Conversation No. 328-1

Date: March 24, 1972
Time: Unknown between 2:23 pm and 2:59 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez [?].

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: _3s_]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Sanchez [?] left at an unknown time before 2:59 pm.

Conversation No. 328-2

Date: March 27, 1972
Time: Unknown after 11:11 am until 12:04 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman.
[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

The President’s schedule
- Possible press conference
  - The President’s forthcoming trip to the Soviet Union
- Before Soviet trip
  - Tempo of activities
  - Preparation for trip
  - Amount of time
- The President’s possible trip to Philadelphia
- Sons of Italy meeting
- The President’s forthcoming trip to Canada
- Possible speech
  - American ethnics
  - Chicago
  - Cleveland

Leslie C. Arends
- The President’s view
- Leaders meeting
- Republicans
  - Norris Cotton
  - Emil (“Bus”) Mosbacher, Jr.
  - John J. Sparkman
  - Chou En-lai
  - Cotton
- Health

The President’s schedule
- Possible satellite press conference
  - Press coverage
  - Topics
    - Foreign policy
      - People’s Republic of China [PRC]
  - Translation
  - Timing
  - Forthcoming Soviet trip
  - Preparation
  - International Telephone and Telegraph [ITT]

Haldeman left at 12:04 pm.
Conversation No. 328-3

Date: March 27, 1972
Time: Unknown between 12:04 pm and 12:06 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Haig’s schedule
- Possible meeting with the President
- Executive Office Building [EOB]

Conversation No. 328-4

Date: March 27, 1972
Time: 12:06 pm - 12:55 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Greetings

Possible message to Edward R.G. Heath
- Northern Ireland
- The President’s view
- US Senators
- Administration
- State Department
- White House

William Warnack
- Contact with the Administration

US foreign policy
- Africa
- Rhodesia
- Haig’s view
- Health
Sanctions
  -British proposals
-The President’s view
  -Heath
  -Future
-Haig’s view
-Black Americans
  -Protests
    -Wage demands
    -Teachers
-Marshall Green’s previous trip to Asia
  -Henry A. Kissinger
-Kissinger’s work
  -People’s Republic of China [PRC]
  -Forthcoming Soviet summit
    -Cooperation with the State Department
    -Leonid i. Brezhnev
      -William P. Rogers
    -Substance
-Green’s performance
  -Haig’s view
    -US aid
    -Taiwan, Republic of China
    -PRC trip
    -Quality of work

Kissinger
-Conflicts with Rogers
  -Depth of conflict
-Democrats strategy
  -Kissinger’s lack of responsibility to Congress
-Rogers’s role as a spokesman
  -Forthcoming trip to the Soviet Union
    -Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
  -Forthcoming trip to Europe
    -Iceland
The President’s forthcoming trip to the Soviet Union
   -Possible stopovers
       -Iceland
       -Iran
       -Poland
   -Haig’s view

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

POLAND

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

-Possible visit by Rogers
-Possible visit by Spiro T. Agnew
   -Polish-Americans
       -Agnew’s work
       -The President’s view
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[National Security]
[Duration: 47s]

SOVIET UNION

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

Germany
  -International agreements
    -Haig’s view
      -Economics
      -Politics
        -Egon Bahr
    -Berlin agreement
    -Haig’s view
      -Willy Brandt
      -Economics
    -Rogers’s and Agnew’s trips
    -The President’s trip
      -Stopover
        -Nonofficial stops
        -Cyprus
          -Greece
        -Ireland
          -John W. Mulcahy
        -Azores
        -North Africa
          -Morocco
        -Azores
        -Ireland
Cuba
- Unknown Cuban

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3
[National Security]
[Duration: 25s]

