

Tape Subject Log

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Conversation No. 336-1

Date: May 5, 1972

Time: Unknown between 3:15 and 3:25 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 23-167]

Conversation No. 336-2

Date: May 5, 1972

Time: Unknown between 3:25 and 3:26 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

[See Conversation No. 23-168]

Conversation No. 336-3

Date: May 5, 1972

Time: Unknown after 3:26 and before 3:30 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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Conv. No. 336-3 (cont.) ************************ BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1 [Personal Returnable] [Duration: 9s] END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1 ************************* Sanchez left at an unknown time before 3:30 pm. Conversation No. 336-4 Date: May 5, 1972 Time: Unknown after 3:26 and before 3:30 pm Location: Executive Office Building The President met with Manolo Sanchez. President's schedule -Camp David BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1 [Personal Returnable] [Duration: 21s] END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1 *************************

-Departure time

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Sanchez left at an unknown time before 3:30 pm.

Conversation No. 336-5

Date: May 5, 1972

Time: Unknown between 3:26 and 3:30 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Rose Mary Woods.

President's schedule
-Camp David trip
-Helicopter
-Time

Conversation No. 336-6

Date: May 5, 1972 Time: 3:30 - 3:35 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

Camp David trip
-Reading material

President's schedule

-Duke Law School dinner

-Number attending

-Tables

-Arrangements

-Number attending

-Seating

-Drinks

-Grand Hall

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Conv. No. 336-6 (cont.)

- -East Room
- -White House photographer
- -Tables
 - -Meeting with law school dean
- -Number of regrets
- -Remarks
 - -[David] Kenneth Rush
 - -Dean Joseph T. Sneed

Butterfield left at 3:35 pm.

Conversation No. 336-7

Date: May 5, 1972 Time: 3:36-3:46 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

Vietnam

- -President's forthcoming speech
 - -Draft
 - -Status
 - -Completion time
 - -President's work
 - -Camp David
- -US command structure
 - -President's meeting with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
 - -Melvin R. Laird

The President talked with Rose Mary Woods at an unknown time between 3:36 and 3:46 pm.

[Conversation No. 336-7A]

