Date: February 7, 1972
Time: Unknown between 7:15 pm and 9:05 pm
Location: Executive Office Building


[A transcript of the final version of this speech appears in *Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard M. Nixon, 1972*, pp. 167-173]

Date: February 7, 1972
Time: Unknown between 7:15 pm and 9:05 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

- President’s schedule
- Departure time

Bull left at an unknown time before 9:05 pm.

Date: February 7, 1972
Time: Unknown between 7:15 pm and 9:05 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.
Sanchez left at an unknown time before 9:05 pm.

Conversation No. 320-4

Date: February 7, 1972
Time: Unknown between 7:15 pm and 9:05 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See also Conversation No. 20-55]

Conversation No. 320-5

Date: February 7, 1972
Time: Unknown between 7:15 pm and 9:05 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President practiced a speech entitled *Industrial World Ahead: A Look at Business in 1990*.

[See also Conversation No. 320-1]
Date: Unknown between February 7 and February 8, 1972
Time: Unknown between 8:52 pm, February 7 and 10:21 am, February 8, 1972
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Stephen B. Bull.

The President’s schedule

Date: February 8, 1972
Time: Unknown between 12:23 am and 12:28 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Manolo Sanchez.

Instruction

Date: February 8, 1972
Time: Unknown between 12:23 am and 12:28 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See also Conversation No. 20-56]
Conversation No. 320-9

Date: February 8, 1972
Time: 12:28 pm - 12:29 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Dr. W Kenneth Riland

[See also Conversation No. 20-57]

Conversation No. 320-10

Date: February 8, 1972
Time: Unknown between 12:29 pm and 2:31 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown person.

President’s schedule

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 2:31 pm.

Conversation No. 320-11

Date: February 8, 1972
Time: Unknown between 12:29 pm and 2:31 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown person.

President’s schedule

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 2:31 pm.
Conversation No. 320-12

Date: February 8, 1972
Time: Unknown between 12:29 and 2:31 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Rose Mary Woods.

Speech draft
- William L. Safire
- Changes
- Typing
- Safire
- Henry A. Kissinger approval

Schedule
- Jack Brown

Manolo Sanchez
- Speech draft for Woods

Visitors to Woods

Conversation No. 320-13

Date: February 8, 1972
Time: Unknown between 12:29 pm and 2:31 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

Speech draft for Rose Mary Woods

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:31 pm.

Conversation No. 320-14
Date: February 8, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 2:31 pm and 2:44 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See also Conversation No. 20-58]

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Date: February 8, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 2:31 pm and 2:44 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The White House operator talked with the President.

[See also Conversation No. 20-59]

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Date: February 8, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 2:31 pm and 2:44 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

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

Attempt to reach Robert H. Finch  
- Location

Visit to Japan  
- Announcement  
- Arrangement  
  - Peter M. Flanigan

President’s schedule
-Florida
  -John B. Connally
    -Travel plans
      -Scheduling
  -Busing
  -Accommodations for President
    -Atmosphere
      -Number of people
  -Travel plans
    -Key Biscayne
  -Attendance
    -[William P. Rogers]
    -Adele (Langston) Rogers
-Connally
-Japan trip
-Europe trip
-Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] trip
  -William Rogers
-Reactions to invitations

Photographs of speech delivery
  -Stephen B. Bull
    -President’s economic and budget messages
  -Oliver F. (“Ollie”) Atkins
    -President radio address
  -Henry A. Kissinger

President’s schedule
  -The President’s health
  -Upcoming meeting with the press

William Rogers
  -Upcoming travel plans

Ambassadors
  -Flanigan
  -Plans

William Rogers
  -Attention
Conversation No. 320-17

Date: February 8, 1972
Time: Unknown between 2:31 pm and 2:44 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See also Conversation No. 20-60]

Conversation No. 320-18

Date: February 8, 1972
Time: 2:44 pm - 2:48 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Ronald L. Ziegler.

[See also Conversation No. 20-62]

Conversation No. 320-19

Date: February 8, 1972
Time: 2:49 pm - 2:51 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Hugh Scott.

