Conversation No. 250-1

Date: April 16, 1971
Time: Unknown between 8:58 am and 9:40 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 9:40 am

Conversation No. 250-2

Date: April 16, 1971
Time: Unknown between 8:58 am and 9:40 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown man

News summary

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 9:40 am
Date: April 16, 1971
Time: Unknown between 8:58 am and 9:40 am
Location: Executive Office Building

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

President’s schedule
- [Forthcoming greeting of Rio Grande City High School Student Council]
- Rose Garden
- Possible gifts
- Meeting with Bernard J. (“Bunny”) Lasker, John B. Connally, Gustave L. Levy, and Albert H. Gordon
- Picture

Newspaper story
- [Commerce Department study on consumer buying]
- Connally
- George P. Shultz
- Unknown assistant Secretary of Commerce
  - Maurice H. Stans
- Paul W. McCracken
- Editors
- George S. McGovern and Norris Cotton
  - Dispute about Vietnam War
- William B. Saxbe
  - Letter to Saxbe’s son

Instructions for Haldeman to set up a meeting with an unknown man [Saxbe?]

People’s Republic of China [PRC] story

Haldeman’s schedule
Conversation No. 250-4

Date: April 16, 1971
Time: Unknown between 8:58 am and 9:40 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez

Sanchez’s schedule
   - Weather

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 9:40 am

Conversation No. 250-5

Date: April 16, 1971
Time: 9:40 am - 10:30 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger

Kissinger’s dinner with Rowland Evans
   - Editors

Kissinger’s forthcoming meeting with William S. White
   - Schedule

Kissinger’s conversation with Thomas Winship, Boston Globe
   - People’s Republic of China [PRC]
   - US foreign policy
     - Otis Chandler

President’s speech on Vietnam

President’s panel interview with the American Society of Newspaper Editors, April 16, 1971
   - Frank Cormier and Eugene V. Risher
     - Quality of questions
     - John F. Kennedy’s press conferences
-President’s press conferences
Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 9:40 pm

Instructions
- Patrick J. Buchanan
- James J. Kilpatrick, Jr.’s column

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 10:30 am

Kissinger’s mail
- Harvard University and Yale University
- Princeton University
- Letter from Harvard University faculty members

Vietnam
- PRC initiative
- Peace conference
- William B. Saxbe
  - Instructions to Kissinger
- Laos
- Military operations
- South Vietnamese
- Casualties
  - Figures
  - Wounded
  - Dead

Kissinger’s forthcoming call to Richard M. Helms
- Helms’ speech
- Press

Kissinger’s conversation with Henry Hubbard
- Role of the press
  - H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman [?] and Ronald L. Ziegler [?]

Vietnam
- William E. Colby [?]
  - James L. Buckley [?]

President’s PRC initiative
- President’s speech on Vietnam
-Effect on liberals
-Press coverage
-Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
-Chou En-lai

Vietnam
-North Vietnamese moves
-Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
-Instructions to Kissinger
-US proposals
-Timing
-Negotiations
-North Vietnamese
-PRC
-US air power
-Melvin R. Laird
-US goals
-Withdrawal issue
-Laird
-Residual force
-South Vietnam
-US withdrawal
-South Vietnam
-Preparation for editors’ meeting
-Lee Hills
-Detroit Free Press

Preparation for editors’ meeting
-PRC
-USSR
-Possible summit meeting
-Discussions
-Summit
-Vietnam
-Possible questions
-US flexibility
-Prisoners of War [POWs]
-President’s possible response
-US goals
-Withdrawal issue
-US policy
-Proposals
-POWs
-Timetable for US withdrawal
-President’s address on Southeast Asia, October 7, 1970
-Kissinger’s conversation with Hubbard

USSR
-Possible summit meeting in USSR
-Leonid I. Brezhnev
-Benefits of President’s visit
-Josip Broz Tito
-Communists
-President’s possible participation in summit meeting
 -Possible Soviet response
-Moscow
-President’s visit to Yugoslavia
 -Zagreb
 -Weather
-Possible response of Russian people to a summit meeting
-Nicolae Ceausescu
 -Actions against Romanian students
-Comments of unknown German
 -Young people’s views of Communism

Preparation for editor’s meeting
-Timetable for US withdrawal
-President’s possible response
-Buchanan
-President’s accountability

Michael J. (“Mike”) Mansfield
-Harry S Truman
-Norodom Sihanouk
-PRC
-President’s upcoming meeting with Mansfield
-Instructions to Kissinger
-Message for Mansfield
-PRC
 -President’s policies
 -Possible exchange
 -Timing
 -Sihanouk
-Cambodia
Conv. No. 250-5 (cont.)

