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Tape Subject Log
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Conversation No. 157-1

Date: December 5, 1972
Time: Unknown between 9:00 pm and 9:31 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See also Conversation No. 233-23]

Request for a call to [Apollo XVII] astronauts
-Capt. Eugene A. Cernan

Conversation No. 157-2

Date: December 5, 1972
Time: 9:31 pm and 9:39 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Capt. Eugene A. Cernan.

[See Conversation No. 233-1]

Apollo XVII crew
-Eating
-Timing
-Civilian
-Harrison H. ("Jack") Schmitt
-Navy
-Cmdr. Ronald E. Evans

Best wishes
-Apollo XVII
-Viewing on television [TV]
-Return
-White House

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Conversation No.157-2 (cont'd)

- Significance
- Final moon landing

The President's Navy service

- Rank

Apollo XVII

- The President's interest

Vietnam negotiations

- Cernan's best wishes

Cernan's experience

- Apollo IX
- Apollo X
- Saturn V
- Night launch

The President talked with Evans and Schmitt at an unknown time between 9:31 pm and 9:39 pm.

Apollo XVII

- Evan's role
- Civilian crew
- Schmitt's role
- Dinner

Best wishes

Apollo XVII

- “America” [Command-and-Service Module] [CSM]
- “Challenger” [lunar module] [LM]
- Landing
- Timing
- Golf

Best wishes

- Gifts
- Golf balls
- The President's calls to Apollo missions
- Support from ground crew

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Conversation No.157-2 (cont'd)

-Houston, Cape Canaveral
-The President's second term

Vietnam negotiations

Best wishes

-Apollo XVII
-Return
-White House

Conversation No. 157-3

Date: December 5, 1972
Time: Unknown between 9:39 pm and 10:05 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See also Conversation No. 233-4]

Request for a call to Charles W. Colson

Conversation No. 157-4

Date: December 5, 1972
Time: 10:05 pm and 10:34 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Charles W. Colson.

[See Conversation No. 233-6]

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Colson's location
-1972 election

The President's schedule
-Reception for Californians
-Robert H. Finch

1972 election
-California
 -Fundraising
 -Predictions
 -Youth
 -George S. McGovern
 -Organization
-Results
 -Compared to 1964 election
 -Statistics
 -John B. Connally
 -Secretaries of State
 -Vote count tampering
 -Final reports
 -Arkansas
 -Missouri
 -New Jersey
 -Washington
 -West Virginia
 -Compared to Lyndon B. Johnson's victory

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Vietnam negotiations
-Possible breakdown
 -The President's possible television [TV] appearance
 -[Henry A. Kissinger's] cable
 -The President's conversation with Colson
 -Colson's view
 -1920s
 -Normalcy

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- 1972 election
- Public explanation
 - Definitions of “administrative mechanisms” [re. National Committee of National Reconciliation and Concord] [NCNRC]
 - North Vietnamese troops in South Vietnam
- Effect
- Timing
- Colson’s view
- The President’s previous TV appearances
 - Presidential action
 - November 3, 1969 speech
 - Demonstrators
 - Silent Majority
- Explanation of impasse
 - Enemy trickery
- Colson’s view
 - Colson’s negotiating experience
- Impasse
 - Kissinger’s position
 - Compared to Kissinger’s return from the Soviet Union
 - US-Soviet summit
- US bombing of North Vietnam
 - Public opinion
 - H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
 - Ronald L. Ziegler
 - 19th and 20th parallel
 - Hanoi, Haiphong
- Possible North Vietnamese bluff
 - Colson’s negotiating experience
 - Surface to air missiles [SAMs]
 - Kissinger’s view
- Presidential action
- Effect
 - Supporters
 - Opposition
 - Foreign policy
 - North Vietnam
- Public opinion
 - North Vietnam’s view

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- Congressional action
 - Cut off of aid
 - George S. McGovernites
 - The President's conversations with John B. Connally
 - 1972 election
- Congressional "doves"
 - Strength
 - Draft
 - Casualties
- 1972 election
 - Peace with honor
 - Compared to US withdrawal
- US bombing of North Vietnam for prisoners of war [POWs]
 - Possible interpretation
 - US withdrawal
 - Colson's view
 - Haldeman's reading of second cable
 - 1972 election
- 1972 election
 - Public support for the President
- Press relations
 - Kissinger's "peace is at hand" comment [in October 26, 1972 press conference]
- POWs
 - Kissinger's press and media relations
 - Marvin L. Kalb
 - Kissinger's morale
 - The President, Haldeman, Colson, Ziegler
 - Kissinger's possible statement
- Forthcoming talks
 - Timing
 - Public opinion
- Public opinion
 - Colson's conversations
 - Frank E. Fitzsimmons
 - Louis P. Harris
 - Stock market
 - Retail sales
 - Christmas

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Conversation No.157-4 (cont'd)