[See also Conversation No. 20-63]
Date: February 8, 1972
Time: Unknown between 2:51 pm and 2:54 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See also Conversation No. 20-64]

Date: February 8, 1972
Time: Unknown between 2:51 pm and 2:54 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

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

President’s schedule
-Stephen B. Bull
-Robert S. McNamara and John B. Connally
  -Upcoming meeting
-Robert H. Finch
-McNamara
-Hugh Scott
  -The President’s “Hawks”

Date: February 8, 1972
Time: Unknown between 2:51 pm and 2:54 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Stephen B. Bull
President’s schedule
- John B. Connally
- Robert S. McNamara
- Robert H. Finch
  - The President’s forthcoming conversation with Finch
- Connally and McNamara
  - Henry A. Kissinger
  - Timing

**Bull left at an unknown time before 2:54 pm.**

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**Conversation No. 320-23**

Date: February 8, 1972
Time: Unknown between 2:51 pm and 2:54 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The White House operator talked with the President.

[See also Conversation No. 20-65]

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**Conversation No. 320-24**

Date: February 8, 1972
Time: 2:54 pm - 2:56 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Earl B. Ruth.

[See also Conversation No. 20-66]

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**Conversation No. 320-25**
Date: February 8, 1972  
Time: 2:57 pm - 3:01 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Robert H. Finch.

[See also Conversation No. 20-67; one item has been withdrawn from the conversation]

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Date: February 8, 1972  
Time: 3:00 pm - 3:02 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

President’s schedule

Butterfield left at 3:02 pm.

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Date: February 8, 1972  
Time: 3:05 pm - 3:14 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Ronald Ziegler.

H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman’s interview on Today show, February 7, 1972
- Possible statement
  - John A. Scali
  - Talk with Haldeman, Alexander M. Haig, Jr. and Henry A. Kissinger
  - Ziegler’s view
    - Previous talk with Patrick J. Buchanan
  - Public relations
  - Buchanan’s view
Questions for press statement
   -Handling
   -Potential story for the press

Vietnam issues
   -Ziegler’s possible meeting with Haig
     -Kissinger
     -Peter M. Flanigan [?]
   -Scali
     -Potential story for the press
   -Foreign policy address on the radio
     -Timing
   -People’s Republic of China [PRC] visit
     -Arrangements
     -Ziegler’s concern
     -Participation by Scali
     -Administration’s relationship with the Press
   -George S. McGovern
   -Kissinger
     -Upcoming conversation with Ziegler

Ziegler left at 3:14 pm.

Date: February 8, 1972
Time: 3:15 pm - 5:06 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with John B. Connally, Robert S. McNamara, and Henry A. Kissinger; the White House photographer and members of the press were present at the beginning of the meeting.

Seating

Cartoons
   -Russell B. Long
   -The President’s visit to the Harry S. Truman Library in 1969
   -Lyndon B. Johnson Library
Asian subcontinent
  -Political problems
    -Pakistan, India, Nepal, Ceylon, Bangladesh
    -Ceylon
      -Sirimavo Bandaranaike
      -International Monetary Fund [IMF] and World Bank
      -Insurgency
      -Relationship with World Bank
      -Performance

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[National Security]
[Duration: 27s]

CEYLON

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

  -Cabinet
    -Communists
  -Military operations
  -Detention camps
    -Numbers
  -Military operations
  -Instability
  -Nepal
    -Stability
      -Dependence on India
  -PRC
  -Advantages to geographic location
  -Economy
    -US aid
-Bi-lateral
-Rupee situation
-McNamara’s talk with [Kirti Nedhi Bista]
-Chou En-lai
-India
-India
-Aid
-Pakistan
-Zulfikar Ali Bhutto
-Intelligence
-University of California, Berkeley
-Compared to unknown person
-Ambition
-Interests
-US
-Unrest
-Student
-Frontier problems
-Northwest
-Territory seized in war with India
-Repatriation of prisoners
-Performance in India-Pakistan War
-Pakistani army
-1965 war
-USSR
-Amount of aid to India
-US support
-Amount for India
-McNamara’s previous conversation with Bhutto
-Bhutto
-Political prospects
-Pakistani army
-Mujibar Rahman
-Karachi
-Recognition of Bangladesh
-Bulgaria
-Australia
-New Zealand
-Great Britain
-Political prospects
-Bangladesh
-Destruction caused by India-Pakistan War
- McNamara’s talk with Mujibur Rahman
- Deaths