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-President’s schedule
- Meeting with Mansfield

-PRC
- Kissinger’s possible conversation with Mansfield
  - Express gratitude to Mansfield
  - Attempt to get a visit from the Chinese
- President’s Possible Trip to the PRC
  -Timing
- Sihanouk

Preparation for editors’ meeting
- Vietnam
  - Timetable for US withdrawal
  - Residual force
  - Air power
  - Press
  - US flexibility
- US-PRC relations
  - Sihanouk
  - Vietnam
  - Significance of “breakthrough” in relations
  - USSR
  - Press
  - United Nations [UN] issue
  - Trade announcement
  - Recognition issue
  - US long-range goals
    - Normalization of relations
    - Ending Chinese isolation
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  - Increase in Trade
  - Patience
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    - Lyndon B. Johnson
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- Popular desire for instant solution to problems

PRC
-Suggested speech by President
-US relations
-Negotiations
-Need for firmness

Preparation for editors’ meeting
-Long-range view
  -Need for communication among power centers
  -US, Western Europe, USSR, PRC, Japan
  -President’s possible responses to questions
    -UN
  -Pakistan
    -Arms deal
    -US policy
  -USSR
  -Pakistan
    -US policy
    -Arms deal
    -Conflict with India
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  -Biafra
    -US policy
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    -State Department
    -Nigeria
  -East Bengali revolt
    -US policy
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    -West Pakistan
    -Separatism
    -Baluchistan
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    -US policy
    -East Bengali revolt
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[National Security]
[Duration: 7s]

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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

Mansfield
   -Instructions to Kissinger
   -Meeting with President

Kissinger left at 10:30 am

Date: April 16, 1971
Time: Unknown between 10:30 am and 11:06 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator

[See Conversation No. 42-53]
Conversation No. 250-7

Date: April 16, 1971
Time: 11:06 am - 11:12 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Charles W. Colson

[See Conversation No. 42-54]

Conversation No. 250-8

Date: April 16, 1971
Time: Unknown between 11:12 am and 11:20 am
Location: Executive Office Building

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

Haldeman’s schedule
   - Meeting with President

Conversation No. 250-9

Date: April 16, 1971
Time: 11:20 am - 11:58 am
Location: Executive Office Building

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

Charles W. Colson
   - Tasks

President’s policies
   - Defensive attitude
   - John B. Connally
-People’s Republic of China [PRC]
  -Trade
  -Ping-pong
  -Richard V. (“Dick”) Allen
  -Henry A. Kissinger

President’s PRC initiative
  -Allen’s views
  -Conservative reaction
  -Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
  -Vietnam
  -Allen’s view on conservatives

Economy
  -Allen’s views
  -Gross National Product [GNP]
  -Automobile and housing sales
  -Retail sales
  -Stock market
  -Public confidence

Staff
  -Allen’s views
  -Surrogates
  -Surveillance
  -Kissinger’s staff
  -State Department
  -Defense Department
  -Allen
  -W[illiam] Stuart Symington
  -Melvin R. Laird

Economy
  -King Resources Corporation
  -Stock market
  -John M. King
    -King Resources Corporation

Staff
  -Need for “Gaullists”
  -Allen
- Tom C. Huston
  - Tenure in office
  - John N. Mitchell
- Allen
- Houston
- Surveillance

State Department
- Kissinger
- Joseph J. Sisco

Polls
- Opinion Research Corporation [ORC]
- George H. Gallup
- Expectations
- Possible Summit meeting
- Economic conditions

Staff
- Possible changes
- President’s conversation with an unknown person
- Memorandum
- Robert H. Finch
- Donald H. Rumsfeld
- Clark MacGregor
- Problems
- Need for surveillance
- Connally

Congress
- Hugh Scott

President’s schedule
- Peter G. Peterson
  - Textiles
  - Michael J. (“Mike”) Mansfield

Staff and Cabinet
- Need for different personalities
- Need for fighters
Summit meeting
  - Poll
  - Announcement
  - Timing

Cabinet changes
  - Timing
  - Submission to Senate
  - Possible interim appointments
  - Herbert W. Kalmbach
  - Maurice H. Stans
    - Department of Commerce
    - Possible appointment
  - Clifford M. Hardin
    - Department of Agriculture
  - George W. Romney
    - John A. Volpe
  - Romney
  - William P. Rogers and Laird
  - Secretary of the Treasury
    - Assistant secretaries