CUBA

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

Middle East
- The President’s forthcoming memorandum
  - Kissinger’s view
  - Israel
- Cease fire
- US policy
  - Soviets military presence
    - Eastern Mediterranean
    - Middle East
    - US presence
    - Possible withdrawal
      - Israeli territorial concessions
    - Kissinger’s view
      - 1970 election
        - The President’s previous conversation with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
          - The President’s view
            - State Department
  - Willingness of Soviets to deal with the US
  - Outcome of 1972 election
    - Jewish vote
    - Jewish media
-Kissinger
- *New York Times*
- *Washington Post*
- Television networks
- Votes for the President
  - Non-Israel oriented foreign policy
  - Opposition to the Soviet Union
- Joseph J. Sisco’s view
- Soviet presence
- US presence
  - Arab nations
    - United Arab Republic [UAR]
    - Algeria
    - Libya
    - Israel
    - Syria
    - Iraq
    - US problems
- Israel
  - Haig’s view
- 1972 election
  - Democratic victory
    - US policy
  - Republican victory
    - Soviet interest in negotiation
- Major issues at the Soviet summit
- Israel
  - Timing of the US action
    - 1972 election
    - Impact on soviets
  - Soviet intentions
- Max M. Fisher’s views
- Policy
  - Haig’s view
- Haig’s view
- Soviet intentions
- Seriousness
- Israel
  - Haig’s view
- Policy
- Concern for the PRC
- Desire for settlement with the US
- US interests
- Relationship with Israel

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4
[National Security]
[Duration: 1m 37s]

ISRAEL

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

- 1972 election
  - Kissinger
- Soviets
  - Influence in the Mediterranean
- US strengths and weaknesses
- Golda Meir

Morocco
- Unknown man’s vacation

Public officials foreign policy
- Ambassadors
  - Drinking on airplanes
  - Congressmen
  - Wayne L. Hays
- Rogers
- Arthur K. Watson
  - Public conduct
  - The President’s view
-J. William Fulbright

Arms control
- The President’s previous meeting with the General Advisory Committee on Arms Control and Disarmament
- Test ban treaty
- J[ack] P[hilip] Tuina
  - Massachusetts Institute of Technology [MIT]
- American establishment
  - Lauris Norstad
  - William W. Scranton
  - John J. McCloy
- Gerard C. Smith
- Submarine-launched Ballistic Missiles [SLBMs]
  - Communiqué
  - Department of Defense
    - Congressional support
      - Navy
      - Melvin R. Laird
  - Support
- Congress
- Joint Chiefs of Staff [JCS]
  - Adm. Thomas H. Moorer’s concern
- State department
  - Rogers
- Laird
- Smith
  - Negotiations with the soviets
- The President’s view
- The President’s previous trip to the PRC
  - Changes in negotiations
  - Donald McI. Kendall’s view
  - Soviet Union
  - PRC
- Soviet leadership
  - Leonid I. Brezhnev
  - Détente
    - Berlin agreement
    - PRC

Soviet Union
Tape Subject Log
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Conv. No. 328-4 (cont.)

- Impact of the PRC trip
  - Chinese motives
  - Benefits for the US
  - Relations with the PRC

Kissinger’s vacation
  - Acapulco
  - Climate
  - Necessity

Handling of US foreign policy
  - Northern Ireland
  - State Department

Kissinger
  - Travel

Haig left at 12:55 pm.

Date: March 27, 1972
Time: 12:59 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator

[See Conversation No. 22-30]
Conversation No. 328-6

Date:  March 27, 1972
Time:  Unknown between 12:59 pm and 1:05 pm
Location:  Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 43s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 1:05 pm.

Conversation No. 328-7

Date:  March 27, 1972
Time:  1:05 pm - 1:09 pm
Location:  Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 22-31]

The President talked with Charles W. Colson.

[See Conversation No. 22-31]
Conversational No. 328-8

Date: March 27, 1972
Time: Unknown between 1:09 pm and 2:15 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

Something to be delivered

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:15 pm.

Conversational No. 328-9

Date: March 27, 1972
Time: Unknown between 1:09 pm and 2:15 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President dictated a memorandum.

Alaska Pipeline
  - The President’s review
  - Canada
  - Environmental problems
    - A compromise
  - The President’s decision
    - Value of pipeline
      - 1972 election
    - International impact
  - Value
    - Jobs in Alaska
  - Price of West Coast oil
    - California
  - International Issues
    - Canada
    - Peter M. Flanigan
    - Michael Gravel
Conv. No. 328-9 (cont.)

Conversation No. 328-10

Date:  March 27, 1972
Time:  Unknown between 1:09 pm and 2:15 pm
Location:  Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person.