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7
[National Security]
[Duration: 1m 30s]

SOUTH ASIA

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7

- Emotional content of war
  - Rahman
  - Tone of meeting with McNamara
- Arms shipments to Pakistan
- Attitude toward US
- Aid programs
- India
  - McNamara’s talk with Indira Gandhi
  - The President’s forthcoming trip to the PRC
  - Importance
- US aid to Pakistan
  - Military
  - Airplanes
- PRC aid to Pakistan
- Soviet aid
- US interests
  - Number of USSR arms
  - State of the population
  - Standard of living
- Bangladesh
  - United Nations [UN] involvement
- Aid
-Sources
  -Belgium, Britain
-Quantity
  -From US
-Funds
  -Amounts
    -Kissinger’s call to unknown person
    -Unknown ambassador

-Pakistan
  -Rescheduling debt
    -McNamara’s talk with Bhutto
  -Allocation of resources
-US steps
  -Humanitarian aid
  -Military-political aid
    -Benefits
      -Raising revenues [?]
  -Economic aid
    -Benefits
      -Probable results
-Diplomacy
  -Benefits
  -Special contact
    -Emissary
  -Quiet contact
  -Accomplishments of aid

-India
  -Accomplishments of quiet contacts
  -McNamara’s advice to Gandhi
  -The President’s contacts with Gandhi
  -Congressional problems
  -Presidential power
  -Sub-continent potential
-Aid program
  -Possible results
  -President’s support
    -Political support
-Diplomacy in India
  -UN
-Humanitarian aid
  -Refugees
-Return to Bangladesh

-Problems
  -Gandhi
  -Lakshmi Kant Jha
  -Kenneth B. Keating
    -Triloki Nath Kaul’s relationship with USSR
  -Kissinger’s previous and future conversations with Jha [?]
    -Forthcoming world report

-McNamara contacts

-Need for quiet diplomacy

-Bilateral us aid bill
  -Reinstatement

-British
-Japanese
-Quiet aid

-Consortium for aid
  -US participation
    -Timing

-Amount of money involved

-Humanitarian aspect
  -Recommendation of McNamara
  -PRC
    -Attitudes towards Bangladesh
  -Gandhi
  -US participation
    -British
  -Announcement
  -PRC
    -USSR
    -Bangladesh
    -Pragmatism

-Bangladesh
  -Emissary
    -PRC trip
  -Counsel
  -UN
  -Benefits
  -Identity
  -Qualifications

India
  -Aid programs
- The President’s possible involvement
  - Reactions
- Bangladesh
  - Press conference question
  - Emissary
    - Identity
      - Unknown person
      - Familiarity with area
  - PRC
    - Possible attitude
    - US, India, USSR
- India
  - Jha
    - Kaul
      - Compared to Egon Bahr
  - Previous US aid
    - Magnitude
      - History of US aid
  - Results
    - US commitment
  - British aid
  - Japanese aid
  - Nature of aid agreement
    - Normalization of relations
- Role of aid in halting USSR expansion
  - Iran
  - Pakistan, India, Ceylon, Nepal
  - Concerns
  - Nepal
  - Chou En-lai
    - Need for a relationship with India
  - PRC reaction
    - Relationship with India and the USSR
    - Effect on US-PRC relations
  - Geopolitics
  - PRC position
    - Attitudes
  - USSR position
    - Attitudes
  - Chinese qualities
-Indian position
-Goals
-Context of larger picture
-Possible scenarios
-Humanitarianism
-British
-Need for discussion
-Later discussion

McNamara and Kissinger left at 4:20 pm.