Ambassadorial appointments
  - Kissinger
  - Henry A. Byroade
  - General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.’s opinion
  - Latin America
  - PRC
  - Rogers

Public opinion
  - Latin America
    - Revolutions
  - Africa
  - Asia
    - Pakistan
Preparation for editors’ meeting
  - Surveillance
  - Instructions for Patrick J. Buchanan
    - Bombings by dissidents
      - Schools and other institutions
      - Casualties
  - Polls
  - Press story
  - College campuses
  - Daniel P. (“Pat”) Moynihan
  - Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]

Vietnam War
  - Opposition
  - Prisoners of War [POWs]
  - POW wives
  - Colson
  - Major General James D. (“Don”) Hughes
    - Kissinger’s relations with POW wives
  - Colson
  - Kissinger
  - Hughes’ views
  - Speech
    - Kissinger’s draft
  - Hughes’ views
    - Rogers
    - Position of Secretary of State
  - Kissinger
    - ”Doves”
-Hughes
  -Edward M. (“Ted”) Kennedy
-POW issue
  -President’s options
-Hughes
-Colson
-Kissinger
-John A. Scali
  -Instructions to Haldeman to get advice on President’s forthcoming visit to US Marines at Camp Pendleton
-Peterson

President’s PRC initiative
  -Scali’s views
  -Need for flexibility
  -Visit by United States’ ping pong team
    -Location
      -Shanghai
    -Competitiveness
      -Chairman of US ping pong team [Graham B. Steenhoven]

President’s schedule

Preparation for editors’ meeting

President’s schedule
  -Visit of Rio Grande City High School Student Council
  -Vice President Spiro T. Agnew

The President and Haldeman left at 11:58 am

Conversation No. 250-10

Date: April 16, 1971
Time: Unknown between 12:45 pm and 3:15 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Manolo Sanchez

Request to come over
Conversation No. 250-11

Date: April 16, 1971
Time: Unknown between 12:45 pm and 3:15 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 3s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Bull left at an unknown time before 3:15 pm

Conversation No. 250-12

Date: April 16, 1971
Time: Unknown between 12:45 pm and 3:15 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown woman

Unknown person’s schedule

The unknown woman left at an unknown time before 3:15 pm
Conversation No. 250-13

Date: April 16, 1971
Time: Unknown between 12:45 pm and 3:15 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person [H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman?]

[Prisoner of War wives]
- Instructions for unknown person [Haldeman?]
- William P. Rogers’ assignment
- Major General James D. (“Don”) Hughes

Conversation No. 250-14

Date: April 16, 1971
Time: Unknown between 12:45 pm and 3:15 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown person

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 2s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 3:15 pm
Date: April 16, 1971  
Time: 3:15 pm - 3:27 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler

Preparation for editors’ meeting
  - Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] surveillance
    - Patrick J. Buchanan
  - Questions
    - Ziegler’s responses to press
      - News conference, April 16, 1971
      - “False impression” of FBI as spying on law-abiding citizens
  - President’s possible responses
    - Richard A. Moore
  - *Washington Post* article
  - President’s instructions for Buchanan
  - Press irresponsibility
  - Surveillance
    - *Washington Post*
      - Scare story
        - Cameras on White House
        - Lafayette Park
  - Press corps
  - Instructions to Ziegler
  - Justice Department
    - J. Edgar Hoover
    - Wiretapping
  - FBI
      - Allegation of FBI monitoring telephone conversation [involving John Dowdy]
  - Wiretapping
    - President
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[National Security]
[Duration: 6s]

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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Preparation for editors’ meeting
   - FBI surveillance
     - President’s possible responses
     - Robert F. (“Bobby”) Kennedy
     - Use of wiretapping
     - Edmund S. Muskie and Charles H. Percy
     - Administration’s policy
     - President’s possible responses to press
     - Phony issue
     - Richard G. Kleindienst
     - Press
       - Peter Lisagor
       - *New York Times* story
     - Ziegler’s response to question at news conference
       - FBI’s responsibility
     - Crimes
     - Arrests
     - National security
     - Press
     - Need for firmness

Ziegler left at 3:27 pm
Conversation No. 250-17

Date: April 16, 1971
Time: Unknown between 3:27 pm and 5:30 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

Manolo Sanchez met with an unknown woman

- President’s schedule
  - President’s meeting with an unknown person

Sanchez and the unknown woman left at an unknown time before 5:30 pm

Conversation No. 250-18

Date: April 16, 1971
Time: Unknown between 3:27 pm and 5:30 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

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

Bombings
  - California
    - Cost of arson at Santa Cruz campus of University of California, April 8, 1971
  - Riots in Washington
  - Leftists
  - Costs
  - Figures from General Services Administration [GSA]
    - Bombings of federal buildings
    - Need for statistics on bombings in states
    - Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]
  - Patrick J. Buchanan
    - Investigation
    - Staff responsibility
    - John D. Ehrlichman

Press story
  - George P. Shultz
  - Chicago
  - Harvard University
Conversation No. 250-18 (cont.)

