Conversation No. 318-1

Date: January 26, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:23 pm and 3:29 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 19-107]

Conversation No. 318-2

Date: January 26, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:23 pm and 3:29 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger.

Kissinger's briefing
- Kissinger's schedule
  - The President's previous call
    - The President's conversation with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
  - Question and answer [Q&A] format
    - William L. Safire and Patrick J. Buchanan
  - Distribution
    - Cabinet, Congressional leaders

Kissinger's schedule
- Forthcoming National Press Club dinner speech
- The President's Vietnam speech, January 25, 1972
  - Reaction
    - Calls
    - Unknown newsman
    - Unknown restaurant
The President's Vietnam speech
- The President's and Kissinger's preparation
  - Safire
  - State of the Union address
- Reaction

Vietnam
- Prisoners of war [POW] release in exchange for US troop pullout
  - Possible North Vietnamese intention
    - Psychological motivation
  - Cease-fire

Kissinger's schedule
- Speech

Date: January 26, 1972
Time: 3:29 pm - 4:20 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Charles W. Colson.

[Conversation No. 318-3A]

[See Conversation No. 19-108]

H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman entered at an unknown time after 3:29 pm; the President conferred with Haldeman during the phone conversation.

[End of telephone conversation]

Kissinger's briefing
- Quality
  - Attitude, tone, content
- Television
  - William P. Rogers's press conference
- Distribution
- Questions and answers [Q & A] format
  - William L. Safire
    - The President's previous conversation with Alexander P. Haig, Jr. and Colson
  - Vice President Spiro T. Agnew

Agnew
  - Consultation on peace plan
  - Leaders meeting
    - Performance
  - Policy-making role
    - Cabinet meetings
  - Leaders meeting
    - Bryce N. Harlow's possible reaction
      - Forthcoming call from Haldeman

[The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 3:35 pm and 3:58 pm.]

[Conversation No. 318-3B]

[See Conversation No. 19-109]

[End of telephone conversation]

The President's Vietnam speech of January 25, 1972
  - Television rating
  - Timing
    - Prime time
    - Network programs
      - Interruption
        - Welfare veto
  - Public reaction
    - East
    - West
      - California
  - Rebroadcast on radio of January 26, 1972
    - The President's projection

[Haldeman talked with Harlow at an unknown time between 3:35 pm and 3:58 pm.]
[Conversation No. 318-3C]

[See Conversation No. 19-110]

[End of telephone conversation]

Rogers's forthcoming press conference, January 27, 1972
-Television
  -Kissinger's briefing
  -The President's previous conversation with Colson
  -Haldeman's forthcoming meeting with Rogers
- Kissingler's Q & A
  -Delivery to Rogers

Kissinger's schedule
  -Forthcoming National Press Club dinner speech
    -White House Communications Agency [WHCA]
      -Phone hook-up
  -Phone call from the President during Kissinger's performance
    -Projection to audience
    -Possible format
      -Conversation
    -Humorous effect
    -Identification of the President
- The President's possible presence
  -Compared with a telephone call

The President's Vietnam speech
- Delivery
  -The President's knowledge of subject
  -Compared with other Oval Office speeches
    -Phase II
  -Compared with "podium speeches"
- Reaction
  -Hobart D. ("Hobe") Lewis
  -Paul W. Keyes
    -Call to the President
  -The President's self-consciousness
- Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS] crew
- Work
- Unknown man's reaction
-Previous work for the President on Christmas show
-News commentators and producers

[The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 3:35 pm and 3:58 pm.]

[Conversation No. 318-3D]

[See Conversation No. 19-111]

[End of telephone conversation]

Forthcoming call to Frank Stanton
- Colson
- CBS crews
  - Interview with Dan Rather, January 2, 1972
  - The President's Vietnam speech
  - Christmas special
  - Marvin L. Kalb

George H. Gallup poll
- George P. Shultz's theory on economy
- Public attitudes on unemployment and inflation
  - Timing of polls
    - Price freeze

Haldeman’s schedule
- Rogers

Secretary of Commerce position
- Announcement
  - Maurice H. Stans, Peter G. Peterson, Peter M. Flanigan
    - The President’s appearance
    - Stans’s possible comments

[The President talked with Stanton between 3:58 pm and 4:01 pm.]