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Conv. No. 336-7 (cont.)

```
-Camp David departure
               -Time
[End of telephone conversation]
     Vietnam
          -US command structure
               -Laird
               -The President's view
               -Change
                    -Commander-In-Chief, Pacific [CINCPAC]
                    -Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.
                          -Removal
                    -Haig
               -Allied commander for Southeast Asia
                    -Reasons
                    -CINCPAC
                    -Gen. Bruce Palmer
                    -An Admiral
                    -Gen. Frederick C. Weyand
                          -[Forename unknown] Huxtable [?]
                    -Lt. Gen. William E. Dupuy [?]
                    -Gen. John W. Vogt
                    -Haig
               -Abrams
                    -Ambassadorship
                          -Spain
               -Laird
                    -Handling
                    -Meeting with Kissinger
               -Abrams
                    -Possible Chief of Staff
                    -Transfer from South Vietnam
                    -Possible Chief of Staff
                          -Haig
               -Palmer
                    -Kissinger's view
               -Dupuy
                    -The President's view
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-A Navy Commander -Palmer

President's schedule

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-An Admiral
               -Necessary qualifications
     -Kissinger's meeting with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
          -Soviets
               -The President's view
          -Mutual pressures
               -Vietnam
Vietnam
     -US command
          -Changes
               -Laird
               -William P. Rogers
               -Camp David
               -Support from Laird and Rogers
          -President's orders
               -The President's view
                    -Laird, Kissinger, and Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
                          -Meeting with Rogers
                               -Timing
                     -Rogers
                          -Forthcoming meeting with President
          -Command structure change
               -President's previous meeting with Haig
               -Reason for change
               -Abrams
                     -Job transfer
               -Haig
               -Change
                    -Palmer
                     -Day
                     -Announcement
                     -President's forthcoming speech
                     -Laird
               -Palmer
               -Abrams
          -Lines of communication
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-Reports to the President

Kissinger's schedule

-Palmer

-Laird

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Conv. No. 336-7 (cont.)

-New York -Return

Kissinger left at 3:46 pm.

Conversation No. 336-8

Date: May 8, 1972 Time: 1:15 - 2:30 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

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

[Discontinuities in the conversation appear in the original recording.]

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President's schedule
     -A meeting
          -Time
Vietnam
     -President's policies
          -Veterans
                -Support
                -Opposition
                -President's actions
           -John B. Connally
     -Blockade
           -Soviet summit
                -Possible cancellation
                -Seperability
                -Risks
                     -Edward M. Kennedy
                     -Hue
                     -Television coverage
                           -Nature of reports
                           -Henry A. Kissinger
                           -Leonid I. Brezhnev
     -Negotiations
           -Kissinger's schedule
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-Paris trip
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-Collapse

-Soviet Summit

-Agreements

-Timing of blockade

-Possible South Vietname collapse

-Melvin R. Laird

-Senate

-J. William Fulbright, John C. Stennis

-Advice

-Risks

-South Vietnam collapse

-Hue

-South Vietnamese morale

-Blockade and mining of Haiphong

-South Vietnamese morale

-Soviet summit

-Timing

-Possible South Vietnam collapse

-Postponement

-Timing

-Negotiations

-North Vietnam offensive

-Political risks

-Kennedy

-Connally's advice

-President's goals

-Peace

Abortion

-President's letter to Terence Cardinal Cooke

-John D. Ehrlichman

-Release

-Circumstances

-Review

-Ehrlichman

-John N. Mitchell

-Patrick J. Buchanan

-Haldeman's advice

-Mitchell

-Ehrlichman

-Committee to Re-elect the President [CRP] role

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```
-Ehrlichman's advice
-Issue of public release
-Peter M. Flanigan
-Ehrlichman
-Buchanan
-Public release
-Nelson A. Rockefeller
     -New York legislation
-Effect
-Release
     -Ehrlichman's explanation
           -Rockefeller
-Abortion bill
     -Rockefeller's veto
           -Release
                -Flanigan's advice
     -Anti-abortion supporters
           -Rockefeller's report
                -Demonstrations in Albany
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Henry A. Kissinger entered at 1:35 pm.

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German treaties
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-Call from Egon Bahr

-Message from the President

Anatoliy F. Dobrynin

-Forthcoming meeting with Kissinger

-[David] Kenneth Rush

Vietnam

-Blockade

-Support

-William P. Rogers

-Timing

-Rush

Kissinger talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 1:35 and 2:10 pm.

[Conversation No. 336-8A]

[See Conversation No. 24-3]

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Conv. No. 336-8 (cont.)

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[End of telephone conversation]
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Vietnam
-Soviet summit
-Impact of blockade
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Kissinger talked with rush at an unknown time between 1:35 and 2:10 pm.

-Haldeman's view

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[Conversation No. 336-8B]
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[See Conversation No. 24-4]

[End of telephone conversation]

Kissinger talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 1:35 and 2:10 pm.

[Conversation No. 336-8C]

Call To Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

[End of telephone conversation]

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Vietnam
     -Blockade
          -Soviet summit
               -Possible cancellation
