Conversation No. 299-1

Date: November 10, 1971
Time: Unknown between 1:20 pm and 1:31 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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Sanchez left at an unknown time before 1:31 pm.

Conversation No. 299-2

Date: November 10, 1971
Time: Unknown between 1:20 pm and 1:31 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 14-9]
Conversation No. 299-3

Date: November 10, 1971
Time: 1:31 pm - 1:33 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Arthur F. Burns.

[See Conversation No. 14-10]

Conversation No. 299-4

Date: November 10, 1971
Time: Unknown between 1:33 pm and 2:27 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown person.

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[Duration: 2s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 2:27 pm.
Conversation No. 299-5

Date: November 10, 1971
Time: Unknown between 1:33 pm and 2:27 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 14-11]

Conversation No. 299-6

Date: November 10, 1971
Time: 2:27 pm - 2:28 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Charles W. Colson.

[See Conversation No. 14-12]

Conversation No. 299-7

Date: November 10, 1971
Time: Unknown between 2:28 pm and 2:34 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule
- Phone calls
  - Henry A. Kissinger
    - Schedule
      - Trip to West Germany
        - Charles W. Colson
          - Melvin R. Laird
            - William P. Rogers
Conv. No. 299-7 (cont.)

-H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
  -The President’s trip to Chicago
-Carl T. Curtis
-Richard Wilson
-Kissinger
  -Call

Bull left at an unknown time before 2:34 pm.

Conversation No. 299-8

Date: November 10, 1971
Time: Unknown between 2:28 pm and 2:34 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 14-13]

Conversation No. 299-9

Date: November 10, 1971
Time: 2:34 pm - 2:45 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Charles W. Colson.

[See Conversation No. 14-14; three items have been withdrawn from the conversation]
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Conversation No. 299-10

Date: November 10, 1971
Time: Unknown between 2:45 pm and 2:50 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule
   - Melvin R. Laird
   - Henry A. Kissinger
      - The President’s forthcoming troop withdrawal announcement
   - Laird

Conversation No. 299-11

Date: November 10, 1971
Time: Unknown between 2:45 pm and 2:50 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 14-15]

Conversation No. 299-12

Date: November 10, 1971
Time: Unknown between 2:45 pm and 2:50 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person [Henry A. Kissinger?]

Schedule
Conversation No. 299-13

Date: November 10, 1971
Time: 2:50 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 14-16]

Conversation No. 299-14

Date: November 10, 1971
Time: 2:51 pm - 2:54 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Barry M. Goldwater.

[See Conversation No. 14-17]

Conversation No. 299-15

Date: November 10, 1971
Time: Unknown between 2:51 pm and 3:16 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

The President's speeches, November 9, 1971
- Foreign aid
- Television coverage
- Amchitka test
- Effect on environment
- Cartoon in the Washington Star
Kissinger's meeting with Henry A. Grunwald, November 9, 1971
- Time
- The President
- Schedule
- Possible interview

Melvin R. Laird
- Forthcoming meeting with the President and Kissinger
- Forthcoming troop withdrawal announcement
- Associated Press [AP] news story from Saigon
  - Ground combat
    - Announcement
    - Casualties

Vietnam
- Troop withdrawal announcement
- Withdrawal rate
  - Timing
    - Projections
    - Residual forces
    - Laird, William P. Rogers and Congress
      - Number
      - Timing
      - Residual forces
    - Kissinger's negotiations
      - Nguyen Van Thieu
    - Kissinger's dinner with Newsweek editors, November 9, 1971
      - Troop withdrawal rate
- Louis P. Harris poll
  - Public support for Administration policies
    - Congress
- Troop withdrawal announcement
  - Gerald R. Ford
    - Laird
  - Troop withdrawal rate
    - Number
      - Thieu
      - Timing
    - Laird and Clark MacGregor
  - Kissinger's dinner with Newsweek editors
    - MacGregor
The White House operator talked with the President at an unknown time between 2:54 pm and 3:09 pm.

