Date: May 10, 1972
Time: Unknown after 9:11 and before 9:20 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

Weather

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 9:20 am.

Date: May 10, 1972
Time: Unknown between 9:11 and 9:20 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger.

Meeting with the President
-Location

Date: May 10, 1972
Time: Unknown between 9:11 and 9:20 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President dictated a letter to Walter H. Annenberg.

Previous meeting with the President

Retention as ambassador
-Tenure and performance
-Leonore Annenberg
Date: May 10, 1972
Time: 9:20-9:50 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

Greetings

President's meeting with Walter H. Annenberg (?)

Weather

Vietnam
- Air strikes
  - Completion
  - Report
  - Visibility
  - Damage
    - Bridge
    - Chinese and Soviet ships
      - Haiphong Harbor
      - Restrictions on pilots
- Blockade
  - Soviet ships
    - Movement
- North Vietnamese offensive
  - An Loc/Saigon area
    - Attacks
      - Army of the Republic of Vietnam [ARVN] [South Vietnam] divisions
    - Military Region One
      - Supplies
      - Air strikes
      - ARVN patrols
      - North Vietnam losses
      - Kontum
    - ARVN counterattacks
  - Weather
    - Rainy season
  - Kontum
  - Pleiku
- Central Highlands
- Military Region One
- An Loc
- Loss
  - Compared to Quang Tri
- Soviet Summit
  - Possible cancellation
- North Vietnamese offensive
  - President's options
- Blockade
  - Compared to Cambodia, World War III
- Protests to Kissinger's staff
- Public support
  - H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
  - Volume

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 50s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

****Vietnam****

- Blockade
  - President’s peace offers
  - Joseph C. Kraft commentary
- Negotiations
  - George H.W. Bush
  - William J. Porter
    - Plenary session
  - Xuan Thuy
    - Moscow
  - Le Duc Tho
    - Paris
  - Blockade
-Public support
  -Comparison with missile crises
    -Washington Post
    -New York Times
  -Three networks
  -Republicans
  -Intellectuals
-Comparison with Cambodian invasion
  -Fears of World War III
Soviet Union and People’s Republic of China [PRC] responses
  -Strength
  -US assessments
-PRC
  -Kissinger’s message
    -Contents
-Soivet ships
  -Kissinger’s call to Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
-Soviet Summit
  -Soviet response
    -Timing
      -German treaties
-US statement
-Public relations efforts
  -Wording of statements
  -Kissinger call to Yitzhak Rabin
    -Jewish groups
    -Hijacking
    -Jewish groups
      -Position
-Blockade
  -President’s offers
  -Statement to Soviets
    -Support for the President
    -US actions
      -Soviet summit
-Kissinger's backgrounder
  -Response
    -Department of Defense
-Melvin R. Laird
  -Call
  -Speech for John C. Stennis
  -Tone
-William P. Rogers
  -Demeanor
    -The President’s view
-President's demeanor
  -Chou En-lai
  -Andrei A. Gromyko
  -Television
-President's previous speech
  -Response
    -Marvin L. Kalb's party
      -Frank F. Church
      -Indonesian ambassador
      -Max Frankel
  -Soviets
    -Middle East
      -Jewish groups
-North Vietnam offensive
  -Soviet arms
    -Soviet Summit
  -Compared with India-Pakistan crisis
-North Vietnam offensive
  -South Vietnam Success
    -The President’s view
    -An Loc
  -North Vietnam problems
    -Supplies from Soviets
-PRC aid
-Air strikes
  -Railroads
  -Petroleum, Oils, and Lubricants [POLs]
  -Targets
  -Frequency
  -Damage
  -B-52s
    -Supporting aircraft
Conv. No. 337-3 (cont.)

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-Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
-Losses
-Blockade
  -North Vietnam response
    -Bush
    -Porter
    -New York Times
      -James B. (“Scotty”) Reston commentary
  -Public support
    -"Hawks" and "Doves"
  -Publicity
  -Telegrams
    -Volume
  -Television reports
    -"Man on the street" interviews
      -General Infantry [GI’s]
    -Support for President
      -Prisoner of war [POW] wives

President's schedule
  -Florida trip
    -Advisability
      -Dinner for Duke Law School class
    -Future schedule

Kissinger's schedule
  -Return to Washington

Vietnam
  -Blockade
    -Laird press conference
    -John B. Connally press conference
Vietnam
  - Blockade
    - Kissinger's call to Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
    - US intentions
      - The President’s view
      - Soviet ships
    - Compared to Cuban missile crisis
    - Compared to Laos
    - US troops in South Vietnam
    - Message to Soviets

Kissinger left at 9:50 am.