An unknown man’s location
-Return call

Conversation No. 328-11

Date:  March 27, 1972
Time:  Unknown between 1:09 pm and 2:15 pm
Location:  Executive Office Building

An unknown woman met with an unknown man.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Non-historical]
[Duration: _6s_]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

The unknown woman and man left at an unknown time before 2:15 pm.
Date: March 29, 1972
Time: Unknown between 12:57 pm and 3:07 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.
[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 13s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Signing documents

Instruction

Forthcoming Organization of American States [OAS] dinner
- Entertainment
- Possible presentation of Presidential Medal of Freedom to Jose A. Mora [?]
- Format
- The President’s statement
- Guests
  - Number
- Time

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 3:07 pm.
Conversation No. 328-13

Date: March 29, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 12:57 pm and 3:07 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President dictated a letter to Luis Alvarez Echeverria.

The President’s appreciation
   -Henry A. Kissinger’s trip to Mexico
     -Kissinger’s talk with the Foreign Minister of Mexico
     -Kissinger’s talk with Echeverria

US-Mexican relations
   -Bilateral relations
     -Echeverria’s forthcoming trip to the US
     -Invitation to Camp David

The President dictated a letter to Gen. William C. Westmoreland [?].

Entertainment
   -The President’s appreciation

Conversation No. 328-14

Date: March 29, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 12:57 pm and 3:07 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

Recording machine
   -Problems with operation

The President dictated a letter to Luis Alvarez Echeverria.

The President’s appreciation
   -Courtesy to Henry A. Kissinger in Acapulco
     -Kissinger’s work
     -Amount
Sanchez left at an unknown time before 3:07 pm.

Latin America

Echeverria’s forthcoming visit to US
   - Invitation
   - Camp David
   - Reception
      - Time of year
      - Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon

The President dictated a letter to Gen. William C. Westmoreland.

   Army chorus
      - Performance at a dinner
      - The President’s attendance
      - Singing
         - Stout-Hearted men
         - Impact on audience
            - The President’s appreciation to “The Singing Sergeants”

The President dictated a letter to Norman Vincent Peale.

   The President’s previous conversation with H. E. Ahmad Toukan
      - Former Prime Minister of Jordan
      - Knowledge of Hussein ebn-Talal’s [Hussein, King of Jordan] family
      - Hussein’s early hardships
         - Assassination of grandfather
         - Father’s health
      - Hussein’s achievements
      - Toukan’s view
         - Hussein’s good temper
         - Hussein’s mother

Motherhood
   - The President’s view

The President’s conversation with Ahmad Toukan
The President replayed part of the dictation.

The President continued dictating.

Mother’s Day sermon

The President dictated a memorandum to Kissinger.

Robert Amory, Jr.
- Attendance at previous dinner for Hussein
- Former assistant to Allen W. Dulles
- Previous conversation with the President
  - Incident in 1954-44
    - Joseph McCarthy’s investigation of Dulles
    - White House staff
    - The President’s defense of Dulles
      - Amory’s view
- George Ball
  - 1968 attack on the President
  - Amory’s letter to the New York Times
    - Editing of letter
- Eastern Establishment
- Possible appointment to a board

Date: March 29, 1972
Time: Unknown between 12:57 pm and 3:07 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person.

Schedule
Date: March 29, 1972
Time: Unknown between 12:57 pm and 3:07 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

The President’s schedule

Tape
-Transcription

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 3:07 pm.

Date: March 29, 1972
Time: Unknown between 12:57 pm and 3:07 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator

[See Conversation No. 22-43]

Date: March 29, 1972
Time: Unknown between 12:57 pm and 3:07 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

Weather

Task
Sanchez left at an unknown time before 3:07 pm.

Conversation No. 328-19

Date: March 29, 1972
Time: 3:07 pm - 3:15 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Clark MacGregor.

Manolo Sanchez left at an unknown time between 3:07 pm and 3:15 pm.

[See Conversation No. 22-44]

Conversation No. 328-20

Date: March 29, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:15 pm and 3:50 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

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

Haldeman’s meeting

Meeting with the President

Conversation No. 328-21

Date: March 29, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:15 pm and 3:50 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person.

A dinner
Conversation No. 328-22

Date: March 29, 1972
Time: 3:50 pm - 3:51 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

Julie Nixon Eisenhower talked with the President.