[Conversation No. 299-15A]

[See Conversation No. 14-18]

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam
- Troop withdrawal announcement
  - Withdrawal rate
  - Timing
- Politics
  - Democratic national convention
- Kissinger's negotiations with North Vietnam
  - Residual force
  - Possible agreement
  - Prisoners of war [POWs]
- POWs
- Withdrawal rate
  - Contingent factors
- Possible effect on Administration critics
- Laird
- Briefings
  - Laird, Ford and Rogers
  - South Vietnam
  - Thieu
  - Possible announcement of January 1972

Kissinger's meeting with Newsweek editors

The President's speeches, November 9, 1971
- Forthcoming trips to People's Republic of China [PRC] and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
- "Generation of peace"
- Negotiations
International differences

Kissinger's schedule
- Nelson A. Rockefeller
- Dinner

The President's schedule
- Forthcoming meeting with Rogers
  - Alexander M Haig, Jr.
  - H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman

Pakistan Ambassador [Agha Hilaly]
- The President’s possible conversation with Rogers
  - Meeting with Haig
  - India
  - Arms shipment cutoff

Kissinger's meeting with Newsweek editors
- Indira Gandhi interview

The President talked with Richard J. Daley between 3:09 pm and 3:10 pm.

[Conversation No. 299-15B]

[See Conversation No. 14-19]

[End of telephone conversation]

Kissinger's schedule
- Cable

Vietnam
- Troop withdrawals
  - Timing
    - Charles W. Colson's possible actions
    - Possible effect on negotiations
  - Residual force
    - Negotiations with North Vietnam
- Press
- Number and timing
Conv. No. 299-15 (cont.)

Kissinger's schedule
-Telegram

Kissinger left at an unknown time before 3:16 pm.

Conversation No. 299-16

Date: November 10, 1971
Time: Unknown between 3:10 pm and 3:16 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

Melvin R. Laird's schedule

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Butterfield man left at an unknown time before 3:16 pm.

Conversation No. 299-17

Date: November 10, 1971
Time: 3:16 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.
[See Conversation No. 14-20]

Conversation No. 299-18

Date:  November 10, 1971
Time:  Unknown between 3:16 pm and 3:25 pm
Location:  Executive Office Building

The President met with Stephen B. Bull and H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman.

The President's schedule
- Melvin R. Laird
- Press photograph
- William P. Rogers
- Henry A. Kissinger, Alexander M. Haig, Jr. and Haldeman

Bull and Haldeman left at an unknown time before 3:25 pm.

Conversation No. 299-19

Date:  November 10, 1971
Time:  Unknown after 3:16 pm until 4:20 pm
Location:  Executive Office Building

The President met with Melvin R. Laird.

Laird's trip to South Vietnam

The President's speeches, November 9, 1971
- Chicago
  - Timing
  - Fund-raising

The White House operator talked with the President at an unknown time between 3:16 pm and 3:25 pm.
[Conversation No. 299-19A]

[See Conversation No. 14-21]

[End of telephone conversation]

Laird’s trip to South Vietnam

Europe
   -Laird's memorandum
      -Henry A. Kissinger

Adm. Thomas H. Moorer's schedule
   -Southeast Asia
      -Cambodia, Thailand
      -Laos
   -Japan
      -Family

[Unintelligible]

Vietnam
   -Military situation
   -Nguyen Van Thieu's election
      -Election
         -Government
            -Ministers
            -Age
         -View of election
      -Elections
         -Compared with elections in communist countries
         -Voter turnout
            -Ballots
   -Military situation
      -Military Region [MR] One
      -MR Four
         -Delta region
      -MR Two and Three
         -South Korea [?] troops
      -Thieu's plans
Henry A. Kissinger entered at 3:25 pm.

- US financial support for Korean army
  - Taylor
  - Clifford
- Thieu's plans
- US financial support for Korean army
  - US financial support for South Vietnam
  - Congress
  - Report
- Korean casualties
- South Vietnamese plans
- South Vietnamese casualties
  - Reasons
- Thieu's plans
  - US financial support for Korean army
  - Laird's conversation with Creighton W. Abrams
- US financial support for South Vietnam
- US financial support for Korean army
  - Abrams
- Theiu
- Military organization
  - MR One
  - MR Two
  - Korean divisions
- Prospects
  - Abrams's view
  - Joint general staff
    - Gen. Duong Van Minh's and others' view
- Koreans
  - Infiltration
  - Laird's report
- Interdiction by South Vietnamese
- South Vietnamese operation in Cambodia
  - North Vietnamese casualties
- Laird's visits to bases
-Maintenance by South Vietnamese mechanics
  -Airplanes, tanks, trucks
  -Laird’s January 1971 trip
    -Helicopters
  -Helicopters

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 3:25 pm.