               -Risks
               -Hue collapse
                     -Significance
               -South Vietnam collapse
                     -Significance
                          -Brezhnev
                          -Summit agreements
                          -World peace
          -Timing
               -Kissinger's schedule
                     -Camp David
                     -Soviet summit
                     -German treaty
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-President's decision

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-Hue collapse
-Timing
-Significance
-Timing
-President's decision
-The President's view
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An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 1:35 pm.

Delivery of lunch

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 2:10 pm.

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Vietnam
     -Blockade
          -President's decision
                -Timing
                     -German Treaty
           -Failure to act
                -Meaning
                     -The President's view
          -Timing
                -Negotiations
           -Delay in decision
                -Possible South Vietnam collapse
                -Possible US defeat
                     -Laird's view
                -Soviet interpretation
     -North Vietnam offensive
          -Kissinger's view
          -Hue
          -Objectives
          -Saigon
     -Soviet summit
          -Probability of military setbacks
                -Kissinger's view
                     -Kontum
                -Press reporting
                     -The President's view
                -Probability of Kontum collapse
          -Rogers
           -Connally's advice
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-US bargaining position
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-Public opinion

-Soviet Summit

- -US bombing
 - -Hanoi
 - -Haiphong
- -Cancellation possibility
- -Bombing
 - -Duration

-Kisssinger's view

-South Vietnam collapse

-Impact

-Cancellation

-Impact on forthcoming election

-Importance

-Impact on US loss in Southeast Asia

-Soviet prestige

-North Vietnam offensive

-Tanks

-Laird

-Numbers and size

-US tanks in South Vietnam

-Laird

-Soviet summit

-President's decision to blockade

-Air strikes

-Hanoi, Haipong

-Risk of South Vietnam collapse

-Blockade and mining

-Effect on North Vietnam strategy

-Duration

-Impact on North Vietnam

-Impact on Soviets

-Soviet summit

-Possible cancellation

-Likelihood

-Kissinger's view

-Lyndon B. Johnson

-Air strikes

-Connally's advice

-Effectiveness

-Blockade

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Conv. No. 336-8 (cont.)

- -Effectiveness
 - -South Vietnam survival
 - -Comparison with bombing
- -South Vietnam defeat
 - -Consequences for US
 - -Connally's view
 - -Rogers's view
 - -Haldeman's view
 - -Domestic public opinion
 - -Haiphong
 - -Consequences for the President
 - -Forthcoming presidential campaign
- -Blockade
 - -President's purpose
 - -Prisoners of war [POWs]
 - -Laird's view
 - -President's forthcoming speech
 - -Numbers
 - -US withdrawal
 - -Impact on North Vietnam
 - -President's final decision
 - -President's forthcoming speech
- -Democratic Caucus
 - -Kissinger briefing
 - -President's meeting with Michael J. Mansfield
 - -Resolution to end the war
 - -Delay
 - -Soviet summit
 - -President's meeting with Congressional leaders
 - -Fulbright, Stennis
 - -Attendees
 - -Fulbright
 - -Allen J. Ellender
 - -Timing
 - -Attendees
 - -Possible Congressional response
 - -Kissinger's view
 - -Senate request
- -Blockade decision
 - -Haldeman's opinion
 - -Comparison with Cambodia
 - -Briefing of Congressmen

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- -Rogers
- -Laird
- -Kissinger
- -President's speech
 - -Notification of Congressional leaders
 - -Mansfield
 - -Handling
 - -President's manner
 - -Haldeman's view
 - -Rogers
 - -Fulbright
 - -Comparison with President's Cambodian announcement
 - -Timing
 - -Reasons
 - -Legal aspects of blockade
 - -Haig
 - -Rogers
 - -Attendees
 - -Appropriations Committee
 - -Armed Services Committee
 - -The President's view
 - -Ellender
 - -Appropriations Committee
 - -Armed Services Committee
 - -George H. Mahon
 - -Telephone call
 - -A previous dinner attended by Kissinger
 - -Thomas W. Braden
 - -Frank F. Church
 - -Fulbright
 - -President's terms
 - -The President's view
 - -Blockade
 - -Ceasefire
 - -POWs
 - -US withdrawal
 - -Cabinet meeting
 - -Kissinger's view
 - -Rogers
 - -President's appearance
 - -Cabinet Room
 - -Television speech

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-President's remarks

-Position

-Support for the President's decision to blockade

-Haldeman's view

-Rogers

Haldeman left at 2:10 pm.

Kissinger talked with Haig at 2:10 pm.

[Conversation No. 336-8D]

- -Notification of blockade decision
 - -Haldeman
 - -Laird
 - -Washington Special Action Group [WSAG]

[End of telephone conversation]

- -President's decision
 - -Kissinger's view
- -President's forthcoming speech
 - -Soviet weapons
 - -Deletions and additions
 - -Draft
 - -Rose Mary Woods
 - -Civilian casualties
 - -Delivery on television
 - -Time
 - -Comparison to John F. Kennedy's Cuban missile crisis speech
 - -Length
 - -Announcement
 - -Escalation
 - -US peace offers
 - -Rejection by North Vietnam
 - -Wording
 - -US troops in Vietnam
 - -Numbers
 - -Withdrawal
 - -Number
 - -Wording
 - -Soviet weapons

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-Delivery to North Vietnam
                -US aid to South Vietnam
                     -Wording
               -Implementation of blockade
                     -Communications
                -Soviet aid to North Vietnam
                -Surrender
                     -Hanoi
                     -Saigon
                -Draft
                     -Woods's suggestion for the conclusion
     -President's letter to Brezhnev
          -Dobrynin
          -Kissinger's review
                -Woods
                -Completion
Vietnam
     -President's forthcoming speech on the blockade
          -Military action
          -Ceasefire
                -Extent
                -Supervision
                -Extent
          -Outcome
                -Previous National Security Council [NSC] meeting
                     -Outcome
                          -Laird
                                -Position
          -Rogers
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-Support for the President

-Public opinion -President's decision

Kissinger left at 2:30 pm.

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Conv. No. 336-8 (cont.)

Time: 2:33 - 2:35 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Vietnam

-Blockade

-President's speech