[Conversation No. 318-3E]

[See Conversation No. 19-112]
Conv. No. 318-3 (cont.)

[End of telephone conversation]

Secretary of Commerce position
  - Announcement
    - Possible comments
      - Stans
      - Peterson
      - Flanigan
    - The President’s appearance

White House staff
  - Vietnam speech of November 3, 1969
    - Haldeman’s role
  - Colson
  - Cambodia
  - John A. Scali
  - Contacts

Richard A. Moore
  - View of the President's appearance during Vietnam speech
    - Possible call from Haldeman
    - William H. Carruthers
    - Technical detail
    - Forthcoming call from Haldeman

[Haldeman talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 4:01 pm and 4:20 pm.]

[Conversation No. 318-3F]

[See Conversation No. 19-113]

[End of telephone conversation]

The President’s Vietnam speech
  - Handling of text
    - Camera shot
    - Lighting

Vietnam
  - As issue
[Haldeman talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 4:01 pm and 4:20 pm.]

[Conversation No. 318-3G]

Kissinger's Press Club dinner speech
- Phone call from the President
  - Technical set-up by WHCA
- Phone
  - Public address system
- Notification of Press Club staff
- Possible conversation
- Technical set-up
  - WHCA
  - Timing with the President

[End of telephone conversation]

- First line
  - Reasons for tardiness
    - Phone call from the President
      - Timing

[Haldeman talked with Carruthers at an unknown time between 4:01 pm and 4:20 pm.]

[Conversation No. 318-3H]

[See Conversation No. 19-114]

[The President talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 4:01 pm and 4:20 pm; this conversation occurred concurrently with Haldeman's phone conversation.]

[Conversation No. 318-3I]

The President's schedule
  - Dr. W. Kenneth Riland

[End of Haldeman's conversation]

- Arrangements for meeting
[End of the President's conversation]

The President's Vietnam speech
- Carruthers's view
  - The President's first economic speech
  - The President's delivery
    - Pace
      - Subject matter
      - Confidence
      - Technical mistakes
  - Construction of speech
    - Clarity, concision
    - Confidence
  - Lights, cameras
  - The President's appearance
    - The President's trip to Florida
    - Lighting and setting
    - Weariness
      - Compared with economic speech
    - Television
      - Close-up
    - Makeup
    - Preparation
      - [State of the Union Address]
  - Attitude
  - Trip to Florida
- The President's delivery
  - Pacing
    - Duration of speech
    - Number of words
    - Compared with Lyndon B. Johnson
- Carruthers's view
  - The President's delivery
    - Pacing
      - Length of speech
      - Concern over time in TV industry

Kissinger's Press Club dinner speech
- The President's phone call
  - Timing
  - Dinner
-Master of ceremonies
-Effect
-Timing

Caspar W. (“Cap”) Weinberger
-Role with administration
  -Ronald W. Reagan's recent conversation with the President
    -William French Smith
  -Haldeman’s forthcoming talk with Weinberger
    -Richard G. Kleindienst
    -Department of Justice
    -Cabinet
      -Attorney General
      -Department of Health, Education and Welfare [HEW]
      -Department of Housing and Urban Development [HUD]
    -The President’s view

Haldeman left at 4:20 pm.

Conversation No. 318-4

Date: January 26, 1972
Time: 4:20 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 19-115]

Conversation No. 318-5

Date: January 26, 1972
Time: 4:20 pm - 4:21 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with George P. Shultz.

[See Conversation No. 19-116]
Conversation No. 318-6

Date: January 26, 1972
Time: Unknown between 4:21 pm and 4:23 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 19-117]

Conversation No. 318-7

Date: January 26, 1972
Time: 4:23 pm - 5:01 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with George W. Romney.