The unknown person left at an unknown before 4:20 pm.

- Vietnamization
- Thieu
  - Competence
  - Election
    - Mandate
  - Cabinet
  - Meeting with Laird
    - Other South Vietnamese officials
- Nguyen Cao Ky
  - Treatment by Thieu
  - Role in South Vietnamese Government
- South Vietnamese Vice President, Tran Van Huong
- South Vietnamese Prime Minister, Tran Thiem Khiem
- Minh
- Joseph C. Kraft's article
- Joseph W. Alsop's conversation with Ellsworth F. Bunker
  - Vietnamization program
  - Pacification program
    - Frederick C. Weyand
      - George Jacobson

Samuel D. Berger
  - Possible position with Government
    - Ambassadorship to Ceylon [Sri Lanka]
  - Possible replacement, Charles Whitehouse
  - Possible position with Government
    - Ceylon
- University of Washington
  - National War College

Ceylon
- Prime Minister [Mrs. Sirimauo R.D. Bandaranaike]

Vietnam
- [Khiem]
  - Military situation
    - Equipment
      - John B. Connally's view
      - The President's conversation with Imelda Marcos
      - Lt. Gen. T. N. J. Suharto
        - US military aid
        - State Department
      - Connally
      - Forthcoming study
      - Connally
        - Suharto

Foreign aid program
- Laird's conversation with Gerald R. Ford
  - Continuing resolution

Vietnam
- Military situation
  - Equipment
    - Usage
      - Example of Manila in 1950s
        - General purpose vehicles [Jeeps]
      - Priorities
        - South Vietnam
        - Cambodia
        - South Korea
    - Indonesia
    - Philippines
      - Marcos's conversation with Laird
      - Analysis by US Ambassador Henry A. Byroade
        - Connally
    - Indonesia
      - Suharto
      - Marshall Green's views
      - Suharto
        - Sukarno
      - Gen. William C. Westmoreland’s forthcoming trip
Vietnam
- Economic situation
- Recent Senate vote on foreign aid
  - Inflation
    - Compared to Korea
      - 1953
        - Dwight D. Eisenhower
- Foreign aid legislation in Congress
  - Continuing resolution
  - Senate
    - Amendments
      - John C. Stennis
- Laird's forthcoming conversation with Charles H. Percy
  - Troop withdrawals
  - Economic compared to military assistance
    - Humanitarian aid
    - Africa

- Importance
  - Cambodia and Laos
- Moorer's report
  - Forthcoming National Security Council [NSC] meeting

Forthcoming NSC meeting
- Laird
- Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
- Moorer
- Connally
  - Cabinet meeting
    - Yen revaluation

Vietnam
- US military assistance program
- Size of South Vietnamese army
  - Laird’s conversation with Thieu [?]
The President talked with an unknown person [H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman?] at an unknown time between 3:25 pm and 4:20 pm.

[Conversation No. 299-19B]

The President's schedule
- Rogers and Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
- Stephen B. Bull

[End of telephone conversation]
-Conversations with Laird and Haig
-1972 election
-US air power
-Air sorties
-1972 election time
-Weather
-Negotiations
-Abrams's plan
-Troops
-Leak of activities
-Drug problem
-Possible preventative measures
-Europe
-Announcement
-Rate
-Abrams’s plan
-Negotiations
-Rate
-Military's view
-Announcement
-Ronald L. Ziegler
-The President
-Rate
-Announcement
-Timing
-November 1971
-1972
-The President’s State of the Union address
-Report

Bull entered at an unknown time after 3:25 pm.

The President's schedule
-Rogers and Haig
-Haldeman

Bull left at an unknown time before 4:20 pm.

Vietnam
-Military situation
-US troop withdrawal
-Announcement
-Timing
-Announcement
  -Possible leaks
-[Arnold] Eric Sevareid’s view
-Vietnamization
-Laos and Cambodia incursions

David Packard

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Curtis W. Tarr
-Background
  -Lawrence University
-Selective Service System
-Possible role with administration
  -Undersecretary of Air Force

Packard

Robert C. Seamans, Jr.
-Administrative skills
  -Apollo program
-Possible role with administration

The President's schedule
  -Rogers

Seamans
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Laird’s schedule

The President, Laird and Kissinger left at 4:20 pm.