-Timing of the President's decision

Ziegler left at 2:35 pm.

Conversation No. 336-10

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown after 2:35 and before 3:45 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown person.

Delivery of an unknown object
-Placement

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 3:45 pm.

Conversation No. 336-11

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown after 2:35 and before 3:45 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown person.

Vietnam

-President's speech -Delivery

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 3:45 pm.

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Conversation No. 336-12

Date: May 8, 1972 Time: 3:45 - 3:46 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Marjorie P. Acker.

[Unintelligible]

Vietnam

-President's forthcoming speech on the blockade
-President's copy
-Preparation
-Rose Mary Woods

Acker left at 3:46 pm.

Conversation No. 336-13

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 3:46 and 3:58 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Rose Mary Woods.

Vietnam

-President's speech
-Draft
-Wording
-Deletions

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Conversation No. 336-14

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 3:46 and 3:58 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Rose Mary Woods.

Vietnam

-President's forthcoming speech on the blockade -Wording

Conversation No. 336-15

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown after 3:46 and before 3:58 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown man.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[Personal Returnable] [Duration: 6s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 3:58 pm.

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Conv. No. 336-15 (cont.)

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Between 3:58 and 3:59 pm Location: Executive Office Building

Henry A. Kissinger talked with the President.

[See Conversation No. 24-5]

Conversation No. 336-17

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 3:59 and 4:13 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Rose Mary Woods.

Vietnam

-President's forthcoming speech on the blockade
-Final copy
-Preparation
-Wording
-Changes

Conversation No. 336-18

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 3:59 and 4:13 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person.

President's schedule

-President's forthcoming speech on the blockade

-Preparation

-Cabinet meeting

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Conv. No. 336-17 (cont.)

-Time
-Meeting with Congressional leaders
-Return calls
-John B. Connally
-William F. ("Billy") Graham

Vietnam

-Blockade

-Democrats

Conversation No. 336-19

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 3:59 and 4:13 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 24-6]

Conversation No. 336-20

Date: May 8, 1972 Time: 4:13 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The White House operator talked with the President.

[See Conversation No. 24-7]

Conversation No. 336-21

Date: May 8, 1972

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Time: Between 4:14 and 4:15 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Alexander P. Butterfield.

[See Conversation No. 24-8]

Conversation No. 336-22

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 4:15 and 4:25 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 24-9]

Conversation No. 336-23

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 4:15 and 4:25 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown man.

Vietnam

-Meeting with Congressional leaders -Arrangements

Conversation No. 336-24

Date: May 8, 1972 Time: 4:25 pm

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Location: Executive Office Building

The White House operator talked with the President.

[See Conversation No. 24-10]

Conversation No. 336-25

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown after 4:25 and before 4:35 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

Vietnam

-President's forthcoming speech on the blockade -Attire

Aune

-Color -Tie

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

Conversation No. 336-26

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 4:25 and 4:35 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person.

Vietnam

-President's forthcoming speech on the blockade -Preparations -Copies

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Conversation No. 336-27

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown after 4:25 and before 4:35 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown man.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 10s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 4:35 pm.

Conversation No. 336-28

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Between 4:35 and 4:36 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Julie Nixon Eisenhower.

[See Conversation No. 24-11; one item has been withdrawn from the conversation.]

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Conversation No. 336-29

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 4:36 and 4:50 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person.

President's forthcoming speech on Vietnam blockade
-Soliciting public reaction to speech
-The President's view
-Well-wishers

Conversation No. 336-30

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown after 4:36 and before 4:50 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown man.

President's forthcoming speech on Vietnam blockade
-Attire

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 4:50 pm.

Conversation No. 336-31

Date: May 8, 1972 Time: 4:50 - 4:55 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

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Conv. No. 336-31 (cont.)

Vietnam
-President's speech
-Copy
-Proofreading
-Changes
-Wording
-Winston Lord
-South Vietnam
-Proper title

Woods left at 4:55 pm.

Conversation No. 336-32

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Between 4:55 and 4:57 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger.

[See Conversation No. 24-13]

[End of telephone conversation]

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 4:55 pm.

Delivery of speech draft

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 4:57 pm.

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Conversation No. 336-33

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown after 4:57 and before 5:23 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown person.

The President's schedule

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 5:23 pm.

Conversation No. 336-34