[Conversation No. 318-7A]

[See Conversation No. 19-118]

George P. Shultz entered at an unknown time after 4:23 pm and conferred with the President.

Greeting

[End of conferral]

[End of telephone conversation]

Quadriad meeting
- Arthur F. Burns's strategy
- Convertibility
- The President's call request for a call to John B. Connally
- Shultz’s consideration of a call to Burns

Convertibility
- Administration strategy
  - The President's and Connally's views
- Burns's concern
  - Central bankers
    - US budget
- US budget
- Strength of US economy abroad
  - Exports, imports
- Money supply
  - Inflation
- Connally
- European leverage
- Burns
  - Camp David conference
  - Gold prices
  - Statement by unknown Belgium banker
    - Pierre-Paul Schweitzer
- Administration strategy
  - Shultz
  - Herbert Stein
  - Connally
  - Stein
    - Forthcoming conversation with Shultz
      - Paul W. McCracken

Economy
- Fluctuations in confidence
  - Economic community
  - Connally
  - Stein
- Unemployment figures
  - Fluctuations
    - Stein’s memorandum
  - Timing
    - Burns
      - Unknown survey
- Unknown survey
  - Behavioral test
- Compared to attitudinal test
- Questions
  - Time measured
  - Burns
  - Definitional problems
- Unemployment
  - Change in concept
  - Burns
  - Memorandum
  - Experimentation
  - Car model changeover period
- Strength
  - Retail sales
  - Money supply
- Retail sales

[The President talked with Connally between 4:36 pm and 4:42 pm.]

[Conversation No. 318-7B]

[See Conversation No. 19-119]

[End of telephone conversation]

Connally

International economic policy
  - European trade question
  - Connally’s view

Connally
  - Schedule
  - Europe

Economy
  - Retail sales
  - Concerns
    - Stein
  - Money supply
  - Figures for 1971
    - December
- Money supply
  - M-1 and M-2
  - Checks and cash

[The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 4:42 pm and 4:47 pm.]

[Conversation No. 318-7C]

[See Conversation No. 19-120]

[End of telephone conversation]

Economy
- Money supply
  - M-1
    - Stein
    - Retail sales
  - Retail sales
  - Inventory
  - Burns

[The President talked with Peter M. Flanigan between 4:47 pm and 4:48 pm.]

[Conversation No. 318-7D]

[See Conversation No. 19-121]

[End of telephone conversation]

Marina von Neumann Whitman
  - Appointment to Council of Economic Advisors [CEA]
    - Women
    - Qualifications
    - Stein's view
  - Father, John von Neumann
  - Shultz's previous conversation with the President aboard plane to Florida

John Von Neumann
  - The President's previous meeting
    - Cabinet Room
-Intelligence

-Theory of Games and Economic Behavior
  -Oskar Morgenstern
  -Relationship to Shultz
  -Conversation with Shultz
  -Importance

Economy
-Public confidence
  -Democrats
-International economic policy
-Need for optimistic talks
  -Shultz
  -Stein
  -Peter G. Peterson
  -James D. Hodgson

-Money supply
  -Banks
    -Burns
    -Loans
   -Loans
    -Interest rates
-Pressure from administration
  -Possible speech by Connally to banking community
  -M-1
    -Possible increase
-Federal Reserve Board [FRB]
  -Andrew F. Brimmer
  -Burns's view
-Recent meeting
  -Burns
    -Concessions
      -M-1
      -Interest rates
-Federal Reserve Bank of New York

FRB
-Federal Reserve Bank of New York
  -Alfred Hayes
  -Burns’s meeting with the President and Shultz
-Need for votes
  -Brimmer
    -New post
      -Burns
      -Frederic V. Malek
      -Possible call to William P. Rogers
        -Connally
        -Shultz
        -Rogers’s schedule
          -Press conference
      -United Nations [UN]
      -Export-Import [Ex-Im] Bank
        -Henry Kearns
      -Shultz's forthcoming talk with Malek

Economy
  -Retail sales
    -Milton Friedman's views of M-1
      -Burns
      -Figures
        -Summer of 1971
        -Fourth quarter of 1971
      -1969 Cabinet meeting
        -William McChesney Martin
      -Burns
      -Administration action

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 4:48 pm.