- 1972 election
- 1972 campaign
 - McGovern
- Second term
- Economy
- The President's possible TV speech
 - Effect
 - Compared to [Kissinger's possible statement]
 - North Vietnamese intractability
 - Settlement agreement
 - Timing
- Possible breakdown
 - Kissinger's press and media relations
 - “Peace is at hand”
 - Settlement agreement
 - Settlement agreement
 - Public opinion
 - Ziegler's view
 - Daniel Yankelovich's view
- Settlement agreement
 - The President's November 2, 1972 speech, “Look to the Future”
 - The President's confidence
 - 1972 election
 - Press relations
 - Kissinger
 - Relations with the President
 - October 8, 1972 agreement
 - Authority
 - Credibility
 - The President's speech, “Look to the Future”
 - “Peace is at hand”
 - Tone
- Possible breakdown
 - The President's possible TV speech
 - October 8, 1972 agreement
 - South Vietnam's rejection
 - Consultation
 - Kissinger's trip to Paris
 - North Vietnam's view
 - Twelve changes

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- Labor negotiations
- Timing
 - Kissinger's return from Paris
 - Kissinger's possible statement
- North Vietnam's reaction
 - US public opinion
- North Vietnam's willingness to settle
 - US bombing
 - Incentive
 - Congressional action
 - Cut off of aid
 - 1972 election
 - Status of war
 - US presence in South Vietnam
 - Casualties
 - Air war
 - Draft
- Press relations
 - Kissinger
 - Possible leak
 - Saigon, Washington, DC
- POWs
 - Christmas
- 1972 elections
- Twelve changes
- Process
 - Kissinger's cables
 - Tone
 - Colson's view
 - Labor negotiations
 - North Vietnam's April 1972 offensive
 - US reaction
- Absence of US statement
 - US bombing
- Kissinger's second cable
 - Haldeman's reading
 - Colson's view
 - Logic
 - Emotion
 - The President's role

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- Kalb
- Public opinion
 - Samuel Lubell's
- Antiwar movement
 - November demonstration
 - Size
 - Intellectuals
- The President's possible TV speech
 - Effect
 - Supporters
 - Opponents
 - US bombing
 - Perceived weakness in President's position
 - Public opinion
 - Haldeman's, Ziegler's, and Colson's view
 - Kissinger's cable
 - Connally's view
 - Haldeman
 - Colson's view
 - Timing
 - Public opinion
 - Press relations
 - Washington, DC
 - Reports, troop withdrawals, press conferences
 - Public opinion
 - Richard M. Scammon's view
 - Compared to Harris's view
 - 1972 election
 - Social issue
 - The President's view
 - Scammon's letter to union
 - The President's leadership
 - Happiness, contentedness
 - Colson's view
 - Kissinger's return from Paris
 - Press relations
 - Washington, DC
 - POWs
 - Wives

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Conversation No. 157-5

Date: December 6, 1972

Time: Unknown between 3:18 pm and 3:25 pm

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 233-11]

Request for a call to Julie Nixon Eisenhower

Conversation No. 157-6

Date: December 6, 1972

Time: Unknown between 3:18 pm and 3:25 pm

Location: Camp David Study Table

The Camp David operator talked with the President.

[See also Conversation No. 233-12]

Julie Nixon Eisenhower's location

Request for a call to Tricia Nixon Cox

Conversation No. 157-7

Date: December 6, 1972

Time: 3:25 pm - 3:31 pm

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Tricia Nixon Cox.

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Conversation No. 157-7 (cont'd)

[See Conversation No. 233-13]

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Trip preparations

The President's call to Edward R. F. Cox

-Bar examination

-Results

Helene (Closie) Drown

-Arrival

Tricia Nixon Cox conferred with Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon at an unknown time between 3:25 pm and 3:31 pm.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 1m 11s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Weather

-Camp David

The President's schedule

-Swimming

-Work

Mrs. Nixon talked with the President at an unknown time between 3:25 pm and 3:31 pm.

1973 Inauguration

-Reception for Nixon family relatives

-Mrs. Nixon's conversation with Rose Mary Woods

-Church service

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Conversation No. 157-7 (cont'd)

-Scheduling

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The President's schedule

White House

-Oval Office

-Lighting

-Photograph sessions

-Oliver F. ("Ollie") Atkins

-Brightness

-Chair

-Clement E. Conger

-The President's schedule

-William P. Rogers

-The President's office

-Comfort

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Cox

-Bar examination

-Trip

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Conversation No. 157-8

Date: December 6, 1972

Time: Unknown between 3:31 pm and 4:40 pm

Location: Camp David Study Table

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Conversation No. 157-8 (cont'd)

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 233-14]

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

Conversation No. 157-9

Date: December 6, 1972

Time: Unknown between 3:31 pm and 4:40 pm

Location: Camp David Study Table

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

[See Conversation No. 233-15]

1973 Inauguration

-Stephen B. Bull

-Reception for Nixon family relations

-Scheduling

-The President's conversation with Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon

-Mrs. Nixon's conversation with Rose Mary Woods

-Mrs. Nixon

-Bull

-Church service

-Planning

-Confirmation

Conversation No. 157-10

Date: December 6, 1972

Time: Unknown between 3:31 pm and 4:40 pm

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

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Conversation No. 157-10 (cont'd)

[See Conversation No. 233-16]

Melvin R. Laird and William P. Rogers

-Location

-North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO] conference

-National Security Council [NSC]

[There is no Conversation No. 157-11]

Conversation No. 157-12

Date: December 6, 1972

Time: Unknown between 3:31 pm and 4:40 pm

Location: Camp David Study Table

The Camp David operator talked with the President.

