward White House
-Alleged barring from White House
-Discrimination claim
-Thomas article
-Unknown article
-White House access policy
-UPI
-Press pool
-Criticism
-Washington Star
-New York Times
-Local compared to national coverage
-Ziegler’s conversation with Kenneth W. Clawson
-Past access
-Freedom of the press
-Prerogative claim
-Social events
-Open House
-Candlelight tour
-Ziegler’s conversation with David
-Washington Star
-Kraslow
-Sources
-Past practice
-Washington, DC
-Influence of Washington Post and New York Times
-Call to Julie Nixon Eisenhower
-Washington Post
-Alleged barring from White House
-Ziegler’s possible call to Julie Nixon Eisenhower
-The President’s possible call to Julie Nixon Eisenhower
-New York Times
-Contact with Kissinger
-H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman, Ziegler
-State Department
The President’s schedule
- Dinner party
  - Announcement
  - Timing
  - Attendees
    - Alice Roosevelt Longworth
    - Howard K. Smith
    - Richard L. Wilson
    - Katherine Young (Macy) Wilson
    - Anne L. Armstrong
    - Adm. Thomas H. Moorer

Second term reorganization
- Armstrong
  - Announcement
  - Timing
  - *Washington Star*

Press relations
- *Washington Star*
  - White House social events
  - Local compared to national coverage
    - *Kansas City Star*
    - *Dallas Times Herald*
    - *Washington Star*
  - Timing
  - Wire services
  - Ziegler’s conversation with Patrick J. Buchanan

Vietnam War
- Kissinger’s press conference
  - Negotiations
  - Ziegler’s press conference
    - US bombing and mining of North Vietnam
      - Kissinger’s advice to Ziegler
        - Settlement agreement
          - The President’s May 8, 1972 speech
  - Continuation
Conversation No. 184-6 (cont’d)

- Settlement agreement
- Purpose
  - Enemy buildup and offensive action
  - The President’s May 8, 1972 speech
  - Prisoners of War [POWs]
  - Cease-fire
  - Free elections in South Vietnam

Conversation No. 184-7

Date: December 18, 1972
Time: Unknown between 11:11 am and 11:14 am
Location: Camp David Study Desk

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

Request for a call to H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman

Conversation No. 184-8

Date: December 18, 1972
Time: 11:14 am - 11:24 am
Location: Camp David Study Desk

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

The President’s schedule
  - Meeting with Richard G. Kleindienst, John D. Ehrlichman
  - Schedule change
  - Timing
  - Meetings
    - William D. Ruckelshaus
      - Photograph session
      - Retention
      - Environmental policy
      - Maurice H. Stans
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Conversation No. 184-8 (cont’d)

-Diplomatic credentials
-Surrogates reception
-Dr. W. Kenneth Riland
-December 20, 1972
  -Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon’s schedule
    -Volunteers Tea
  -Departure for Florida
    -Timing
-Camp David
  -Christmas decorations
    -William Hersch
    -Tree, garland
  -Use by Cabinet and others
    -Robert H. Finch
    -John N. Mitchell
    -Robert H. Dole
    -Melvin R. Laird
    -Stans
    -Donald H. Rumsfeld
    -Stans
      -Kathleen (Carmody) Stans
      -Invitations
      -Mitchell and Martha (Beall) Mitchell
      -Stans
      -Invitations
      -Robert J. Dole
      -Clark MacGregor

Second term reorganization
  -Dole
    -Anne L. Armstrong
      -Announcement
        -Associated Press [AP]
        -Renunciation
          -Leak
  -Leaks
    -Rogers C. B. Morton
    -George H. W. Bush
-Women appointees
  -Armstrong
Conversation No. 184-8 (cont’d)

- Patricia R. Hitt
  - Californians
    - Transportation Department

Press relations
  - The President’s conversation with Ronald L. Ziegler
    - New York Times
      - Contact with Henry A. Kissinger
        - [National Security Council]
        - Vietnam War
          - Reseeding mines
        - William P. Rogers
    - Washington Post
      - Alleged discrimination
      - Local compared to national coverage
        - Washington Star
        - New York Times
        - Kansas City Star
        - San Antonio Light
        - Nashville Banner
      - Pool reports
      - Wire services
        - United Press International [UPI]
      - White House access policy
        - Patrick J. Buchanan
        - William L. Safire
  - Ziegler’s press conferences
    - Performances
    - Backgrounders

Date: December 18, 1972
Time: Unknown between 11:24 am and 11:25 am
Location: Camp David Study Desk

The President talked with the Camp David operator.
Conversation No. 184-9 (cont’d)

Request for a call to Henry A. Kissinger

Date: December 18, 1972
Time: 11:25 am - 11:35 am
Location: Camp David Study Desk

The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger.

The President’s schedule
- Dinner party
  - Richard L. Wilson
  - Joseph W. Alsop
  - Adm. Thomas H. and Carrie Ellen (Foy) Moorer
  - Announcement
    - Timing

Vietnam War
- US bombing and mining of North Vietnam
  - Hanoi announcement
    - Timing
    - Attacks on radio stations
  - B-52s
    - Weather
    - Losses
      - Expectations
        - [Hanoi]
  - Surface to air missiles [SAMs]
  - Number
  - Schedule
  - SAMs
  - Losses
    - Expectations
    - Purpose
  - Naval strikes
  - Tactical Air [TACAIR] strikes
    - A-6s
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Conversation No. 184-10 (cont’d)

-Timing
-A-6s, A-3s
-F-111s
-Airfields
-Timing

-William Beecher’s *New York Times* article
  -Source
  -Accuracy
  -Source
    -Defense Department
      -Melvin R. Laird
      -[David] Kenneth Rush

-Hanoi announcement
  -Tone
  -Negotiations

-Resumption of negotiations
  -US message to North Vietnam
  -Expected reply
  -Timing
  -Settlement agreement
  -Timing
    -1973 Inauguration

-Purpose
  -US credibility
    -North Vietnam
    -People’s Republic of China [PRC], Soviet Union

-Hanoi announcement
-Apollo XVII Astronauts
-Public relations [PR]
-Handling

-Beecher’s *New York Times* article
  -Source
    -Purpose
    -Timing
      -North Vietnam’s response
        -Ronald L. Ziegler, Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
        -Attacks and radio stations
        -Defense Department
          -Laird
          -Rush
Conversation No. 184-10 (cont’d)

-William P. Rogers
-Unknown person
-Defense Department
  -William J. Baroody, Jr.
  -Laird
-Weather
-Support aircraft
  -Number
-Airplane losses
  -B-52s
  -SAM
-Report
-Pilots
-Past experience
-Forthcoming report

Conversation No. 184-11

Date: December 18, 1972
Time: Unknown between 11:35 am and 12:28 pm
Location: Camp David Study Desk

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

Request for a call to Henry A. Kissinger

Conversation No. 184-12

Date: December 18, 1972
Time: 12:28 pm - 12:30 pm
Location: Camp David Study Desk

The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger.

Vietnam War
-US bombing of North Vietnam
-Reports
  -Timing
    -Targeting
    -Freeways
-Numbers
  -Tactical Air [TACAIR] strikes
    -B-52s
      -Number
-Intensity
-Targets
  -Damage
    -Risks
      -Populated areas
        -Criticism
-Intensity
-Alternative