[See Conversation No. 22-45; one item has been withdrawn from the conversation]

Conversation No. 328-23

Date: March 29, 1972
Time: 4:00 pm - 4:48 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

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

[International Telephone and Telegraph [ITT] case
- John N. Mitchell
- Robert C. Mardian
- Wallace Johnson
- ITT lawyer
  - An affidavit
    - Edwin Reinecke
    - Indictment of Mitchell
- Johnson
  - A lawyer’s testimony
- James O. Eastland
- Call to Mardian
  - Hearings
- Richard G. Kleindienst confirmation
  - Termination of hearings
  - Witnesses
-ITT lawyer
  -Harold S. Geneen

-Current strategy
  -Kleindienst confirmation
    -Postponement
    -Problems
    -Eastland’s weaknesses

-Hugh Scott
  -Clark MacGregor’s analysis
  -Scott, Charles McC Mathias, Jr.
  -Roman L. Hruska and Edward J. Gurney
  -Birch E. Bayh, Jr.
  -Marlow W. Cook

-Charles W. Colson’s view
  -Kleindienst
  -Peter M. Flanigan

-Options
  -Floor vote to recommit
  -Committee vote
  -Kleindienst
    -Withdrawal of nomination
    -Statement
    -Timing

-Colson’s strategy
-John V. Tunney, Edward M. Kennedy

-Press
-Life magazine charges
  -Herbert G. Klein

-Severance of issue
  -Problems
  -Goals of strategy

-Hearings
  -Mitchell
    -Eastland
  -ITT lawyer
    -Testimony
      -Reinecke
    -Affidavit
      -Amount

-Dita D. Beard
  -Kennedy
-Harold S. Geneen
  -Testimony
-Flanigan
  -Role in case
  -Testimony
    -Samuel J. Ervin, Jr.’s committee
      -Ervin’s aims
      -Executive privilege
      -Meeting
      -Arrangements
      -Letter to Hruska
        -Explanation
        -Ervin’s rejection
        -MacGregor’s negotiations
          -Ervin
            -Executive privilege
-Investigation
  -Political motives
  -Colson and MacGregor
  -Eastland
    -Relationship with Mitchell
  -Mitchell and Mardian
    -Concern over Kleindienst
-Hearings
  -Mitchell’s views
    -Problems
  -Mitchell’s role
    -Call to Mathias
  -Scott
    -Severance of issue
      -Problems
      -Gurney’s views
  -Termination
  -Executive session
    -Geneen
  -Eastland
-Kleindienst
  -Failure of confirmation
    -Political implications
      -John B. Connally’s views
  -Withdrawal of nomination
- Problems
  - Colson’s view
    - Handling
- Committee hearings
  - Kleindienst’s statement
  - Filibuster
    - Circumstances
    - Likelihood
- Votes to confirm
- Hearings
  - Termination
  - Michael J. Mansfield
  - Reopening
  - Filibuster
  - Democratic strategy
    - Eastland
    - Mansfield
- Removal from political campaign
  - Handling
  - Colson’s view
  - Need to act
  - Timing
  - Strategy
  - Timing
- Hearings
  - Reopening
- Mitchell
  - Handling of confirmation
  - Dealings with the White House
    - Bryce N. Harlow
    - John D. Ehrlichman
    - MacGregor
- Meeting with President
  - Discussion
  - Haldeman
- Withdrawal of nomination
  - Colson’s view
- Meeting
  - MacGregor
  - Ehrlichman
  - Colson
Conv. No. 328-23 (cont.)

Call to Kleindienst
Meeting with the President and Haldeman
Place

Haldeman talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 4:00 pm and 4:48 pm.

[Conversation No. 328-23A]

See Conversation No. 22-46

End of telephone conversation

ITT case
Hearings
Kleindienst

[Haldeman talked with Kleindienst at an unknown time between 4:00 pm and 4:48 pm]

[Conversation No. 328-23B]

See Conversation No. 22-46

[End of telephone conversation]

Forthcoming meeting with Kleindienst
Entrance
Walk to the White House
Haldeman’s call
Kleindienst’s reaction

The President and Haldeman left at 4:48 pm.

Date: April 3, 1972
Time: Unknown between 11:49 am and 12:55 pm
Location: Executive Office Building
The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 17s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 12:55 pm.