The President's schedule
  -Meeting with [Page Belcher]
    -Stephen B. Bull

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 5:01 pm.

Burns
  -Possible meeting with the President
  -Recognition of problems
    -Forthcoming talk with Shultz

Brimmer
-Possible position
Burns
   -Cabinet Room
   -Connally
   -FRB
      -Possible appointment
         -Tynan Smith
            -James L. Robertson
               -Retirement
   -Convertibility

The President's schedule
   -Meeting with Belcher

The President and Shultz left at 5:01 pm.

Convo. No. 318-7 (cont.)

Conversation No. 318-8

Date:  February 2, 1972
Time:  Unknown between 1:40 pm and 1:48 pm
Location:  Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 8s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
Sanchez left at an unknown time before 1:48 pm.

Conversation No. 318-9

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: Unknown between 1:40 pm and 1:48 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 20-20]

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 1:48 pm.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 11s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 1:48 pm.
Conversation No. 318-11

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: 1:48 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The White House operator talked with the President.

[See Conversation No. 20-21]

Conversation No. 318-12

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: 1:50 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 20-22]

Conversation No. 318-13

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: Unknown between 1:50 pm and 1:56 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

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

[Conversation No. 318-13A]

The President's schedule
- Florida
ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD [?] entered and conferred with the President at an unknown time after 1:50 pm.

Instructions

[End of conferral]

BUTTERFIELD left at an unknown time before 1:56 pm.

The President's schedule
- Public relations
  - Television
  - Press
    - Television
  - Prayer breakfast
- Sunday event
- Forthcoming speech
- Prayer breakfast

Public relations
- Promotion of events
  - Congress
  - Supreme Court
  - Cabinet

The President's schedule
- Renaming of unknown event

[End of telephone conversation]
Date: February 2, 1972
Time: 1:56 pm - 2:00 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Julie Nixon Eisenhower.

[See Conversation No. 20-23; two items have been withdrawn from the conversation]

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: Unknown between 2:00 pm and 2:04 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.[?]

Charles W. Colson
-Schedule
-Request for a return call

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: Unknown between 2:00 pm and 2:04 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 20-24]
The President talked with Ronald L. Ziegler.

[See Conversation No. 20-25]

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 20-26]

The President talked with an unknown person.

Unknown person
-Request for a return call
Time: 2:09 pm - 2:13 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Tricia Nixon Cox.

[See Conversation No. 20-27; three items have been withdrawn from the conversation]

Conversation No. 318-21

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: Unknown between 2:13 pm and 2:14 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 20-28]

Conversation No. 318-22

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: 2:14 pm - 2:20 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Harry S. Dent.

[See Conversation No. 20-29; two items have been withdrawn from the conversation]

Conversation No. 318-23

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: 2:21 pm - 2:50 pm
Location: Executive Office Building
The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

