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Tape Subject Log

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Conversation No. 316-1

Date: January 25, 1972

Time: 12:32 pm - 2:15 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Robert H. Finch.

Request that Finch talk with an unknown person

The President's speech on Vietnam peace plan, January 25, 1972

-Reading for Finch

-Eyeglasses

The President read his "Address to the Nation Making Public a Plan for Peace in Vietnam" at an unknown time between 12:32 pm and 1:15 pm.

[A transcript of the speech in its final form appears in Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard M. Nixon, 1972, pp. 100-105]

The President's forthcoming speech

-Possible reaction

-Phraseology

-Americans

-Belief in North Vietnamese statements

-Finch's view

-Indochina

-North Vietnamese peace plans

-Nine point compared to seven point plans

-Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam

-Vietnam

-Vietcong

-Michael J. Mansfield's Amendment

-All-Indochina Peace Conference

-Understanding of word by Americans

-Nine point program

-Henry A. Kissinger's forthcoming briefing

-Cease-fire

-Laos and Cambodia

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Vietnam

- Negotiations
 - US proposals
 - Secret channel
 - North Vietnamese response
 - Offensive
 - Public disclosure
 - Possible effect
 - Prisoners of war [POWs]
 - Cease-fire
 - Deadline
 - Aid to Indochina
 - North Vietnamese proposals
 - US reply
 - Nguyen Van Thieu
 - Resignation
 - Possible effect
 - Candidates
 - Secret talks
 - Public reaction
 - Channels
 - References to by the President

The President's forthcoming trip to the People's Republic of China [PRC]

- Timing
 - New Hampshire primary
- Planning
 - Mao Tse-tung

Vietnam

- Possible criticism of forthcoming speech
 - New York Times* and *Washington Post*
- US possible military response to offensive
 - Air power
- Thieu resignation
 - National election
- The President's forthcoming speech
 - Possible effect
 - Possible leaks
 - Kissinger
 - Yeoman [Charles E. Radford]

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- Air Force
- Time
- Possible reaction

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

[Personal Returnable]

[Duration: 14m 7s]

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 12:32 pm.

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 1:35 pm.

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

- Ronald W. Reagan
- Credibility
- Television
- Positions

[The President talked with an unknown person [the White House operator?] at an unknown time between 12:32 pm and 1:35 pm.]

[Conversation No. 316-1A]

[Aborted telephone call]

[End of telephone conversation]

- Busing
- Finch's view

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The President's State of the Union Address

- Length of written message
- Spoken message
 - Television
- Written message
 - Delivery to Congress
 - Administration programs

The President's legislative programs

- Number
 - Mansfield
 - Press

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

[Personal Returnable]

[Duration: 19s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

The President's forthcoming speech

- Republican senators
 - Hugh Scott, Robert P. Griffin and Barry M. Goldwater
 - Norris Cotton and Carl T. Curtis
 - Ages
- William E. Brock III and Howard H. Baker, Jr.

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

[Personal Returnable]

[Duration: 1m 47s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

Senate

-Leadership

-Compared with House of Representatives

-Baker, Brock, Charles H. Percy and Edward W. Brooke

-Robert A. Taft, Jr. and John G. Tower

-The President's experience

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

[Personal Returnable]

[Duration: 23m 8s]

Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 12:32 pm.

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 1:35 pm.

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

Rose Mary Woods entered at 1:35 pm.

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The President's forthcoming speech

- Length
- Kissinger
- Preparation

Finch's instructions

Woods left at 1:37 pm.

Finch

- Departure from administration
 - Impact
 - Reasons
 - John N. Mitchell
 - Rowland Evans and Robert D. Novak
 - Mitchell
 - Campaign committee
 - Herbert G. Klein
 - Press conference

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6

[Personal Returnable]

[Duration: 16m 17s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6

The President's State of the Union Address

- Tone
 - Holmes Alexander's column
 - Dan Rather

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The President's response to opponents

-Timing

-State of the Union address

-Rather

-Foreign trips

-Franklin D. Roosevelt

-*Fala* speech

-Wendell Willkie

-Harry S. Truman

-Congress

-Standing in popularity polls

-Special session of Congress

-Possible action by the Administration

-Republican National Convention

[The President talked with an unknown person [H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman?] at an unknown time between 1:37 pm and 2:15 pm.]