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 4:57 and 5:23 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President rehearsed his "Address to the Nation on the Situation in Southeast Asia".

[See Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard M. Nixon, 1972, pp. 583-587]

Conversation No. 336-35

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 4:57 and 5:23 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 24-14]

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Conversation No. 336-36

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 4:57 and 5:23 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President rehearsed his "Address to the Nation on the Situation in Southeast Asia".

[This is a continuation of Conversation No. 336-34]

[See Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard M. Nixon, 1972, pp. 583-587]

Conversation No. 336-37

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Between 5:23 and 5:27 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger.

[See Conversation No. 24-16]

Conversation No. 336-38

Date: May 8, 1972 Time: 5:27 - 5:30 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

Vietnam

-President's forthcoming speech on the blockade
-Change in wording

Woods left at 5:30 pm.

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Conversation No. 336-39

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 5:52 and 5:54 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger.

Vietnam

-President's forthcoming speech on the blockade

-Revisions

-Escalation of war

-References

-Deletions

-Strength of wording

-Kissinger's revisions

-Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo

German treaties

Conversation No. 336-40

Date: May 8, 1972 Time: 5:54 - 5:55 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

[Unintelligible]

Woods left at 5:55 pm.

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Conversation No. 336-41

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 5:55 and 6:09 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President rehearsed his "Address to the Nation on the Situation in Southeast Asia".

[This is a continuation of Conversation No. 336-34]

[See Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard M. Nixon, 1972,. pp. 583-587]

Conversation No. 336-42

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown after 5:55 and before 6:09 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

Vietnam

-President's speech -Woods' work

Woods left at and unknown time before 6:09 pm.

Conversation No. 336-43

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown after 5:55 and before 6:09 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown man.

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Conv. No. 336-43 (cont.)

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1 [Personal Returnable] [Duration: 2s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 6:09 pm.

Conversation No. 336-44

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 5:55 and 6:09 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person.

Vietnam

-President's speech

- -Cabinet meeting
 - -President's appearance
 - -Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
 - -President's departure

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Conversation No. 336-45

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 5:55 and 6:09 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President rehearsed his "Address to the Nation on the Situation in Southeast Asia".

[This is a continuation of Conversation No. 336-34]

[See Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard M. Nixon, 1972, pp. 583-587]

Conversation No. 336-46

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 5:55 and 6:09 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger.

Vietnam

-President's speech

- -Press copy
- -Deletion

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Conversation No. 336-47

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 5:55 and 6:09 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President rehearsed his "Address to the Nation on the Situation in Southeast Asia".

[This is a continuation of Conversation No. 336-34]

[See Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard M. Nixon, 1972, pp. 583-587]

Conversation No. 336-48

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 5:55 and 6:09 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger.

Vietnam
-President's speech
-Change
-Deletion

Conversation No. 336-49

Date: May 8, 1972 Time: 6:09 - 6:14 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

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Conv. No. 336-49 (cont.)

Vietnam

-President's speech

-Change

-Henry A. Kissinger

-Meeting with Congressional leaders

-A copy

-President's meeting with Congressional leaders

-Time and place

-Cabinet

Butterfield left at 6:14 pm.

Conversation No. 336-50

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 6:14 and 6:22 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President rehearsed his "Address to the Nation on the Situation in Southeast Asia".

[This is a continuation of Conversation No. 336-34]

[See Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard M. Nixon, 1972, pp. 583-587]

Conversation No. 336-51

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 6:14 and 6:22 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger.

Vietnam

-President's speech -Deletion

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Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 6:14 and 6:22 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President rehearsed his "Address to the Nation on the Situation in Southeast Asia".

[This is a continuation of Conversation No. 336-34]

[See <u>Public Papers of the Presidents</u>, Richard M. Nixon, 1972, pp. 583-587]

Conversation No. 336-53

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 6:19 and 6:22 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person.

Vietnam

-President's speech
-Lighting
-Mark I. Goode

Conversation No. 336-54

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 6:19 and 6:22 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger.

Meeting with the President

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Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 6:19 and 6:22 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President rehearsed his "Address to the Nation on the Situation in Southeast Asia".

[See Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard M. Nixon, 1972, pp. 583-587]

Conversation No. 336-56

Date: May 8, 1972 Time: 6:22 - 6:34 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

Vietnam

-President's speech on the blockade

- -US courses of action
 - -Wording
- -Deletions
- -US withdrawal