Qualifications of McNamara

McNamara evaluation
-Objectivity
-John Petty
-Paul A. Volcker
-Humanitarian angle
-Trade
-Aid
-Expenditure of resources
-Amount
-President’s upcoming trip to PRC
-Possible meeting with Antonio Ortiz Mena
-President’s instructions
-Connally’s role
-Connally’s upcoming conversation with Ortiz Mena
-Latin America

Chile situation
-Pressure
-Arguments
-Foreign minister
-Economy
-Expropriations
-US aid
-Effect
-Subsidizing communization of Chile
-USSR aid
-USSR economy
-USSR requests for credits from US
  -Developing resources
  -Amount
-Extent of Chile’s needs
-Desire for support
-Chilean elections
  -Salvador Allende Gossens
  -Effect of US aid
    -Potential problems
    -Paris
-Argentina
  -Gen. Juan Domingo Péron
  -The President’s talk with Lt. Gen. Alejandro A. Lanusse, February 7, 1972
  -Connally’s schedule
    -Upcoming meeting with Finance Minister
-Alternatives to aid
  -World Bank
  -International Monetary Fund [IMF]
-American business in Argentina
  -Unknown US company
  -Benefits to Argentina
  -Pérons
    -Qualifications
  -European influence
  -Economy
    -Compared to Italy before World War II
-Uruguay
  -Meat imports
  -Latin American capability
    -Effect of subsidization
Congressional strategy
  -Trade bill
    -Timing
  -Japan and European community
    -Status
  -Communiqué from Kissinger
    -Georges J.R. Pompidou
  -Trade negotiations
    -France
      -Potential problems
- European community
- PRC
- Canada
  - US position
  - End of negotiations
  - Canadian elections
  - Timing
  - Offers
  - Canadian initiatives
    - Discussions with State Department, Kissinger, Peter M. Flanigan, Department of Commerce
    - Maurice H. Stans’s opinion
    - Previous conversation with Connally
- Canadian strategy
  - Bill presentation
  - Status of negotiations
  - Connally view
    - William P. Rogers
  - Committee-Administration relations
    - Canada talks
  - Melvin R. Laird
    - Connally’s upcoming conversation with Laird
    - Timing
    - Defense agreements with Canada
      - Status
        - McNamara
      - Canadian surplus
        - Laird
      - Canadian desires
        - Connally comparisons
        - Connally’s opinion
- Future of US power
  - Military compared to economic power
  - Particular time in US history
  - Economy
    - Basis for future decisions
- France
  - Arthur F. Burns
  - Dollar drop
    - Convertibility of the dollar
  - Wage and price controls
-US economic strength
  -Defense of the dollar
  -Possible effectiveness
-French desires
  -Gen. Charles A.J.M. de Gaulle
  -Feelings toward currency policy
-Bill presentation
  -Explanation of problems
    -The President’s credibility
-Quality of package
  -Canada
-Congressional opinions
  -Japan
-Administration strategy
  -Canada
  -Europe
    -Slight setbacks for the Administration
  -Prospects of success in talks
-Administration goals
  -Seeking progress
-State department opinion
  -Diplomacy
    -Continuation of fair treatment
      -Progress
  -Canada
  -Rogers’s opinion
  -Connally’s opinion

Ronald L. Ziegler entered at 4:40 pm.

President’s schedule
  -Announcements
  -Foreign policy report
    -Timing
  -Upcoming briefing
    -Gerald L. Warren

Ziegler left at 4:42 pm.