[See Conversation No. 233-17]

Melvin R. Laird and William P. Rogers

-Location

-Brussels

Conversation No. 157-13

Date: December 6, 1972

Time: Unknown between 3:31 pm and 4:40 pm

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 233-18]

Request for a call to Gerald R. Ford

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Conversation No. 157-14

Date: December 6, 1972

Time: Unknown between 3:31 pm and 4:40 pm

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Gerald R. Ford.

[See Conversation No. 233-19]

Ford's location

-Washington, DC

Football

-[National] Football Foundation meeting

-The President's telegram

-Elizabeth (Bloomer) ("Betty") Ford

-The President's schedule

-Number one team

-John McKay

-Speech

-University of South California [USC]

-University of Notre Dame game

-The President's viewing on television [TV]

-Ohio State University

-University of Michigan

-Ohio State-Michigan game

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Republican National Committee [RNC]

-Robert J. Dole's meeting with the President

-George H. W. Bush

-RNC Chairmanship

-Barbara Bush

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- The President's conversation with Ford
- Senate
- William E. Brock, III
- Dan H. Kuykendall
 - Opposition to Ford
 - Tennessee
- Robert C. ("Bob") Wilson
- George A. Murphy
- Clarence J. ("Bud") Brown, Jr.
- Barber B. Conable, Jr.
 - Ways and Means Committee
- Bush
- Dole's departure
 - Timing
 - Support for Bush
 - Press release
- Brock
- Congress
 - Brown
 - Elections of positions
 - Timing
 - Campaign committees
- Bush
- John N. Mitchell
- Barry M. Goldwater
- Dole
- RNC Chairmanship
 - Job description
 - Meeting on Congressional candidates
- Hugh Scott
 - Candidates
- Ford
 - Relationship with Bush
 - Support of the President
 - Political role
- Scott
 - Meeting with the President
- Brock
 - Senate candidates
 - Ideology

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- Bush
- Brown
- The President
- Brock
- Youth
- John Kyle
- Assistant to Ford
- Leslie C. Arends

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Second term reorganization

- Cabinet
 - Ambassadorships
- John A. Volpe
 - Italy ambassadorship
 - Announcement
 - Timing
 - Italian government agreement
 - 1972 campaign
 - Traveling to US
 - Catholicism
 - Announcement
 - Timing
- Successor
 - Announcement
 - Timing
 - Claude S. Brinegar
 - Background
 - Irish Catholicism
 - Los Angeles
 - Age
 - Union Oil Company
 - Civil engineering
- Peter J. Brennan
 - Background
 - Irish-American
 - Italian-American

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- Difficulty
- Volpe
- Deputy Attorney General
 - Promotion
 - Richard G. Kleindienst's departure
- Charles A. Wright
 - University of Texas
 - Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] report
 - Parties
 - Divorce
 - Parties
 - University of Minnesota
 - Anti-busing statement
 - FBI report
 - Effect
 - Judiciary Committee
 - Parties
 - Divorces
- Volpe
 - Health
 - Back
 - Speeches
- Department of Agriculture
 - Earl L. Butz
 - Retention
 - Departures
 - Butz's view
 - Soil conservation, county agents
 - The President's meeting with J. Philip Campbell

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RNC

- Bush
- Brock
- Brown
- Kuykendall
 - Assistant to Ford

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Conversation No. 157-14 (cont'd)

- Bush
 - Texas
- Brock
 - Tennessee
 - Ohio
- Leadership
 - Public perception
 - Southern strategy
- Kuykendall
- Announcement

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Conversation No. 157-15

Date: December 6, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:31 pm and 4:40 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 233-20]

Request for a call to Col. Richard T. Kennedy

Conversation No. 157-16

Date: December 6, 1972
Time: 4:40 pm - 5:31 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Col. Richard T. Kennedy.