The President talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 6:22 pm and 6:34 pm.

[Conversation No. 336-56A]

-Changes

[End of telephone conversation]

- -US offers
 - -North Vietnam rejection
 - -Prisoners of war [POWs]
 - -Withdrawal
- -Cambodia
- -Wording

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Conv. No. 336-56 (cont.)

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-Melvin R. Laird, William P. Rogers
     -Tone
-Blockade
     -President's decision
          -President's orders
-Kissinger's briefing
     -Termination of war
     -Importance
-Kissinger's meeting with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
-Blockade
     -President's speech
          -Demeanor
                -Press reports
     -Kissinger's briefing
          -Arrangements
-Previous US actions
     -Cambodia, Laos
     -Rogers, Laird
     -Cambodia
     -Laird, Rogers
-Blockade
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Kissinger left at 6:34 pm.

Conversation No. 336-57

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 6:34 and 7:14 pm

-President's decision -President's speech -Delivery

-Tone

Location: Executive Office Building

The President rehearsed his "Address to the Nation on the Situation in Southeast Asia".

[This is a continuation of Conversation No. 336-34]

[See Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard M. Nixon, 1972, pp. 583-587]

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Conv. No. 336-57 (cont.)

Conversation No. 336-58

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 6:34 and 7:14 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger.

Vietnam

-President's speech on the blockade

-Changes

-Peace offers

-Cease-fire

-Troops

Conversation No. 336-59

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 6:34 and 7:14 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President rehearsed his "Address to the Nation on the Situation in Southeast Asia".

[See Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard M. Nixon, 1972, pp. 583-587]

Conversation No. 336-60

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown after 6:34 and before 7:14 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown man.

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

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 7:14 pm.

Conversation No. 336-61

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 6:34 and 7:14 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger.

Meeting with the President -Speech

Conversation No. 336-62

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 6:34 and 7:14 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President rehearsed his "Address to the Nation on the Situation in Southeast Asia".

[See <u>Public Papers of the Presidents</u>, Richard M. Nixon, 1972, pp. 583-587]

Tape Subject Log

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Conversation No. 336-63

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown after 6:34 and before 7:14 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown man.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1 [Personal Returnable] [Duration: 33s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 7:14 pm.

Conversation No. 336-64

Date: May 8, 1972 Time: 7:14 -7:25 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

Vietnam

-President's forthcoming speech -Soviet Summit -Possible cancellation -US response

Tape Subject Log

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-Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
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- -Kissinger's briefing
 - -Handling of questions
 - -Soviet ships on high seas
- -Blockade
 - -Weapons and supplies
- -Air strikes
 - -Time
 - -Comparison to 1966-67
 - -Petroleum, oils, and lubricants [POL]
 - -William Yandell Elliott
 - -World War II
 - -Targets
 - -POL dumps
 - -Psychological impact
 - -Priority
 - -Railroads
 - -Power plants
 - -Destruction
 - -POLs and power plants
 - -Effectiveness to date
 - -Supplies on hand
 - -Melvin R. Laird
 - -Meeting with Congressional leaders
 - -Kissinger
 - -William P. Rogers
 - -Laird
 - -Kissinger's meeting with Dobrynin
 - -President's meeting with Congressional leaders
 - -Length
 - -Questions
 - -Rogers and Laird
- -Blockade
 - -Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
 - -Position
 - -Gen. Creighton Abrams
 - -Position
 - -Laird
 - -The President's view
 - -Political plans

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Conv. No. 336-64 (cont.)

Conversation No. 336-65

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 7:25 and 8:04 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown man.

Vietnam

- -William P. Rogers
 - -Peace offer
- -Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
- -Melvin Laird
- -Rogers

Conversation No. 336-66

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 7:25 and 8:04 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President rehearsed his "Address to the Nation on the Situation in Southeast Asia".

[See <u>Public Papers of the Presidents</u>, Richard M. Nixon, 1972, pp. 583-587]

Conversation No. 336-67

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 7:25 and 8:04 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person.

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President's forthcoming speech on the blockade
-Meeting with Congressional leaders
-Call to the President

Conversation No. 336-68

Date: May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown after 7:25 - 8:05 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President rehearsed his "Address to the Nation on the Situation in Southeast Asia".

[See Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard M. Nixon, 1972, pp. 583-587]

H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman talked with the President between 8:04 and 8:05 pm.

[Conversation No. 336-68A]

[See Conversation No. 24-17]

[End of telephone conversation]

Conversation No. 336-69

Date: May 8, 1972 Time: 9:45 - 11:22 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

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

Vietnam

- -President's forthcoming speech on the blockade
 - -Delivery
 - -Wording
 - -Appeals to deity

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Conv. No. 336-68 (cont.)

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-Rose Mary Woods
-Responses
-Soviet Summit
-Press
-Advanced texts
-Length
-Mining
-Tone
-Wording
-William P. Rogers
-Blockade
-Purpose
-Rhetoric
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Haldeman talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 9:45 and 9:57 pm.

[Conversation No. 336-69A]

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Henry A. Kissinger

-Meeting with the President