The President’s schedule

Vietnam
- Air strike
  - The President's conversations with Melvin R. Laird and Adm. Thomas H. Moorer at recent National Security Council [NSC] meeting
  - Pentagon leak
  - Duration
  - William P. Rogers
- Effect
  - France
- Possible North Vietnamese offensive
  - Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
- State Department
  - Relations with the President's People's Republic Of China [PRC] trip
    - News summary
- South Vietnam
  - The President’s trips to PRC, and Soviet Union
- US operations
  - Timing
    - The President's forthcoming PRC Trip
      - “Protective reactive” strikes
- Possible North Vietnamese offensive
  - Bombing
- Deployments
  - USS Kitty Hawk
    - Change In Position
  - B-52's
  - A-1's
  - F-4's
  - B-52's
  - Number
- Soviet Union and PRC
- Negotiations
  - Edmund S. Muskie
    - Compared to Edward M. Kennedy
  - Clark M. Clifford
  - W[illiam] Averell Harriman
-Prisoners of war [POWs] release
  -Deadline
- Cease-fire proposal
- Muskie's statements
  -Administration attack
    -The President’s position in 1968
    -Ronald L. Ziegler
    -Rogers
    -Negotiations
      -Partisanship
- Possible impact
- 1972 campaign
  -John V. Lindsay
  -George S. McGovern
  -Iowa and Arizona caucuses
- Harriman
- Wall Street Journal editorial
- Administration attack
  -Barry M. Goldwater
- PRG [Viet Cong] peace plan
  -Similarity to US position
  -Nguyen Van Thieu
  -POW release
    -US troop withdrawal
    -Thieu's resignation
- US peace plan proposal of January 25, 1972
  -North Vietnamese response
  -Thieu's possible action
  -South Vietnam
    -Preparedness for possible North Vietnamese offensive
- Muskie's statements
  -Administration attack
    -Ziegler
    -Rogers
    -H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
      -Request for a call to the President
      -Meeting with the President and Ziegler
        -Kissinger’s schedule
    -Ziegler
    -Laird
    -Rogers
- Delicacy of talks
  - Effect of Muskie's statements
    - North Vietnamese perception
    - Administration attack
    - Media coverage
      - *Washington Post* and *New York Times*
    - Television networks
    - Kissinger's conversation with Ellsworth F. Bunker
  - Muskie’s statements
    - Administration attack
      - Spiro T. Agnew
      - Bombing
        - Hanoi
        - Previous attacks
      - Five day strike
  - Timing
    - The President’s forthcoming PRC trip
  - Administration attack
    - Stewart J.O. Alsop
    - Rogers
    - Hugh Scott
  - Ziegler's statement
    - Errors in Muskie's statement
      - Ceasefire
  - Rogers
  - Scott
  - Patrick J. Buchanan
  - Agnew
  - Rogers
  - Scott
  - Gerald R. Ford
  - Editorials
    - Unknown journalist

PRC trip
  - William F. Buckley, Jr.
  - Invitation
  - Meeting with the President
  - Criticism of Administration
    - Meeting with Kissinger
  - James L. Buckley
Vietnam
- Air strike
- Contingency plans
- Timing
  - Three fronts
  - The President’s forthcoming PRC trip
- Deployments
  - US carrier
  - B-52’s

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3
[National Security]
[Duration: 23s]

INTELLIGENCE

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 32

- Agnew
  - Warnings
    - Laos, Cambodia, Christmas 1971 bombings

Agnew
- Kissinger’s view
- Goldwater's view in letter
  - Haldeman's report
  - Briefing on issues
  - Kissinger’s forthcoming breakfast with Goldwater

Michael J. Mansfield breakfast, February 3, 1972
- Kissinger's schedule
- The President's forthcoming PRC trip
-Japan
-Vietnam
-US peace proposal
  -Troop withdrawal for POWs offer
  -Political settlement
  -North Vietnamese position
  -Leaks
    -Mansfield
  -Soviet Union
  -Andrei A. Gromyko and Nikolai V. Podgornyi
-Chou En-lai
-Gromyko
-Muskie's statements
  -Threat to negotiations

Vietnam
-US peace proposals
  -North Vietnamese response
    -Thieu
  -Political prospects
  -Muskie's statements
-The President's speech of January 25, 1972
  -Effect on Muskie
-Muskie's statement
  -North Vietnamese position
  -South Vietnam government
  -Quotes
    -Negotiations
    -Casualties
      -Civilians
    -US troops
    -Cease-fire proposal
-Validity
-Administration attack
  -Ziegler
  -Cease-fire offers of October 1970, January 1972
  -Withdrawal of North Vietnam
-Democrats' rhetoric
-News coverage
  -Timing
    -Kissinger forthcoming talk with Ziegler
Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters
   -Nomination as Deputy Director of Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
     -Richard M. Helms's and Laird's actions
     -Helms’s recommendation
       -John C. Stennis
     -Kissinger's recommendation
       -Helms's support
         -Talking points
       -Kissinger's possible call to Stennis
         -Stennis's possible call to Helms
       -Kissinger's forthcoming conversation with Helms
         -The President's wishes
       -Kissinger's forthcoming conversation with Laird
   -Qualifications
     -Helms’s view
     -Position vis-à-vis Administration
     -Military attaché in France
     -Compared with Gen. Robert E. Cushman, Jr.
   -Kissinger's call to Helms
     -The President’s decision
   -Liaison with White House