Connally’s schedule
Rogers’s schedule

President’s schedule
- Volunteers dinner
- Timing

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 6m 54s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

Connally’s schedule
- George Washington’s birthday celebration in Laredo
  - Proximity to Mexico
- Golf
  - Acapulco
- Houston
  - Connally’s upcoming speeches to mortgage bankers’ convention and the Santa Gertrudis Association
  - Stock show
    - Attendance

The President’s schedule
- William F. (“Billy”) Graham
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 38s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 29s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

The President’s schedule
- Length of stay
- Connally’s schedule
- Abilene Christian University
  - Past visit
  - Crowds
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 1m 15s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 57s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

The President’s schedule
  -Abilene
    -Location
    -Religious community
    -Benefits
      -California

Connally’s schedule
  -Press event
    -John W. Chancellor
      -Headliners
    -Eva Gabor
    -Miss World
Conv. No. 320-28 (cont.)

-The President’s schedule
  -California
    -Need to maintain contacts
    -Difficulties

Connally’s schedule
  -Reception in Fort Worth, Texas
    -Chief Justice of Texas Supreme Court
  -Connally’s upcoming speech to the Santa Gertrudis Association
  -Houston
Santa Gertrudis cattle
  -Origin of name
  -Creek
    -King Ranch
  -Mexican tradition

Value added tax [VAT] memorandum
  -John D. Ehrlichman
  -Receipt by President
  -Property tax
    -Benefits
  -Tax strategy
    -Edmund S. Muskie
  -Tone of memorandum
    -Ehrlichman
    -New York Times
  -Ways and Means Committee
    -George P. Shultz
  -Loopholes
  -Administration strategy
    -Tax bill
      -Connally’s talk with the President at San Clemente

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: _1m 20s_]  
END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7

The President and Connally left at 5:06 pm.
Date:  Unknown between February 8 and February 10, 1972
Time:  Unknown between 5:06 pm, February 8, and 4:00 pm, February 10, 1972
Location:  Executive Office Building

An unknown woman met with Manolo Sanchez.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Non-historical]
[Duration: 40s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

The unknown woman left and the President and Alexander P. Butterfield entered at an unknown time before 4:00 pm, February 10, 1972.

President’s schedule

The President and Sanchez left at an unknown time before 4:00 pm, February 10, 1972.

Conversation No. 320-30

Date:  February 10, 1972
Time:  Unknown between 4:00 pm and 4:55 pm
Location:  Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

Whereabouts of papers

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time before 4:55 pm.
Conv. No. 320-30 (cont.)

President’s schedule
-Henry A. Kissinger
-Rose Mary Woods
-Location

Bull and Sanchez left at an unknown time before 4:55 pm.

Conversation No. 320-31

Date: February 10, 1972
Time: 4:55 pm - 6:30 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

Unknown person’s schedule

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 3m 26s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Kissinger entered at 5:00 pm.

Woods left at 5:02 pm.

The President’s press conference, February 10, 1972
-India
-Vietnam
- People’s Republic of China [PRC]
  - President’s speeches
- US advantages
  - Comparisons
- Bangladesh
- Vietnam
  - India
  - Possible US strategy
- President’s image
- World Report

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[National Security]
[Duration: 13s]

INDIA

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

Forthcoming trip to the PRC
- Talks with Chou En-lai
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
- Current attitudes
- Message
  - Reasons
  - Future of aid
  - USSR influence
    - Bangladesh
    - Attempt to counteract USSR influence
- US announcements
- Alternatives
- Domestic aspect
- PRC trip
-Possible plenary session
-War with Pakistan
  -US stance
    -Compared to Suez crisis
-Aid
  -Robert S. McNamara
  -John B. Connally
  -President’s opinion
    -PRC
    -Democrats
-Vietnam
  -US position
    -Gen. Nguyen Van Thieu
    -Peace offer
    -Message
-PRC trip
  -William P. Rogers

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 5:00 pm.

Request for H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 5:20 pm.