-Time

-Location

-Meeting with Congressmen
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[End of telephone conversation]

-Location

Kissinger

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-Meeting with Congressmen

Cabinet meeting
-Value
-William P. Rogers
-Melvin R. Laird and Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
-Briefings
-Importance
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-Content -Response

Haldeman talked with Alexander P. Butterfield at an unknown time between 9:45 and 9:57 pm.

[Conversation No. 336-69B]

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Conv. No. 336-69 (cont.)

[See Conversation No. 24-18]

[End of telephone conversation]

Call from Laird

Laird talked with the President between 9:57 and 10:00 pm.

[Conversation No. 336-69C]

[See Conversation No. 24-19]

[End of telephone conversation]

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Vietnam
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-Blockade

-Rogers

-The President's view

-Laird

-Rogers

-Public stance

-Press reports

-Leaks

-Laird

-Public support

-Necessity

-Rogers

-Public stance

-Press reports

-President's speech

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 10:00 and 10:04 pm.

[Conversation No. 336-69D]

[See Conversation No. 24-20]

[End telephone conversation]

Vietnam

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Conv. No. 336-69 (cont.)

-Blockade

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 10:00 pm.

Refreshment

Manolo Sanchez -Health

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 10:04 pm.

Vietnam

-President's speech
-Response
-Phone calls

The President talked with Julie Nixon Eisenhower between 10:04 and unknown time before 10:06 pm.

[Conversation No. 336-69E]

[See Conversation No. 24-21; one item has been withdrawn from the conversation.]

The President talked with Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon between and unknown time after 10:04 and 10:06 pm.

[End of telephone conversation]

Henry A. Kissinger entered at 10:05 pm.

Vietnam

-Blockade

-Rogers's statement

-The President's view

-Bombing

- -Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
- -Time
- -Haldeman
- -Necessity
- -Michael J. Mansfield
 - -People's Republic of China [PRC] border
 - -Meeting with Kissinger

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Conv. No. 336-69 (cont.)

President's speech

- -Charles W. Colson's phone calls
 - -The President's view
- -George Meany
 - -Kissinger's call
- -Frank E. Fitzsimmons
- -I. W. Abel
- -Postal workers
- -Educators
 - -William Carter, Wisconsin State University
 - -Unknown person from Eastern Kentucky University
- -Blockade
 - -Kissinger's previous meeting with Dobrynin
 - -Soviet response
- -Air strikes
 - -Intensity
 - -Bombing of civilian areas
- -President's speech
 - -The President's view
 - -Delivery
- -Blockade
 - -Laird's public stance
 - -President's message to pilots
 - -Rogers
 - -Position
 - -The President's view
 - -Kissinger's view
 - -Laird
 - -The President's view
- -President's speech
 - -Message of support
 - -Victor Riesel
 - -Editorial support
 - -Seattle Post-Intelligencer
 - -Arizona Republic
 - -Boston Herald-Traveller
 - -Denver Post
 - -Bill Hornby
 - -Buffalo Evening News
 - -Los Angeles Herald-Examiner
 - -San Diego Union

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Conv. No. 336-69 (cont.)

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-Philadelphia Inquirer
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-Columbus Dispatch

-Carl McLunan [?]

- -Hartford Courant
- -Houston Chronicle
- -Chicago Tribune
- -George Healy
- -Wallace F. Bennett
- -Mayors and governors
 - -Mayor of Spokane
 - -Salem, Oregon
 - -Winfield Dunn
 - -Comparison to Cuban Missile Crisis

-Mining

-Soviet Summit

-Possible cancellation

-Kissinger's view

-President's speech

-Support

-Max M. Fisher

-Mr. and Mrs. Taft Schreiber

-German leaders

-Franz Josef Strauss

-Willy Brandt

-Message

-Soviet Summit

-Delivery

-The President's view

-Blockade

-Foreign response

-Egon Bahr [?]

-Relations with the US

-Bombing

-PRC border

-Mansfield's reservations

-Rogers

-Rogers

-Subcabinet briefing

-Value

-Position

-North Vietnamese mining of Saigon River

-US attitude

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Conv. No. 336-69 (cont.)

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-Haig
                -Trip to Vietnam
          -Ronald L. Ziegler
          -Kissinger's briefing
                -Meaning of President's decision
          -Support within Administration
                -Rogers
Kissinger's schedule
Vietnam
     -Blockade and bombing
          -Laird
                -Position
          -Rogers
                -Europe
          -Laird
     -Subcabinet briefing
          -Kissinger
          -Value
          -Time
Kissinger's schedule
Vietnam
     -Blockade
          -President's decision
                -Necessity
                     -Lot's wife
                -Importance
                -Kissinger's view
     -Air strikes
          -Compared with World War II
          -Hanoi, Haiphong
                -Intensity
                     -The President's view
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Kissinger left at 10:23 pm.

Vietnam
-Blockade
-Rogers

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Conv. No. 336-69 (cont.)

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-Public stance
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-The President's view

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 10:23 pm.

A cigar

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 10:42 pm.

Vietnam

-Blockade

-Need for support

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 10:23 pm.

Cigars

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 10:42 pm.

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Vietnam
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-Blockade decision

-Supporters

-Telephone calls

-Initiative

-List

-Purpose

-Mobilization

-Cabinet

-Elliott L. Richardson

-Rogers

-Donald H Rumsfeld and Robert H. Finch -Philosophy

Dwight D. Eisenhower

-Philosophy

Soviet Summit

-Cancellation

-Likelihood

-John B. Connally's forthcoming resignation

-Timing

-Rogers

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Conv. No. 336-69 (cont.)

-Laird
-Supporters
-[Forename unknown] Lang [?]
-Telephone calls

<u>Haldeman talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 10:23 and 10:42 pm.</u>

[Conversation No. 336-69F]

[See Conversation No. 24-22]

[End of telephone conversation]

President's schedule
-Duke Law School reunion
-Photographs
-Location
-Butterfield
-Remarks
-Speechwriters

Colson -Call