[See Conversation No. 233-21]

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Kennedy's schedule

-Sleep

Vietnam negotiations

-Meetings

-Timing

-Henry A. Kissinger's message on settlement agreement

-Location

-Laurel Lodge

-Summary

-Session

-Tone

-Review of positions

-Settlement agreement

-Changes

-South Vietnam

-October 8, 1972 agreement

-Concessions

-Acceptability

-US conditions

-Le Duc Tho's position

-Changes

-Details

-Changes

-Maintenance

-Substance

-Previous agreement

-Translation of "administrative structure" [re. National
Committee of National Reconciliation and Concord
[NCNRC]

-Demobilization provisions

-Timing

-Nguyen Van Thieu

-Political leverage

-North Vietnam-South Vietnam relations

-Renunciation of force

-Thieu

-Prisoners of War [POWs]

-October 1972 agreement

-North Vietnamese prisoners in South Vietnam

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Conversation No. 157-16 (cont'd)

- Linkage to US POWs
- Section 8C
 - Kissinger's conversation with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
- Cease-fire
 - Timing
 - International Commission of Control and Supervision [ICCS]
- Preamble
 - Compromise
 - US and Provisional Revolutionary Government [PRG] signing
 - Government of South Vietnam [GVN] signing
- US concessions
 - Tho
 - Withdrawal of US civilians
 - Language
 - Kennedy's work with U. Alexis Johnson and Barry J. Shillito
 - Demilitarized Zone [DMZ]
 - Discussion of modalities
- Changes
 - Maintenance
 - Difficulty
 - South Vietnam agreement
- US option
 - Military action
 - Statement
- Dobrynin
 - December 5, 1972 call to Kennedy
 - Note on conditions
 - Tone
 - Soviet Union-North Vietnam relations
 - US military action
 - Effect
- Tactics
 - Stalemate
 - Withdrawal of North Vietnamese troops from South Vietnam
 - October 8, 1972 agreement
 - Acceptability to South Vietnam, US

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- Kissinger's view
 - Withdrawal of North Vietnamese troops from South Vietnam
 - Stalemate
 - US options
 - Breakdown in talks
 - US bombing and mining
 - Cessation
 - Return of POWs
 - Compared to settlement agreement
 - South Vietnam's refusal
 - POWs
 - Effect on South Vietnam's survival
 - Kissinger's view
 - The President's message to Kissinger
 - US-Soviet Union summit
 - Cancellation
 - US bombing and mining
 - Announcement
 - Return of POWs
 - US withdrawal
 - Cessation of bombing and mining
 - POWs for military disengagement deal
 - Timing
 - Summer 1973
 - Congressional relations
 - Cut off of funds
 - Bombing
- Compared to settlement agreement
 - Timing
 - October 8, 1972
- Kissinger's view
 - North Vietnam
 - Kissinger's talks with Soviet Union, People's Republic of China [PRC]
 - 1972 election
 - Twelve changes
 - Return of POWs
 - Timing
 - Summer 1973
 - Congressional relations

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- North Vietnam
 - Blame
- POWs
- South Vietnam
- Congressional relations
 - Cut off of aid to South Vietnam
- US public opinion
 - Press relations
- Duration
 - Summer 1973
 - Effect
 - US-Soviet Union and US-PRC relations
 - US-Soviet Union summit
 - Congressional relations
 - Budget
 - Aid to South Vietnam
 - Bombing and mining
 - POWs
 - Emotion of issue
- Compared to settlement agreement
 - POWs for withdrawal and cut off of aid to South Vietnam
- Return of POWs
- Duration
 - Summer 1973
- Compared to continuation of talks
 - Instructions for Kissinger
 - Ultimatum
 - US conditions
- Kissinger's return from Paris
 - US bombing
- US bombing
 - Announcement
- Announcement
 - North Vietnam's possible reply
 - POWs
 - Cease-fire
 - US reply
 - Coalition government
- US bombing, mining for POWs
 - Kissinger's December 5, 1972 message

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- Congressional relations
- Compared to settlement agreement
 - Acceptability to South Vietnam, US
 - Bilateral deal
 - Effect on South Vietnam's survival
 - POWs for withdrawal, cessation of bombing, mining
 - Thieu's position
 - North Vietnam's position
 - Kissinger's view
 - Cut off of military and economic aid to South Vietnam
- Bilateral deal
 - Thieu's position
 - The President's meetings [with Nguyen Phu Duc and Tran Kim Phuong]
 - US aid to South Vietnam
- Ultimatum
 - Kissinger's balance
- Recap of arguments
 - Tho
 - Breakdown in talks
 - Reasons
 - North Vietnamese troops in South Vietnam
 - Translation of "administrative structure" re NCNRC
 - Kissinger's backgrounder
 - US-Soviet Union relations
 - Berlin
 - Coalition government
 - Compared to administrative structure to run elections
 - Compared to settlement agreement
 - October 26, 1972 agreement
 - Tho
 - GVN
 - October 8, 1972 agreement
 - GVN's survival
 - North Vietnam, Vietcong [VC]
 - Stalemate
 - Blame on North Vietnam
 - US public opinion

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- Withdrawal
 - Kissinger's view
- Settlement agreement
 - Contingency planning
 - Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
 - Timing
 - Kissinger, Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
- Tactics
 - The President's recommendations for settlement agreement
 - South Vietnam
 - Withdrawal of North Vietnamese troops in South Vietnam
 - Breakdown in talks
 - Conditions
 - Record
 - South Vietnam
 - Bilateral deal
 - US aid
 - Congressional relations
 - Breakdown in talks
 - Kissinger's view
 - US option
 - Bombing
 - Congressional relations
 - Aid to South Vietnam
 - Military costs
- Dobrynin
 - Hanoi
 - Kissinger
- Continuation of meetings
 - Settlement agreement
 - Conditions
 - Withdrawal of North Vietnamese troops from South Vietnam
 - Kissinger's press relations
- Breakdown in talks
 - US bombing
 - Rate
 - Announcement
 - Necessity
 - Mining
 - Cambodia