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5
[National Security]
[Duration: 12s]

INTELLIGENCE

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

-Kissinger's call to Helms
-The Administration’s relationship with Helms
Vietnam
- US peace proposal
  - Unity within the Administration
- Recent briefing
- Muskie
  - Administration attack
  - 1972 campaign
- Bombing
- Timing
  - The President's forthcoming PRC trip
  - Television coverage
- US peace offers
- Muskie

Kissinger's schedule
- Kenneth B. Keating

Kissinger left at 2:50 pm.

Conversation No. 318-24

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: Unknown between 2:50 pm and 3:03 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President dictated a memorandum to H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman.

Haldeman's forthcoming discussion with Patrick J. Buchanan

US peace plan proposal for Vietnam
- Edmund S. Muskie's statement
- Administration attack
  - Buchanan
  - Talking points or speech
  - Democrats' responsibility for war
  - Lyndon B. Johnson's policy
  - Muskie's vice presidential nomination in 1968
Conv. No. 318-24 (cont.)

- US casualties
- Negotiations
  - Lack of progress
  - Michael J. Mansfield
  - Editorial opinion
  - Muskie's statement
    - Effect
      - Casualties
      - Prisoners of war [POWs]

[Continued as Conversation No. 318-27]

Conversation No. 318-25

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: 3:03 pm - 3:06 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

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

[See Conversation No. 20-30]

Conversation No. 318-26

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:06 pm and 3:17 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown person.
Conv. No. 318-26 (cont.)

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 3:17 pm.

Conversation No. 318-27

Date:  February 2, 1972
Time:  Unknown between 3:06 pm and 3:17 pm
Location:  Executive Office Building

The President dictated a memorandum to H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman.

[Continued from Conversation No. 318-24]

US peace plan proposal for Vietnam
   -Edmund S. Muskie's statement
   -Cease-fire proposal of October 1970
      -Timing
         -Troop withdrawal and Prisoner of war [POW] proposal
         -North Vietnamese troops in South Vietnam
         -Henry A. Kissinger
   -Partisanship
   -Rejection of the President's proposal
   -Aid to enemy
      -Negotiations
Conv. No. 318-27 (cont.)

-Surrender compared to settlement
-Compared to the President’s conduct as candidate in 1968
-Majority opinion
-Buchanan
-Points to be made

Conversation No. 318-28

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:06 pm and 3:17 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

Dictabelt
-Transcription
-Rose Mary Woods

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 3:17 pm.

Conversation No. 318-29

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:06 pm and 3:17 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Rose Mary Woods.

Dictabelt
-Transcription
-Memorandum to H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
-Patrick J. Buchanan
-Edmund S. Muskie's statement
-Points to be made
-John V. Lindsay and George S. McGovern's success in Arizona primary
and Iowa caucuses
Conversation No. 318-30

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:06 pm and 3:17 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 20-31]

Conversation No. 318-31

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:06 pm and 3:17 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President dictated a letter to Hobart D. Lewis.

Republican Governors dinner, January 28, 1972
- The President's conversation with William T. Cahill of New Jersey
- Article in Reader's Digest

[Continued as Conversation No. 318-33]

Conversation No. 318-32

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: 3:17 pm - 3:25 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with John D. Ehrlichman.

[See Conversation No. 20-32]
Conversation No. 318-33

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:25 pm and 3:30 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President replayed a portion of a previously recorded dictabelt recording.

Reader’s Digest article
- New Jersey

The President resumed dictating a letter to Hobart D. Lewis.