Date: April 3, 1972
Time: 12:55 pm - 1:28 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

A meeting
   -Arrangements

Vietnam
   -Air strikes
     -Time
     -Weather
     -March 8, 1972 strikes
       -The President’s recollections
         -Demilitarized zone [DMZ]
         -Surface to air missiles [SAMs] sites
         -Strikes
- Kissinger’s view
  - Authority for military strikes
    - Soviet Union and the People’s Republic of China [PRC]
  - Kissinger’s opposition
  - Kissinger’s forthcoming call to Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Kissinger talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 12:55 pm and 1:28 pm.

[Conversation No. 328-25A]

Requested a call to Haig

[End of telephone conversation]

Kissinger talked with Haig at an unknown time between 12:55 pm and 1:28 pm.

[Conversation No. 328-25B]

Kissinger’s schedule

Vietnam
  - Air strikes
    - Authority
      - March 8, 1972 request from the Joint Chiefs of Staff [JCS]

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam
  - Air strikes
    - SAM sites
    - Authorization
      - Denial of requests
    - North Vietnam build up
      - Reports
    - Number of sorties
      - Limitation
        - Adm. Thomas H. Moorer’s report on the Air Force
          - Sorties
            - Number
          - The President’s interest
-Kissinger’s view
-Compared to Laos operation
-Proposals
-[David] Kenneth Rush
-Gen. Robert E. Pursley
-Kissinger’s view
-Melvin R. Laird
-Soviets
-Kissinger’s forthcoming conversation with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
-Kissinger’ forthcoming message to the Chinese
-Kissinger’s view
-Berlin Agreement
-Situation in Vietnam
-Soviet military equipment
-US air strike
-Leonid I. Brezhnev’s letter
-Pressure on the North Vietnamese
-Soviet Union
-PRC
-Brezhnev’s possible meeting with William P. Rogers
-Air strikes
-Press reports
-The President’s view
-Press
-The President’s view
-Compared to Laos operation
-Kissinger’s briefing of H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman, John A. Scali and Ronald L. Ziegler
-Herbert Klein
-Scali
-Department of Defense, State Department
-Reports
-Anticipated loss of territory
-State department
-North Vietnamese crossing of the DMZ
-Geneva agreement of 1954
-Defense Department statement
-North Vietnamese units across the DMZ
-North Vietnamese offensive
-South Vietnamese resistance
Conv. No. 328-25 (cont.)

-Intensity
  -Kissinger’s view
  -Moorer’s view

-Artillery
-South Vietnamese armor
  -Number

-Defense line
  -Dong Ha
  -Quang Tri
  -Hue
  -Tanks
  -Use of air power
    -Weather

-North Vietnamese casualties
  -Compared to Laos operation

-Public relations
  -Rogers, Laird
    -Public comments

-Sense of crisis
-The President’s contacts
  -Rogers
  -Laird
  -Moorer

-Washington Special Actions Group [WSAG] meeting
-Department of defense, state department
  -Bureaucracy
  -Laird
  -Rogers
    -Public comments
    -Kissinger’s possible public comments
  -Laird
    -Press conference
      -Bombing
        -South Vietnam

-South Vietnam
  -Capacities

-North Vietnam
  -Destruction in the North
  -Hypothetical attacks
    -Gen. Douglas MacArthur
    -Hanoi
Cambodia
- News summary
- Phnom Penh
- North Vietnam presence
  - Movement
    - South Vietnamese border
    - Tay Ninh province

Vietnam
- Nguyen Van Thieu
  - Troops in Saigon
- Vietnamization
  - Withdrawal of US troops
  - Noncommunist nations’ fight against Communism
  - The President’s and Kissinger’s doubts
- Laird
- South Vietnam
  - Survival
    - Cambodia invasion
    - Laos
  - Compared to British and French experience in 1918
  - Incidents of mass surrender
  - North Vietnamese artillery and tank attacks

An unknown person entered and left at an unknown time between 12:55 pm and 1:28 pm.