[Conversation No. 316-1B]

Lee W. Huebner

Peter M. Flanigan

Ronald W. Reagan

The President's stance against opponents

-Compared with Roosevelt in 1936 and 1940

News summary

-Patrick J. Buchanan

The President's schedule

-George P. Shultz

-Finch

[End of telephone conversation]

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7

[Personal Returnable]

[Duration: 3m 24s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7

Issues

- National economy
 - The President's prediction in 1971
 - Inflation
 - 1972
- Vietnam
 - South Vietnam
- People's Republic of China [PRC] and Soviet Union

Congress

- Legislative programs
 - Number
- Welfare reform
- Revenue-sharing
- Health care
- Budget
- Reapportionment
- Polls

Government

- Public approval
 - Dwight D. Eisenhower
 - Effect of 1960's
 - Polls
 - The President's standing

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Close elections

- 1972
 - The President's public visibility
- Ulysses S. Grant
- Samuel Tilden-Rutherford B. Hayes
 - Popular compared to electoral vote
- James G. Blaine-Grover Cleveland
- Benjamin Harrison-Grover Cleveland
- William McKinley
- Theodore Roosevelt in 1904
- William H. Taft in 1908
- [Thomas] Woodrow Wilson
 - Charles E. Hughes
- Warren G. Harding in 1920
- Calvin Coolidge in 1924
- Herbert C. Hoover in 1928
- Franklin Roosevelt
 - Thomas E. Dewey
- Truman
- Eisenhower
- Lyndon B. Johnson-Goldwater
- Hubert H. Humphrey-Nixon
 - The President's plurality
 - Bombing halt

Finch's schedule

- Lunch
- Meeting with Reagan, January 26, 1972

Finch left at 2:15 pm.

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Conversation No. 316-2

Date: January 25, 1972
Time: Unknown between 2:15 pm and 2:25 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 5s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:25 pm.

Conversation No. 316-3

Date: January 25, 1972
Time: Unknown between 2:15 pm and 2:25 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

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

The President's forthcoming Vietnam speech
-Attendance
-Appropriations Committee

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Conv. No. 316-3 (cont.)

- Allen J. Ellender
- Milton R. Young
- George H. Mahon
- Frank T. Bow

Henry A. Kissinger

-Health

-[W. Kenneth Riland]

-Appointment

-Timing

Announcement

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

[Personal Returnable]

[Duration: 2m 44s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

Conversation No. 316-4

Date: January 25, 1972

Time: 2:25 pm - 2:33 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

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Conv. No. 316-4 (cont.)

The President's forthcoming Vietnam speech

- Preparation
- Changes
 - Henry A. Kissinger's views
 - Reading copy

[The President talked with Kissinger at an unknown time between 2:25 pm and 2:33 pm.]

[Conversation No. 316-4A]

- Woods's delivery
- Possible mention of France
 - Maurice Schumann
 - Kissinger's briefing
 - French Government

Kissinger

- Health
- Schedule

The President's schedule

- Meeting with Congress
 - Kissinger
- Forthcoming speech

Ronald L. Ziegler's briefing

The President's forthcoming speech

- Georges J.R. Pompidou
- Nguyen Van Thieu
- Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

The President conferred with Woods at an unknown time.

Instruction

[End of conferral]

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The President's forthcoming speech

- Robert H. Finch's views
- Michael J. Mansfield
- All Indochina Peace Conference
- Nine-point program
- Indochina
- Cambodia and Laos

[End of telephone conversation]

- Change
- Length
- Marjorie P. Acker

[Woods talked with Acker at an unknown time between 2:25 pm and 2:33 pm.]

[Conversation No. 316-4B]

- Page count

[End of telephone conversation]

Laura Peterson

- Father, William H. Peterson
- Call
- Request
- Tour [?]

Woods's schedule

- Ambassador and Mrs. Robert C. Hill and Ambassador And Mrs. Wiley T. Buchanan

Ambassador Hill

- New Hampshire gubernatorial race

The President's schedule

- William J. Porter

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Conv. No. 316-4 (cont.)

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 22s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

- Woods's schedule
 - Dinner arrangements
 - Call to unknown person
 - Viewing the President's speech

- The President's schedule
 - Calls for the President
 - Porter
 - White House operator
 - Woods
 - Haldeman and Charles W. Colson

Woods's schedule

Woods left at 2:33 pm.

Conversation No. 316-5

Date: January 25, 1972
Time: Unknown between 2:33 pm and 2:45 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person.

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Conv. No. 316-5 (cont.)

- The President's schedule
 - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
 - Henry A. Kissinger
 - Meeting with the President

Conversation No. 316-6

Date: January 25, 1972
 Time: 2:45 pm - 2:55 pm
 Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

- Kissinger's schedule
 - The President's conversation with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
 [Privacy]
 [Duration: 15s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

- The President's health
- The President's forthcoming Vietnam speech
 - William P. Rogers's views
 - Attendance at speech
 - Changes
 - Ronald L. Ziegler

[An unknown person talked with the President at an unknown time between 2:45 pm and 2:55]

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Conv. No. 316-6 (cont.)

pm.]