[Continuation of Conversation No. 318-31]

William T. Cahill
- Performance as Governor of New Jersey
  - Relations with John N. Mitchell
    - Racketeers
  - Environmental program
  - Secondary and higher education
- Possible second article in Reader’s Digest
  - Suggested titles
  - Progress in New Jersey
  - Mitchell
  - Possible quotes from the President

Conversation No. 318-34

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:25 and 3:30 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 20-33]

Conversation No. 318-35
Date: February 2, 1972
Time: 3:30 pm - 3:31 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Stephen B. Bull.

[See Conversation No. 20-34]

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Date: February 2, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:31 pm and 4:12 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President dictated a letter to Nelson A. Rockefeller.

Governors dinner, February 1, 1972
- Rockefeller's comments
- Appreciation

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The President dictated a letter to Ronald W. Reagan.

Governors dinner
- Reagan's remarks
  - Effectiveness
  - Other governors
    - Peace initiative
  - Appreciation

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The President dictated a letter to William G. Milliken.

Governors dinner
- Milliken's comments
  - Appreciation
  - Michigan
    - The President’s forthcoming efforts

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The President dictated a letter to Linwood Holton.
Conv. No. 318-26 (cont.)

Governor’s dinner
   -Holton’s remarks
   -Appreciation
   -Holton’s support of the President in 1968

Conversation No. 318-37

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:31 pm and 4:12 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

Eyeglasses

Desk drawer

Sanchez opened and closed the desk drawer at an unknown time before 4:12 pm.

Speech
   -Patrick J. Buchanan [?]
   -Deliver to Rose Mary Woods

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 4:12 pm.

Conversation No. 318-38

Date: February 2, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:31 pm and 4:12 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

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

Haldeman's schedule
Conversation No. 318-39

Date: February 2, 1972  
Time: 4:12 pm - 5:30 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Ziegler's forthcoming press briefing  
- Edmund S. Muskie's statement on Vietnam peace plan  
- Administration counterattack  
  - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.'s conversation with Ziegler  
- Raising question  
  - Possible planting  
- Press coverage  
  - *Washington Star*  
  - Television  
  - Competition with march on British embassy in Dublin, Ireland  
  - Number of participants  
- Administration counterattack  
  - Possible effects  
  - Timing  
  - Wording  
    - The President's peace plan proposal  
      - Cease-fire  
- Press coverage  
- Effect on negotiations  
  - Peace  
  - Use of work “sabotage”

H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman entered at 4:15 pm.
-Administration counterattack
  -Ziegler
  -John A. Scali
  -The President's memorandum to Haldeman
  -Barry M. Goldwater statement
    -Patrick J. Buchanan's work
  -Senators
-Press coverage
  -Washington Star
  -Reporters' attack on Muskie
    -Muskie's performance
-Administration counterattack
-Staff view
  -Scali
  -Seriousness of issue
  -Scali
    -Muskie's news coverage
    -National Broadcasting Company [NBC] and American Broadcasting Company [ABC]
  -Effect of candidacy
  -Alternate stories
    -Embassy bombing
  -ABC
    -Unknown person
  -NBC
    -John W. Chancellor
-William P. Rogers
  -Television appearance
  -Content of statement
    -North Vietnamese response to the President's proposal
    -Responsibility for Vietnam War
  -Scali's view
    -Compared with press conference format
    -Location
      -State Department
-Problem
  -Timing
  -White House response to other criticisms
    -George S. McGovern
    -Edward M. Kennedy
-Robert J. Dole
-William E. Brock III
-Ziegler’s forthcoming comments
-The President's comments
-Rogers
-Michael J. Mansfield
  -Amendment
  -Withdrawal
-Prudence of White House response
-Administration response to accusations
  -Cease-fire
  -Troop withdrawal
    -Prisoners of war [POWs]
-White House comment
  -Responsibility for Vietnam War
-Irish demonstration against British embassy
  -US position
  -Ziegler’s conversation with unknown person and Haig
  -Kennedy’s actions
  -Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
  -Number of marchers
  -Irish
  -[Unintelligible]
-Muskie statement on Vietnam peace plan
  -Administration response
    -Media questions
    -Rogers

Ziegler left at 4:26 pm.