- Artillery
  - Technology
    - Kissinger’s view
  - North Vietnamese artillery
    - Moorer’s report
      - II Corps fire bases
  - The President’s view
  - Leadership
    - Kissinger’s view
    - Haig
  - Vietnamization
  - Air strikes
    - Reports on damage
  - The president’s goals
-Safety of US forces
-Press
  -Public relations
-Survival of South Vietnam
-US press
  -Loyalty to the nation
    -Depiction of North Vietnam
    -Kissinger’s view
    -Laos
-North Vietnamese offensive
  -Use of air power
    -Importance
    -Laos
-Hue and Da Nang
  -Possible fall
    -Impact on US withdrawal
      -Timing
    -The President’s forthcoming trip to the Soviet Union
  -Possibility
    -Air Force
  -Consequences
-Necessity for US action
-US options
-Impact of US defeat
  -PRC
  -Soviet Union
  -Indonesia
  -Japan
  -Laird
    -Politics
-US bombing
  -Soviet Union
  -PRC
  -Soviet response
    -Influence on the North Vietnamese
    -Forthcoming US-Soviet summit
    -US offer to the Soviets
-South Vietnam
  -Thieu
    -Performance during offensive
      -Defense structure
Conv. No. 328-25 (cont.)

-Weaponry of the North Vietnamese
  -Weaponry
  -Morale
  -Losses
  -North Vietnamese casualties
- North Vietnam
  -Casualty rates
  -Bombing

Kissinger left at 1:28 pm.

Date: April 3, 1972
Time: Unknown between 1:28 pm and 2:43 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 29s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:43 pm.

Date: April 3, 1972
Time: Unknown between 1:28 pm and 2:43 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:43 pm.

Date: April 3, 1972
Time: Unknown between 1:28 pm and 2:43 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person.

Request
- Envelope

Date: April 3, 1972
Time: Unknown between 1:28 pm and 2:43 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President dictated a memorandum for the file.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 1m 27s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Date: April 3, 1972
Time: 2:43 pm - 3:05 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 22s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
Ronald L. Ziegler entered at 2:45 pm.

Greetings

Woods left at 2:46 pm.

William P. Rogers
- Schedule
  - Western Europe

Vietnam
- Press relations
  - State Department
  - Defense
  - Robert J. McCloskey
    - Support for the Administration’s position
      - Communiqué
    - Geneva Agreement of 1954
  - Ziegler’s forthcoming press conference
  - White House involvement
    - Disassociation
    - Ziegler’s statements
  - North Vietnamese offensive
    - The President’s concerns
      - Gerald L. Warren’s statement
    - Ziegler’s forthcoming statement
      - Points to make
        - Review of situation
-US reactions
-Bombing halt
  -Geneva Agreement of 1954
  -Understandings
-US reactions
  -US ground forces
  -Bombing
  -The President’s comments
-US ground forces
  -McCloskey’s previous statement
  -Possibility of recommitment
  -Handling of statement
  -Ziegler’s statement
  -Mccloskey
  -US position on recommitment
  -Kissinger’s assessment
  -The President’s forthcoming announcement
&&
  -Formulation By Ziegler
  -Speculation
-Loss Of Territory
  -Press Reports, Assessment
  -Advantages Of Attacker
-Scope Of Attack
  -Us Reaction
  -Expectation
  -A Statement From Saigon
-US Evaluation
  -Extent
  -Ziegler’s Comment
  -Day-To-Day Reports
-American Involvement
  -Limitations
  -Air Strikes
  -Abrams
  -Comments
-South Vietnamese Response
  -Ziegler’s Statement

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3
IT&T case
   - Dita Beard
     - Television appearance

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 3m 15s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5
[National Security]
[Duration: 2m 24s]

VIETNAM
   - NORTH VIETNAMESE OFFENSIVE
     - BREAK IN WEATHER
     - PRESS REPORTS
       - SOUTH VIETNAMESE PERFORMANCE
   - WWII
     - LOSS OF WAR BY GERMANS
     - BRITISH LOSSES
     - GERMAN OFFENSIVE
       - FAILURE
     - ANALOGY TO VIETNAM
   - NORTH VIETNAM OFFENSIVE
     - SOUTH VIETNAM RESISTANCE
       - NEED TO HOLD LINE
-GENERAL GOUGH IN WORLD WAR I

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

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Ziegler left at 3:05 pm

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 52s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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Date: April 3, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:05 pm and 3:19 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President dictated a memorandum for the file

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: _52s_]
The President talked with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman [?]

Report on a speech
   -John B. Connally
   -Spiro Agnew’s comments

The President’s schedule
   -Check with someone
   -Speech
      -Subject
   -Press conference
      -Time
      -Check with Connally
         -John D. Ehrlichman

John N. Mitchell
   -Location

The President’s schedule
   -A meeting with someone
   -Ehrlichman
      -Patrick J. Buchanan
   -Meeting with the President
      -Arrangements
      -Time
      -Clearance with Connally
   -A press conference
      -Henry A. Kissinger
      -William P. Rogers

Date: April 3, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:05 pm and 3:19 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator
Conv. No. 328-30 (cont.)