[Conversation No. 316-6A]

Call to the President
-Error

[End of telephone conversation]

The President's forthcoming speech

- Changes
 - Phraseology
 - Robert H. Finch's view
 - Indochina
 - Laos and Cambodia
 - South Vietnam
 - Peace settlement
 - Troop withdrawal
 - Timing
 - Vietnam election
 - Reconstruction program
 - Drafts
 - Kissinger's previous meeting with Earl of Cromer [George R.S. Baring]
 - Cromer's views
 - Possible French reaction
 - French cooperation
 - Cromer's views
 - Television
 - William F. Buckley, Jr.

Kissinger left at 2:55 pm.

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Conversation No. 316-7

Date: January 25, 1972
Time: Unknown between 2:55 pm and 4:35 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 10s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 3:45 pm.

Conversation No. 316-8

Date: January 25, 1972
Time: Unknown between 2:55 pm and 4:35 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

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

- The President's forthcoming Vietnam speech
 - Make-up
 - Timing
 - Mark I. Goode [?]
 - Herbert G. Klein
 - Press
 - Residence

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Conv. No. 316-8 (cont.)

- Meeting with bipartisan leaders
- Suit
 - Previous wear
- Ronald L. Ziegler
 - Henry A. Kissinger
- White House staff
 - Budget
 - Press coverage

Conversation No. 316-9

Date: January 25, 1972
 Time: Unknown between 2:55 pm and 4:35 pm
 Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
 [Personal Returnable]
 [Duration: 10s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 4:35 pm.

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Conversation No. 316-10

Date: January 25, 1972
Time: 4:35 pm - 4:36 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

The President's forthcoming Vietnam speech
-Talking points

Memorandum for William P. Rogers
-John B. Connally [?]

Menu

Butterfield left at 4:36 pm.

Conversation No. 316-11

Date: January 25, 1972
Time: Unknown between 4:36 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

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Conversation No. 316-12

Date: January 25, 1972
Time: Unknown between 4:36 pm and 5:30 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President rehearsed his "Address to the Nation Making Public a Plan for Peace in Vietnam".

[A transcript of the speech in its final form appears in Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard M. Nixon, 1972, pp. 100-105]

An unknown woman entered at an unknown time during the rehearsal.

Speech draft [?]

The unknown woman left at an unknown time.

The President resumed rehearsing his speech.

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time during the rehearsal.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[Personal Returnable]

[Duration: 4s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

The President resumed rehearsing his speech.

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Conv. No. 316-12 (cont.)

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 3s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

Sanchez left at an unknown time.

The President resumed rehearsing his speech.

Conversation No. 316-13

Date: January 25, 1972
Time: Unknown between 4:36 pm and 5:30 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President rehearsed his "Address to the Nation Making Public a Plan for Peace in Vietnam".

[A transcript of the speech in its final form appears in Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard M. Nixon, 1972, pp. 100-105]

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Conversation No. 316-14

Date: January 25, 1972
Time: Unknown between 4:36 pm and 5:30 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 19-59]

Conversation No. 316-15

Date: January 25, 1972
Time: 5:30 pm - 5:32 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Tricia Nixon Cox.

[See Conversation No. 19-60; one item has been withdrawn from the conversation]

Conversation No. 316-16

Date: January 25, 1972
Time: Unknown between 5:32 pm and 6:31 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President rehearsed his "Address to the Nation Making Public a Plan for Peace in Vietnam".

[A transcript of the speech, in its final form, appears in Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard M. Nixon, 1972, pp. 100-105]

Conversation No. 316-17

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Date: January 25, 1972
Time: Unknown between 5:32 pm and 6:31 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown person.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 21s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 6:31 pm.

Conversation No. 316-18

Date: January 25, 1972
Time: Unknown between 5:32 pm and 6:38 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

- The President's forthcoming Vietnam speech
 - Changes
 - Henry A. Kissinger's views
 - Public text
 - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

- Haig
 - Call to the President

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Conv. No. 316-18 (cont.)

- Interruption of meeting
- Marjorie P. Acker

[Woods talked with Acker at an unknown time between 5:32 pm and 6:31 pm.]

[Conversation No. 316-18A]

- Request

[End of telephone conversation]

The President's forthcoming speech

- Date mentioned in text

[The White House operator talked with Woods at 6:31 pm.]

[Conversation No. 316-18B]

[See Conversation No. 19-61]

[Haig talked with the President between 6:31 pm and 6:34 pm.]

[End of telephone conversation]

The President's forthcoming speech

- Changes

Woods's schedule

- Wiley T. Buchanan
- The President's forthcoming speech
- Buchanan's schedule
 - Denmark
- Call To Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon

Denmark

- State funeral
 - Buchanan
 - John S. D. Eisenhower

Woods left at 6:38 pm.