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- Public relations [PR]
- Announcement
 - Presidential speech on TV
- Continuation of meetings
- Bilateral deal
 - US bombing and mining
 - Cessation
 - POWs
 - Cut off of aid to South Vietnam
 - Effect on South Vietnam's survival
- Breakdown in talks
 - Kissinger's proposed actions
 - Return from Paris
 - Announcement
 - Presidential speech on TV
 - US bombing
 - Rate
 - POWs
- Advisability
 - Goal
 - US bombing
 - Funding
 - Duration
 - Air Force
 - South Vietnam's survival
 - US aid
 - Congressional relations
 - South Vietnam's rejection of October 8, 1972 agreement
 - Publicity
- Compared to settlement agreement
 - Thieu's rejection
 - Bilateral deal
 - Cut off of aid to South Vietnam
 - Congressional relations
- POWs
- US relations with PRC, Soviet Union, Congress
- Withdrawal of North Vietnamese troops from South Vietnam
- Continuation of meetings
- US options

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- Consultation with Kissinger
- Announcement
 - Advisability
 - US bombing
 - Rate
- US bombing
 - Escalation
 - Effect
 - Congressional relations
 - PR
- South Vietnam's survival
 - Thieu's army
 - US dependence
 - Thieu
- Draft cable to Kissinger
 - Kissinger's message
 - Delivery
 - December 7, 1972 meeting
 - The President's reading
 - Future editing
 - Settlement agreement

Conversation No. 157-17

Date: December 6, 1972

Time: Unknown between 5:31 pm and 5:54 pm

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 234-1]

Request for a meeting with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman at Aspen Lodge

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Conversation No. 157-18

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

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 234-3]

Request for a call to Col. Richard T. Kennedy

Conversation No. 157-19

Date: December 6, 1972
Time: 5:54 pm – 5:59 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Col. Richard T. Kennedy.

[See Conversation No. 234-4]

Message to Henry A. Kissinger

- Vietnam negotiations
 - The President's instructions
 - Timing
 - Editing
 - Return of prisoners of war [POWs]
 - Timing
 - December 1972
 - Compared to July 1973
 - US bombing
 - South Vietnam and [Provisional Revolutionary Government] [PRG] intransigence
 - Timing
 - July 1973
 - Nguyen Van Thieu's position
 - Kissinger's message

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- Kennedy's view
 - Bilateral deal
 - US-South Vietnam relations
- Breakdown in talks
- Minimum conditions in settlement agreement
 - Importance
 - The President's meeting with Nguyen Phu Duc
 - Acceptability to North Vietnam and South Vietnam
- Breakdown
 - [Withdrawal of North Vietnamese troops from South Vietnam]
 - US bombing
 - Kissinger's view
 - Significance
 - Deliberation
 - Pressure
 - Kissinger's return from Paris
 - US bombing
- Option 1

Conversation No. 157-20

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

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

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

Conversation No. 157-21

Date: December 6, 1972
Time: 8:16 pm – 8:17 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

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

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Conversation No. 157-21 (cont'd)

[See Conversation No. 234-8]

The President's schedule

-Meeting with Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman

-Meeting with [Col. Richard T. Kennedy]

Conversation No. 157-22

Date: December 7, 1972

Time: 9:04 pm

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 234-12]

Request for a call to Raymond K. Price, Jr.

Conversation No. 157-23

Date: December 7, 1972

Time: 9:12 pm

Location: Camp David Study Table

The Camp David operator talked with the President.

[See Conversation No. 234-15A]

Raymond K. Price, Jr.'s location

-Call back instructions

-December 8, 1972

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Conversation No. 157-24

Date: December 8, 1972

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

Location: Camp David Study Table

George P. Shultz talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 234-16]

Request for a call to John D. Ehrlichman

Ehrlichman talked with Shultz at an unknown time between 12:05 pm and 1:12 pm.

Second term reorganization

-Arnold R. Weber

-Job offer

-Department of Health, Education, and Welfare [HEW]

-Shultz's deputy

-Samuel R. Pierce, Jr.

-Treasury Department memorandum

-Chicago lawyer

-William R. Ming, Jr.

-Tax case

-Health

-Tax case

-Possible penalty

-Fine

-Compared to jail

-Pardon

-Christmas 1972

-John W. Dean, III

-Ambassadorship

-Circuit Court Judge

-Completion of current work

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Conversation No. 157-25

Date: December 9, 1972
Time: Unknown between 10:30 am and 12:22 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 235-3]

Request for a call to Charles W. Colson

Conversation No. 157-26

Date: December 9, 1972
Time: 12:22 pm - 12:58 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Charles W. Colson.