[See Conversation No. 22-66]

Conversation No. 328-34

Date: April 3, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:05 pm and 3:19 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 3:19 pm

Conversation No. 328-35

Date: April 3, 1972
Time: 3:19 pm - 3:33 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Charles W. Colson

[See Conversation No. 22-67]
Date: April 3, 1972
Time: 3:55 pm - 4:26 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[National Security]
[Duration: 28m 23s]

VIETNAM
- NORTH VIETNAM
- TROOPS
- NORTH VIETNAMESE OFFENSIVE
  - COMMITMENT TO ATTACK
    - US RESPONSE
  - SOUTH VIETNAM RESPONSE
    - COLLAPSE OR END OF WAR
- US RESPONSE
  - TROOPS
- SOUTH VIETNAM
  - OPERATIONS IN THE NORTH
    - SAIGON, HUE
- US RESPONSE
  - HENRY A. KISSINGER’S RECOMMENDATION TO MILITARY
- AIR STRIKES
  - AREAS
  - SOVIET UNION
  - THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
- SCOPE OF ATTACKS
- KISSINGER’S RECOMMENDATIONS
- MELVIN LAIRD’S CONCURRENCE
- SOUTH VIETNAM
  - CHANCES OF SURVIVAL
  - RESPONSES
- US RESPONSE
  - BOMBING ATTACKS
  - THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
- SEYMOUR HERSHEY’S TALKS WITH NORTH VIETNAMESE LEADERS
- SWEDISH AMBASSADOR’S REPORT
  - PHAM VAN DONG
  - CHOU EN-LAI
  - TIES TO HANOI
  - COMMENTS ON THE PRESIDENCY
- THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
  - ALLIANCE WITH HANOI
  - NORTH VIETNAM’S COMPLAINTS
  - HERSHEY’S TALKS
- NORTH VIETNAMESE OFFENSIVE
  - LAIRD’S COMMENTS ON AIR STRIKES
  - BATTLE AREAS
- US RESPONSE
  - CHARGES AGAINST THE PRESIDENT
    - WIDENING THE WAR
    - LAOS, CAMBODIA
  - STATE, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE COMMENTS
- PUBLIC RELATIONS
  - LAIRD’S COMMENTS
    - CHARGES OF NORTH VIETNAMESE INVASION
- SOUTH VIETNAM
  - CHANCES OF ROUT
  - NGUYEN VAN THIEU
- CONTINUATION
  - PARIS TALKS
  - POSSIBLE US RESPONSE
- NORTH VIETNAMESE CAPACITIES
  - LATEST REPORTS
- SOUTH VIETNAMESE CAPACITIES
  - AIR POWER
  - THOMAS H. MOORER
- AIR ATTACKS
-PROBLEMS
  -A-1's
  -F-14's
  -CLOSE SUPPORT AIRCRAFT
-WEATHER CEILING
-NORTH VIETNAMESE OFFENSIVE
  -US POSITION
  -LOSS OF TERRITORY
  -WEATHER
  -US AIR STRIKES
    -PROBLEMS
      -WEATHER
      -DELAYS
    -CHANGE IN WEATHER
-US MILITARY CAPACITIES
  -SOVIET UNION
-SOUTH VIETNAM
  -ALLEGIANCE OF PEOPLE
  -RESISTANCE TO NORTH VIETNAMESE OFFENSIVE
    -EXTENT
    -COMPARISON WITH GERMANY IN MARCH 1918
  -TANKS
    -SUPPLIES
-NORTH VIETNAMESE OFFENSIVE
  -PROPER RESPONSE BY THE US
  -MEDIA COVERAGE
  -BLAME ON NORTH VIETNAM
    -MARSHALL GREEN
-US PUBLIC OPINION
  -SUPPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT

FOREIGN POLICY
  -POLAND
  -USSR
  -THE PRESIDENT’S CRITICS
  -THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
    -THE PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
    -RELATIONSHIP WITH THE US
    -MESSAGE
      -CONTENTS
END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Kissinger left at 4:26 pm