Kissinger’s forthcoming meeting with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin

The President’s schedule
  -National Security Council [NSC]

PRC trip
  -Plenary session
    -Kissinger’s experts
    -Kissinger call to Rogers
    -Attendance request
  -Briefing books
    -Length
    -Rogers previous conversation with Kissinger [?]
    -Upcoming meetings

Formosa [Taiwan, Republic of China]
  -Press conference mention
Briefing
  -Dobrynin
  -Timing
    -Forthcoming meeting with Georges J.R. Pompidou
  -Flexibility of position

Message to PRC
  -US public posture
    -The President’s recent press conference
    -Talking points
      -India
      -Bangladesh

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3
[National Security]
[Duration: 10s]

SOUTH ASIA

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

Vietnam
  -Haldeman
  -Rogers
    -Comments at February 3, 1972 press conference
    -Negotiations
      -The President’s recent press conference
      -The President’s peace proposal speech, January 25, 1972
    -The President’s recent press conference
      -PRC trip

Haldeman entered at 5:20 pm.
The President’s recent press conference
  PRC trip
    -Schedule
    -Flexibility
    -PRC feeling
      -Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon
    -Vietnam
      -Negotiations
        -Previous speeches
        -Ngo Dinh Diem
        -[William] Averell Harriman
        -Laos
      -History of President’s feeling
        -Candidate Nixon compared with President Nixon
        -Search for peace
    -Foreign policy report
    -Busing
    -Tax reform
    -Neighborhood legal services
    -News conferences
      -Format
        -Dan Rather
      -Allotted time for remarks

The President’s schedule
  -Florida
  -Rogers
    -Previous conversation with the President
      -Briefing book
    -John D. Ehrlichman
      -Potential meeting area
        -John B. Connally
        -Walker’s Cay
  -Rogers
  -NSC

Vietnam
  -Rogers’s comments at press conference
    -Negotiations
      -Consultation with Thieu
- Negotiations
  - Thieu’s attack on Rogers
- Thieu offer to resign
- Status of US initiatives
  - Potential problems
- Future offers
  - US flexibility
- The President’s recent press conference
  - Unknown journalist
    - Demeanor
  - Press deadlines
  - General feeling of the Administration
  - Consultation with Democrats
    - History of consultation
      - Lyndon B. Johnson Administration
        - Consultation with the President
          - 1968 bombing halt
  - Number of Democrat candidates
    - Paul N. (“Pete”) McCloskey, Jr.
    - John N. Ashbrook
      - California
        - Upcoming trip
          - New Hampshire and Florida
  - Protocol chief
    - Robert H. Finch
      - Unknown family
- Thieu
- Surrender compared to negotiated settlement
  - Cost of war
  - Reaction to negotiations
  - North Vietnamese strategy
    - Blame placed upon Democrats
  - Democrat strategy

[The President talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 5:20 pm and 5:45 pm.]

[Conversation No. 320-31A]

Request for Ronald L. Ziegler
[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam
- Detractors of US policy
- Criticism of policy
  - Democrats
- Blame for stalled negotiations
  - Forthcoming Republican convention
- Casualties
- USSR note
  - Impact on note
    - Leonid I. Brezhnev
- Military actions
  - Carrier movements
  - Air Force
    - Airstrikes
      - Timing
- Israel
- Analysis of personalities
  - Chou-En-lai
    - Kissinger’s opinion
  - Mao Tse-tung

PRC
- Andre Malraux
  - Anti-Memoirs
    - The President’s recent press conference
      - The President’s 1969 meeting with Malraux
    - Economic aid
      - Mao Tse-tung possible question

Ziegler entered at 5:45 pm.

Press relations
- The President’s recent press conference
  - Sanchez
- Mood of press
  - Jim Deakin
- Humor
- PRC trip
  - Request for information from the press
-Nature of questions
-Thieu
-Consultations
-Taxes
-Criticism of former policies
  -Murder of Diem
  -Laos
  -Ho Chi Minh Trail
  -Conduct of war
-Making of news
  -President’s opinion
    -Rather interview with the President, January 2, 1972
    -Desirability of press conference
      -Timing
      -Thieu
-PRESS conference compared to speech
-Vietnamese News
  -Hanoi
  -Reported strength
  -Saigon
  -Possibilities
  -US flexibility
    -Elections
    -Rogers
-PRC
  -President’s schedule
  -US initiatives
-Busing
-Taxes
-Busing
  -The President’s previous telephone conversation with Ehrlichman
-Senate