[See Conversation No. 235-4]

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

- Democratic National Committee [DNC]
- Voting
- Robert S. Strauss
 - McGovernites
- George W. Mitchell
 - Maine
 - South
 - Labor
 - George Meany
 - Support for Mitchell

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Labor Department

- Peter J. Brennan
 - Recent hiring of assistant
 - George Meany's view
 - Relationship with Meany
 - Public reaction to appointment
- Meany
 - Relationship with George P. Shultz
- Brennan
 - Colson's conversation with Shultz
 - Press reaction
 - Public reaction to appointment
 - “Working man”
 - Tokenism
 - Black, Mexican-American appointments
 - Brennan's conversation with unknown person in Florida
 - Brennan's schedule
 - Apollo XVII launch
 - Donald F. Rodgers
 - Martin Durkin
 - Public reaction to appointment
 - Brennan's conversation with unknown person
 - Party registration change

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Democratic Party

- DNC Chairman
- Cleavage

New Majority

- Republican Party
- Support for the President

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Plane crash

- E. Howard Hunt, Jr.'s wife, Dorothy
 - Death
 - Chicago
 - Possible effect on Watergate trial
 - Cancellation
 - Delay
 - Dorothy Hunt
 - Family
 - Catholicism
 - Howard Hunt
 - Possible effect on Watergate trial
 - Delay

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

1972 election results

- Percentage compared to Lyndon B. Johnson victory in 1964
- Vote count
- Press coverage
 - Republican National Committee [RNC] chairman
- Percentages
- Arkansas
- New Jersey
- Missouri
- Massachusetts
- New York
- Rhode Island
 - Absentee ballots
- H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman

National economy

- New York Times*
- Washington Post*

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- Media and press relations
 - Networks
 - New York Times* and *Washington Post*
 - 1972 election
- [Bureau of Labor Statistics] [BLS]
 - 1972 election
 - Unemployment statistics
 - 1970, 1971, 1972
 - Seasonal adjustments
 - Brennan
 - Meany
 - Chart
 - Brennan's reaction
- Commissioner
 - Geoffrey H. Moore
 - Departure
 - Teaching
 - Treasury Department
 - Colson's conversation with Shultz
- Deputy Commissioner
 - Albert E. Sindlinger
- Economic news
 - Timing
 - 1972 election
 - Christmas
- Retail sales
- Public confidence
 - The President's role
 - George S. McGovernites, media

Press and media relations

- Life*
 - Hugh S. Sidey
 - Time*
 - Possible column
 - “Watching the President”

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-Format

-Sidey

-Julie Nixon Eisenhower's view

-“Martin Z. Agronsky Show”

-Establishment

-International Brotherhood of Teamsters article

-Hiring of Colson

-Edward Bennett Williams

-Story source

-Firing as General Counsel

-*Washington Post* and *New York Times* article

-Watergate case

-Edward Bennett Williams's claim

-Colson

-Frank E. Fitzsimmons

-*Washington Post* and *New York Times*

Lobbying firms

-Opponents

-Lloyd N. Cutler

-Clark M. Clifford

-*Washington Post*

-Charles E. Walker

-Conversation with Colson

-Public relations [PR]

-Colson's firm

-Shultz

-Connally

-Republicans

-Opponents

-Williams

-Cutler

-Colson's role

-“Kitchen Cabinet”

-Colson's conversation with Walker

-1972 Republican National Convention

-Meetings with the President

-Establishment

-Clifford, Cutler, Williams

-Williams

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-Press

Media relations

-Media ratings

-Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]

-Edith Ephon

-The President's conversation with Julie Nixon Eisenhower

-Compared to National Broadcasting Company [NBC], American Broadcasting Company [ABC]

-Accuracy in media

-Massachusetts Institute of Technology [MIT] study

-Liberals

-Edwin Diamond

-Syracuse University study

-American Enterprise Institute [AEI] study

-CBS

-William Small's inquiries at White House

-Colson's activities

-Lawsuits

-Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo's friend

-Charles Crutchfield

-Patrick J. Buchanan's comments\

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Julie Nixon Eisenhower

-Robert Novak article

-Media bias

-George S. McGovern gains

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Media relations

-Bias

-1972 campaign

-Robert D. Novak article

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- Precincts
 - Detroit
- Thomas W. Braden
- Novak
- Buchanan's article
 - James Keogh
- Kevin Phillip's article
 - Colson's speech in New England
 - CBS-*Washington Post* "axis"
 - Effect
 - Media credibility
- Phillip's readership

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Study on 1972 campaign

- Syracuse University
- [First name unknown] McClure and [first name unknown] Patterson
- Influence on voters
 - Issues
 - Watergate
 - Vietnam negotiations
 - Votes for McGovern
 - Democrats for Nixon
 - Spot advertisements
 - Hardhats
 - Welfare
 - Voter recollection
 - Clark MacGregor
 - Negative advertisements
 - California
 - Michigan
 - Impact
 - Massachusetts
 - Haldeman
 - Robert J. Dole