<u>Haldeman talked with Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo at an unknown time between 10:23 and 10:42 pm.</u>

[Conversation No. 336-69G]

[See Conversation No. 24-23]

[End of telephone conversation]

Rebozo

-Telephone calls

-Number

-Sloane McCray [?]

-A woman caller

-Western Union

-Responses to the President's speech

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Conv. No. 336-69 (cont.)

Haldeman talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 10:23 and 10:42 pm.

[Conversation No. 366-69H]

[See Conversation No. 24-24]

Haldeman conferred with the President at an unknown time between 10:23 and 10:42 pm.

Vietnam

- -President's speech
 - -Comparison with other speeches
 - -Public response

[End of conferral]

Haldeman talked with Colson at an unknown time between 10:23 and 10:42 pm.

[End of telephone conversation]

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 10:23 an 10:42 pm.

[Conversation No. 336-69I]

[See Conversation No. 24-25]

[End of telephone conversation]

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Vietnam
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-Blockade
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-[David] Kenneth Rush

-"Today" show appearance

-Colson

- -Analysis of speech
- -Analysis of response
- -President's speech
 - -Public response
 - -Phone calls
 - -Publicity
 - -Ziegler
 - -Western Union

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Conv. No. 336-69 (cont.)

-Volume of messages -Ziegler's analysis

Haldeman talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 10:23 and 10:42 pm.

[Conversation No. 336-69J]

Call to Ziegler

[End of telephone conversation]

The President talked with Rush between 10:42 and 10:45 pm.

[Conversation No. 336-69K]

[See Conversation No. 24-26]

[End of telephone conversation]

Haldeman talked with Ziegler between 10:42 and an unknown time before 10:47 pm.

[Conversation No. 336-69L]

Vietnam
-President's speech
-Response

[End of telephone conversation]

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 10:45 and 10:47 pm.

[Conversation No. 336-69M]

[See Conversation No. 24-169]

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam
-President's speech
-Response
-Ziegler

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Conv. No. 336-69 (cont.)

-Telephone calls
-Volume
-Support
-Western Union
-Volume
-Ziegler's statement
-President's demeanor
-John A. Scali

The White House operator talked with the President at an unknown time between 10:45 and 10:47 pm.

[Conversation No. 336-69N]

[See Conversation No. 24-27]

[End of telephone conversation]

The President talked with George Meany between 10:47 and 10:48 pm.

[Conversation No. 336-690]

[See Conversation No. 24-28]

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam
-Meany
-Statement

Tricia Nixon Cox talked with the President between 10:49 and an unknown time before 10:52 pm.

[Conversation No. 336-69P]

[See Conversation No. 24-29; one item has been withdrawn from the conversation.]

The President talked with Edward R. F. Cox at an unknown time after 10:49 and 10:52 pm.

[End of telephone conversation]

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Conv. No. 336-69 (cont.)

Vietnam

-Telephone calls -William F. ("Billy") Graham

<u>Haldeman talked with the White House operator at an unknwon time between 10:52 and 11:22 pm.</u>

[Conversation No. 336-69Q]

[See Conversation No. 24-30]

[End to telephone conversation]

Graham

-Position on Vietnam

Vietnam

-Air strikes -Intensity

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time netween 10:52 and 11:22 pm.

[Conversation No. 336-69R]

[See Conversation No. 24-31]

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam

-President's speech
-Public response
-Rose Mary Woods
-Jack Cauley [sp?]

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Conv. No. 336-69 (cont.)

************************************ BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 13 [Privacy] [Duration: 4s] END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 13 ************************* -Telephone call -Charles S. Rhyne -Telephone call -Adm. Moorer -Telephone call -Claudia Miles -Call from Llewelyn J. Evans, Jr. -Woods -President's delivery -Soviets -Schedule The White House operator talked with Haldeman at an unknown time between 10:52 and 11:22 pm. [Conversation No. 336-69S] [See Conversation No. 24-32] [End of telephone conversation] Haldeman talked with Graham at an unknown time between 10:52 and 11:22 pm. [Conversation No. 336-69T] [See Conversation No. 24-33]

Vietnam

[End of telephone conversation]

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Conv. No. 336-69 (cont.)

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-Blockade
     -President's speech
          -Graham's response
               -Ruth McC. (Bell) Graham's response
               -National response
               -Press comments
               -British response
               -German and French responses
     -Soviet summit
          -Effect
     -Billy Graham's press conference
          -Memphis, Birmingham
          -Content
     -Public response
          -Telegrams of support
               -Michael Sinacrombie [sp?]
                    -Hancock County, West Virginia
               -Unknown worker
               -A Monterrey citizen
               -Democrats from Massachusetts
               -Thomas B. Thornton
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Colson talked with Haldeman at an unknown time between 10:52 and 11:22 pm.

-Princeton, West Virginia

[Conversation No. 336-69U]

[See Conversation No. 24-34]

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam

-Blockade

-Public response

-Western Union offices

-Colson's talk with company president

-Volume of responses

-Emergency crews

-Apology statements

-Albert E. Sindlinger polls

-Public desires for action

-Possible effect on the Soviet summit

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Conv. No. 336-69 (cont.)

-Louis P. Harris poll
-Soviet reactions
-Public reaction
-Duration of support

Colson talked with Haldeman at an unknown time between 10:52 and 11:22 pm.

[Conversation No. 336-69V]

[See Conversation No. 24-35]

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam

-President's speech

-Meany's public statement

-Strength of support

-Rogers [?]

-A report

-Harris poll

-Public support for blockade

-President's candor

-Enhancement

Lawrence M. Higby talked with Haldeman at an unknown time between 10:52 and 11:22 pm.

[Conversation No. 336-69W]

[See Conversation No. 24-36]

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam

-President's speech

-George D. Aiken

-Statement of support

-Statements of support

-Reading of Telegrams

-Publicity

The President and Haldeman left at 11:22 pm.