-Editorial comment
-Rogers
  -Appearance on "Face the Nation," February 6, 1972
-Ziegler's view of Muskie's news coverage
-Muskie's background stories
  -Typewriters
  -Arizona
-The President’s memorandum
  -Buchanan
-Columnists
-Timing
-Mansfield story

Mansfield
- Withdrawal of amendment
  - Effect of the President's peace proposal
  - Public perception
  - Muskie's response to the President's proposal

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Murder of policemen in New York City
- Funeral
  - Press coverage
  - Attendees
    - Patrick V. Murphy
    - John V. Lindsay
    - John V. Brennan
    - Representative of the President
- Widows
  - Phone call from the President
  - Letters from the President
    - Brennan
  - Reactions

[The President talked with Peter M. Flanigan between 4:29 pm and 4:31 pm.]

[Conversation No. 318-39A]

[See Conversation No. 20-35]

[End of telephone conversation]

The President's recent conversation with Flanigan

The President's schedule, February 3, 1972
- Kenneth B. Keating
- Ellsworth F. Bunker
- Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
- Reception for delegates attending White House Conference on Drug Abuse
- Possible phone call to Alejandro A. Lanusse
  - Henry A. Kissinger's suggestion
- Lanusse's request
  - [John D. Lodge's] report
- Argentine financial issue
- Connally's possible call
- Kissinger
  - Meeting with Argentine Minister of Justice, February 4, 1972
- Connally
  - Responsibility for international monetary matters
- [Unintelligible]
- State of the World message
- Kissinger
  - Radio talk
  - Compared to television
    - Haldeman's forthcoming talk with Kissinger
- William L. Safire
- Cabinet and congressional leadership breakfast
  - Competition with State of the World message
    - Appearance of partisanship
    - Kissinger's view
    - Press coverage
- Florida
  - Weather forecast
    - Florida
    - Camp David

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 11s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4
-Letter to Hobart D. Lewis
  -[William T. Cahill]
-Camp David
-Youth events
  -First Youth Forum
    -Donald H. Rumsfeld's talk in State Dining Room
      -The President's possible appearance
  -[“Expo '72”] in Dallas
    -William F. (“Billy”) Graham
      -Bill Bright
        -Staff
          -Republican convention
-Southern Baptist convention in Philadelphia
  -Graham's recommendation
  -Probable reception
  -Political consideration
- Rotary International meeting in Houston
  -Conflict with "Expo '72"
  -Benefits
    -Compared with "Expo '72"
  -Probable reception
    -Compared to Junior Chambers of Commerce [JCS]
-Service organizations
  -Rotary
  -Lions
  -Kiwanis
  -Exchange
  -Optimist
  -Soroptimist

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 24m 41s]
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Ziegler entered at 5:05 pm.

Ziegler's recent press briefing
-Question on Muskie statement
  -Dan Rather
  -James J. Kilpatrick
- Ziegler's reply
  -Welfare
  -Donald Fulsom of United Press International [UPI]
    -Statements about presidential candidates
  -Cease-fire
    -Administration critics
      -Administration proposals of 1970, 1972
  -Critics
    -North Vietnamese response to US proposals
  -Muskie's political motivation
    -Partisanship
  -Tone
    -Ziegler’s role as spokesman for the President
    -Rogers’s forthcoming comments
  -Critics
    -Burning of British embassy in Dublin
-Question on welfare
  -Elliot L. Richardson
  -Administration’s pilot program
    -House Resolution [HR] 1

Ziegler left at 5:10 pm.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 2m 23s]
Peter G. Peterson

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM No. 9
[Privacy]
[Duration: 24s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM No. 9

-Forthcoming appointment as Commerce Secretary

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM No. 7
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 15m 48s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM No. 7

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM No. 8
[Privacy]
[Duration: 21s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM No. 8
The President and Haldeman left at 5:30 pm.