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Second term reorganization

- [Internal Revenue Service] [IRS]
 - George D. Webster
 - Conversation with Colson
 - The President's meeting with Webster
 - Departures
 - Retribution
 - Letter
 - Background
 - East Tennessee
 - Republican
 - Education
 - Maryville College
 - Compared to Whittier College
- Solicitor General
 - Robert H. Bork
 - Colson's viewing on television [TV]
 - Bork's physical appearance
 - Beard
- Deputy Solicitor General
 - [Jewell S. LaFontant]
 - Bork
 - Drafting of anti-busing position
 - Network coverage
- Frederic V. Malek meeting with Colson
 - Polish-Americans
 - Italian-Americans
- Italian-Americans
 - John A. Volpe
 - John A. Scali
 - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman's effort
 - William P. Rogers
 - Compared to Brennan
 - Malek
 - Bias
 - John A. Stella
 - Harvard University

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- Malek
 - Claude S. Brinegar
 - Error
 - Catholicism
 - Catholics
 - Scali
 - Brinegar
 - Italian-Americans
 - Scali
 - Roy L. Ash
 - Brennan
 - Michael P. Balzano, Jr.
 - Polish-Americans
 - Immigration and Naturalization Service [INS]
 - Mitchell Kapelevski [sp?]
 - John A. Stastny, home builders
 - Colson's conversation with James T. Lynn
 - Polish-Americans and Italian-Americans
 - The President's meetings with Assistant Secretaries
 - Photographs
 - Distribution to local presses
 - Scali
 - Brennan
 - Publicity
 - Compared to other Cabinet members
 - News summaries
 - Conservatives
 - Hardhats
 - Scali
 - Press relations
- Press and media relations
- CBS
 - Daniel Rather
 - Robert Pierpont
 - Daniel L. Schorr
 - Watergate stories
 - Life*
 - The President's conversation with Julie Nixon Eisenhower
 - Andrew Heiskell

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- Postal rates
 - Bill
 - US Postal Service
- The President
 - Horatio Alger
 - 1972 election
 - Mandate
 - Republican Party
 - Media
 - Establishment
 - Photograph coverage
 - John F. Kennedy
- Clay T. ("Tom") Whitehead
 - Networks
 - Economic power
 - Background
 - Rand Corporation
- Exclusion
- CBS
 - William S. Paley
 - Calls to Colson
- NBC
 - Possible conversation with Colson
- Howard K. Smith
 - Teamsters
 - Colson
 - Tone
- John Chancellor
 - Colson
- CBS
 - Teamsters
 - Williams
 - Washington Post*
 - Rather
 - Administration handling
- ABC
- NBC
 - Chancellor
 - Possible conversation with Colson
 - Julian Goodman

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-CBS

Conversation No. 157-27

Date: December 9, 1972
Time: 1:58 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 235-8]

Request for a call to Charles W. Colson
-Colson's location
-Princeton University

Conversation No. 157-28

Date: December 9, 1972
Time: Unknown between 4:00 pm and 6:50 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Charles W. Colson.

[See Conversation No. 235-10]

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Democratic National Committee [DNC]
-Impeachment vote
-Failed
-Jean Westwood
-Resignation
-Robert S. Strauss

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- Vote count
- H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- John B. Connally
 - Second vote
 - Radicals
- Charlie Snider
 - Support for Westwood
 - Supporters of George C. Wallace
- Lawrence O'Brien
- Charles Manatt
- George Mitchell
- Come Home Democrats Coalition
 - Advertisements
- Conservative Democrats
 - Ben Wattenberg
 - Richard M. Scammon
 - Possible meeting with the President
 - Support for the Republicans

1972 election

- Issues
 - Social issues
 - May 8, 1972 decision to mine Haiphong Harbor
 - Samuel Lubell
 - Albert E. Sindlinger
 - Soviet Union
 - People's Republic of China [PRC]
 - Scammon analysis
 - American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations [AFL-CIO]
 - Patrick J. Buchanan
 - Paper about 1972 election
 - Richard ("Dick") Wilson column
 - Circulation
 - Herbert C. Hoover
- George S. McGovern
 - Destruction
 - Harriet Vanhorn
 - McGovernites
 - Power

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- DNC
- Julie Nixon Eisenhower's views
 - 1972 election
 - Personal victory
 - Little assistance
- Republican National Committee [RNC] analysis
 - Michigan
 - Counties
 - Vote turnout
- Theodore H. White column
 - Copy for the President
 - RNC
 - Centrist coalition

Princeton University

- Mood
- Wendell Bell Colson, II
 - Nixon posters
- Campus
 - 1972 election reaction
 - Other campuses
 - Harvard University
 - Activists
 - Support for Nixon
 - Apathy
 - Tolerance
 - Young Republicans
 - Yale University
 - Columbia University
 - Ohio State University
 - Kentucky University
 - Vanderbilt University
 - Tulane University
- Radicals
 - Decreasing support for protests