Stock market
- Rise
- Record level

President’s schedule
- Buchanan
  - Interview with unknown man
- Press
  - Appointments for April 17, 1971
    - Michael J. (“Mike”) Mansfield
    - Peter G. Peterson
    - Mansfield

Conversation No. 250-19

Date: April 16, 1971
Time: Unknown between 3:27 pm and 5:30 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

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

Preparation for editors’ meeting
- Rostrum
- Press conference
  - Comments of unknown man
- Presidential seal
  - Effect
  - Press conference
- Sound pick-up
- Press conference
  - Relations with press
  - Need for a relaxed attitude
  - President’s advantage
- Rostrum

President’s schedule
- Appointment for April 17, 1971
  - Michael J. (“Mike”) Mansfield
  - Timing
  - Unknown man [Mansfield?]
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
- "Hawks"
- Summit
- Leonid I. Brezhnev
- President’s policy
- President’s forthcoming discussions with unknown man [Mansfield?]

Conv. No. 250-18 (cont.)

Date: April 16, 1971
Time: Unknown between 3:27 pm and 5:30 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 4s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Conversation No. 250-20

Date: April 16, 1971
Time: Unknown between 3:27 pm and 5:30 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person

Conversation No. 250-21

Date: April 16, 1971
Time: Unknown between 3:27 pm and 5:30 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person
Conversation No. 250-22

Date:  April 16, 1971
Time:  Unknown between 3:27 pm and 5:30 pm
Location:  Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown man [Alexander P. Butterfield?]

President’s meeting with newspaper editors

Herbert G. Klein

The unknown man [Butterfield?] left at an unknown time before 5:30 pm

Conversation No. 250-23

Date:  April 16, 1971
Time:  5:30 pm - 5:32 pm
Location:  Executive Office Building

Henry A. Kissinger talked with the President

[See Conversation No. 42-55]
Conversation No. 250-24

Date: April 16, 1971
Time: Unknown between 5:32 pm and 5:33 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person

President’s schedule

Conversation No. 250-25

Date: April 16, 1971
Time: 5:33 pm - 5:34 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

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

President’s conversation with Henry A. Kissinger
   -James L. Buckley
   -John A. Scali
      -Views on Vietnam
         -Withdrawal
      -Need for Kissinger to speak with Scali
   -Instructions to Haldeman to meet with Scali, Kissinger, and Ronald L. Ziegler
   -Instructions for Kissinger
   -[Unintelligible name]
   -People’s Republic of China [PRC] initiative
      -Scali’s views
      -President’s views
      -Kissinger
   -Instructions to Haldeman
      -Scali, Kissinger, and Ziegler
   -Clark MacGregor and George P. Shultz
   -Congress
      -Possible meeting with President
   -Instructions for Scali
Conversation No. 250-26

Date: April 16, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 5:34 pm and 7:04 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building  

The President met with Manolo Sanchez

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 7:04 pm

Conversation No. 250-27

Date: April 16, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 5:34 pm and 7:04 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building  

The President met with Manolo Sanchez
Sanchez left at an unknown time before 7:04 pm

Conversation No. 250-28

Date: April 16, 1971
Time: Unknown between 5:34 pm and 7:04 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person

Steel workers
- Figures
- 1960 compared with 1971

Conversation No. 250-29

Date: April 16, 1971
Time: Unknown between 5:34 pm and 7:04 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 2s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 7:04 pm
Date: April 16, 1971
Time: Unknown between 5:34 pm and 7:04 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 7:04 pm

Date: April 16, 1971
Time: 7:04 pm - 7:05 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

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

President’s conversation with Henry A. Kissinger
- Follow-up
- Administration’s possible response to media

Preparations for editors’ meeting
Conversation No. 250-32

Date: April 16, 1971
Time: Unknown between 7:05 pm and 8:00 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person

Unknown items

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Conversation No. 250-33

Date: April 16, 1971
Time: Unknown between 7:05 pm and 8:00 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 2s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 8:00 pm
Conversation No. 250-34

Date: April 16, 1971
Time: Unknown between 7:05 pm and 8:03 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez

President’s schedule

Briefcase

President’s schedule

The President and Sanchez left at 8:03 pm