The President’s schedule
-Briefing book
-Reading
  -Timing
  -Delivery
  -Number of pages
  -Memoranda
-Florida trip
Press relations
- Newspaper articles
  - Content
- Nature of news questions
- Editorial writers
  - Edmund S. Muskie
  - Vietnam
    - Negotiations
      - Prisoners of war [POWs] for troop withdrawal
      - Xuan Thuy
  - Stewart J.O. Alsop
    - Frank Chiles [?]
      - Boston Times
      - Article
        - Content
        - Harriman
- Haldeman’s recent appearance on Today show
- Quality of press
  - Possibility of negative reporting
- Possible groundswell of public opinion
- Day of prayer
  - Timing
  - National cathedral
  - John H. Buchanan Jr.
    - Proposals
      - Ready for the President’s signature
- Timing
  - International dateline
- President’s attendance at church
- PRC trip
  - Benefits
    - Prospects for a national event

PRC trip
- Newsmen traveling with the President
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Henry Kissinger left at 5:55 pm.

Prayer Day

PRC trip
-News reporters
  -Dynamics
  -Possible agenda and ideologies
  -Skin Isaacs [?]
    -Affiliation
      -Baltimore Sun [?]
  -Make up
    -Clark R. Mollenhoff
    -Unknown individuals from Nashville and Texas
  -Friends of President
    -Nicholas P. Thimmesch
    -William F. Buckley, Jr.
    -Thomas E. Jarriel
    -Richard L. Wilson
    -Robert Considine
    -Television people
      -Walter L. Cronkite, Jr.
    -Radio people

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at 6:00 pm.
Butterfield left at 6:03 pm.

- The President’s recent press conference
- Gerald L. Warren’s press briefing

Press relations
- Rogers
  - Thieu’s possible resignation
- Quality of coverage
- Administration line
  - 1968 campaign
    - Johnson
    - Clark M. Clifford
- Quality of coverage
  - Haldeman’s previous conversation with unknown person
    - Ziegler’s opinion
  - Credit to administration
    - Reacting to press coverage
- Public perception of the President
- [Unintelligible]
- Headlines
- Campaign

[Haldeman talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 6:03 pm and 6:15 pm.]

[Conversation No. 320-31C]

Request

[End of telephone conversation]

Malraux’s Anti-Memoirs
- Critique

The President’s schedule
- Volunteer groups
Haldeman talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 6:03 pm and 6:15 pm.

Conversation No. 320-31B

Discussion of the President’s recent press conference

The President’s recent press conference
- Unknown person’s view
- Coverage of briefing
  - Points covered
    - Vietnam
    - Busing
    - Action

Ziegler left at 6:15 pm.

NSC meeting
- Request by Kissinger
- Subject
  - Southeast Asia
  - Timing
- Reasons
- Necessity
- Purpose
- Willingness
- Schedule
  - Timing

Personnel management
- Connally
- Peter G. Peterson
  - Confirmation
    - Timing
  - William E. Timmons
- Ehrlichman involvement
  - Connally
- Charles W. Colson
- Peterson
  - Memorandum
  - Confirmation
    - Timing
  - Connally
- Necessity
- Rogers
- Kissinger
- State Department

Public relations
  - Press conferences
  - President’s style and appearance
    - Effect
    - Public delivery
      - State and Defense Departments
    - John N. Mitchell and Connally
  - Haldeman’s advice and opinion
  - Preparation
  - Wording of statements
    - Amount of time
  - Teleprompter
    - Benefits
      - President’s appearance
        - Effect
      - Adaptability to situation
    - Problems
      - Eye-contact
        - Proposed corrections
      - Length of appearance
        - Problems
          - Compared to Muskie
          - Shorter compared to longer delivery
  - Content policy compared to opinion
    - Effect on appearance
      - Rogers
  - Ziegler
    - Previous conversation with Haldeman
      - Timing

Schedule
Haldeman left at 6:30 pm.