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Vietnam negotiations

- Alexander M. Haig, Jr.'s schedule
 - Return for consultation
- Henry A. Kissinger
 - Continuation of talks
- Colson's view
- Settlement agreement
- Announcement
 - Presidential speech
 - Necessity
 - Public opinion
- Public opinion
 - Support for the President
 - 1972 election
 - George S. McGovern
 - Economy
 - Support for the President
- Settlement agreement
 - Kissinger
 - Progress
- Public opinion
 - Normalcy

National economy

- Albert E. Sindlinger
 - Consumer Confidence Index
- Stock Market
 - Wall Street

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1972 election

- Julie Nixon Eisenhower
- Tricia Nixon Cox
- Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
 - 1968 election
- National confidence
- Key Biscayne

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Conversation No. 157-28 (cont'd)

- Future of Republican Party
- Dwight D. Eisenhower
 - Second term compared
- Public support

Democrats

- Internal conflicts
- Snider
 - Report to Colson

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Conversation No. 157-29

Date: December 9, 1972
Time: Unknown between 4:00 pm and 6:50 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 235-25]

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

Conversation No. 157-30

Date: December 9, 1972
Time: Unknown between 4:00 pm and 6:50 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

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

[See Conversation No. 235-11]

William P. Rogers

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Conversation No. 157-30 (cont'd)

-Conversation with Haldeman

Alexander M Haig, Jr.'s schedule

-Meeting with the President

-The President's schedule

-Return to Washington, DC

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Democratic National Committee [DNC]

-Vote

-Election

-Jean Westwood

-John B. Connally

-New committee

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Second term reorganization

-Julie Nixon Eisenhower

-The President's conversation with Ronald L. Ziegler

-Constance M. (Cornell) ("Connie") Stuart

-Helen Smith

-Press relations

-Salary

-Public relations [PR]

-Title

-Stuart

Conversation No. 157-31

Date: December 9, 1972

Time: Unknown between 5:03 p.m. and 7:00 pm

Location: Camp David Study Table

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Conversation No. 157-31 (cont'd)

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

[See Conversation No. 235-12]

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 6:50 pm.

Conversation No. 157-32

Date: December 9, 1972

Time: Unknown between 4:00 pm and 6:50 pm

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

[See Conversation No. 235-13]

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

[See Conversation No. 235-13]

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 6:50 pm.

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Conversation No. 157-33

Date: December 9, 1972
Time: Unknown between 4:00 pm and 6:50 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President met with Julie Nixon Eisenhower.

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

[See Conversation No. 235-14]

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Conversation No. 157-34

Date: December 9, 1972
Time: Unknown between 4:00 pm and 6:50 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

[See Conversation No. 235-15]

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 6:50 pm.

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Conversation No. 157-35

Date: December 9, 1972
Time: Unknown between 4:00 pm and 6:50 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President met with Julie Nixon Eisenhower.

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

[See Conversation No. 235-16]

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Julie Eisenhower left at an unknown time before 6:50 pm.

Conversation No. 157-36

Date: December 9, 1972
Time: Unknown between 6:50 pm and 7:46 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

[See Conversation No. 235-17]

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

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Conversation No. 157-36 (cont'd)

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 7:46 pm.

Conversation No. 157-37

Date: December 9, 1972
Time: Unknown between 6:50 pm and 7:46 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

[See Conversation No. 235-18]

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 7:46 pm.

Conversation No. 157-38

Date: December 9, 1972
Time: Unknown between 6:50 pm and 7:46 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

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Conversation No. 157-38 (cont'd)

[See Conversation No. 235-19]

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 7:46 pm.

Conversation No. 157-39

Date: December 9, 1972

Time: Unknown between 6:50 pm and 7:46 pm

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President met with Julie Nixon Eisenhower.

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

[See Conversation No. 235-20]

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Julie Nixon Eisenhower left at an unknown time before 7:46 pm.

Conversation No. 157-40

Date: December 9, 1972

Time: Unknown between 6:50 pm and 7:46 pm

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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Conversation No. 157-40 (cont'd)

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

[See Conversation No. 235-21]

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 7:46 pm.

Conversation No. 157-41

Date: December 9, 1972

Time: Unknown between 6:50 pm and 7:46 pm

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 235-22]

Request for a call to Richard T. Kennedy

Conversation No. 157-42

Date: December 9, 1972

Time: 7:46 pm - 7:48 pm

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Col. Richard T. Kennedy.

[See Conversation No. 235-23]

Vietnam negotiations

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Conversation No. 157-42 (cont'd)

- Message to Henry A. Kissinger
 - Kissinger's message to the President
 - Demilitarized Zone [DMZ] issue
 - Significance to South Vietnam, US
 - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.'s report
 - Kissinger's performance as negotiator
 - Concessions
- Haig's schedule
 - Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
 - Kissinger
 - Meeting with the President
 - The President's schedule
 - Leak
 - Dobrynin
- Message to Kissinger