Date: May 10, 1972
Time: Unknown between 9:50 and 10:05 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President dictated a letter to John S. Bradley.

Introduction

Bradley's letter to the Nixons
  - Appreciation
  - President's stay at Duke Law School
    - Faculty parties for students
    - Mrs. Bradley
    - An injury
Conv. No. 337-4 (cont.)

- The President’s view
  - Message to class of 1937
  - Copies to classmates
  - Bradley's advice to class
  - Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon

Conversation No. 337-5

Date: May 10, 1972
Time: Unknown between 9:50 and 10:05 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President dictated a letter to each member of his Duke Law School class.

Instructions

John S. Bradley's letter to the President
  - Dinner attendance
  - Message to class of 1937
    - Enclosure

Conversation No. 337-6

Date: May 10, 1972
Time: Unknown between 9:50 and 10:05 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person.

Meeting with the President
Conversation No. 337-7

Date: May 10, 1972
Time: Unknown between 9:50 and 10:05 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President dictated instructions to an unknown typist.

[This is a continuation of Conversation No. 337-5]

End of tape

Conversation No. 337-8

Date: May 10, 1972
Time: Unknown after 9:50 and before 10:05 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

Dictabelt tape
- Delivery to Rose Mary Woods

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 10:05 am.

Conversation No. 337-9

Date: May 10, 1972
Time: 10:05 am-12:06 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

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

Vietnam
- Melvin R. Laird
  - Meeting with Haldeman
  - Henry A. Kissinger
-Support for the President's policies
  -Meeting with Haldeman and Charles W. Colson
    -Marvin L. Kalb's party
    -The President’s view
    -Level of support
    -Colson
  -Coordination of public appearances
    -Responsibility

-Blockade
-Public support
  -Levels
    -Washington Post and New York Times
  -Publicity
    -Patrick J. Buchanan
  -Albert E. Sindlinger
    -Polls
    -Press conference
      -President's reelection
      -Compared with Dwight D. Eisenhower
    -Polls
      -Level of support
      -Questions
      -Results
  -George H. Gallup poll
    -Questions
    -Samples
      -Hawks
  -Laird
    -Reports
      -Subcabinet meeting
      -Press conference
        -Tone

-Polls
  -Louis P. Harris poll
    -Results
    -Publicity
  -President's polls
    -Questions
    -Results
    -Publicity
    -Results
    -Compared to People's Republic of China [PRC] trip
The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger at an unknown time between 10:10 and 10:19 am.

[Conversation No. 337-9A]

Vietnam
- Poll results

Meeting with President

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam
- Blockade and mining
  - Support for President's actions
The President talked with the White House operator at 10:19 am.

[Conversation No. 337-9B]

[See Conversation No. 24-60]

[End of telephone conversation]

Haldeman talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 10:19 and 10:21 am.

[Conversation No. 337-9C]

Vietnam
-Blockade and mining
-Support for President's actions
-President's polls
-Publicity
-Emphasis
-Opinion Research Corporation [ORC]
-Sindlinger
-ORC

[End of telephone conversation]

-A press conference
-Hugh Scott and Robert P. Griffin
-ORC
-Colson
-Lawrence M. Higby
-Buchanan
-ORC use of material
-Scott's press conference
-ORC

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 10:19 am.

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 10:19 and 10:21 am.
Conv. No. 337-9 (cont.)

[Conversation No. 337-9D]

[See Conversation No. 24-61]

[End of telephone conversation]

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 10:21 am.

-Elliot L. Richardson
-Appearance at Capitol Hill Club
-Television coverage

Kissinger entered at 10:21 am.

-Kissinger's evaluation
-John B. Connally
-Attack on Democrats
-Timing
-Laird and Richardson

The President talked with Colson between 10:21 and 10:22 am.

[Conversation No. 337-9E]

[See Conversation No. 24-62]

[End of telephone conversation]

-Connally
-Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
-Meeting with Haldeman
-Possible speaking appearance
-Forthcoming trip to South Vietnam and Thailand
-Air strikes
-B-52s
-An Loc, Saigon
-Effect

Colson entered at 10:23 am.

-Blockade
-Support for President's actions
  -ORC poll
    -Haldeman
    -Questions
    -Responses
    -Publicity
  -Sindlinger poll
    -ORC
    -Questions
    -Responses
    -Sindlinger's call to Colson
-Other results
  -Approval of President's actions
    -Changes
    -Compared with PRC trip rating
  -President's actions in Vietnam
    -Change in rating
    -President's previous speech on Vietnam
    -Compared with PRC trip rating
  -Percent of "peace at any price" supporters
    -"Hawks"
-Laird
  -A press story
    -Previous call to Kissinger
    -Source
      -William P. Rogers
      -Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
      -Connally
  -Statement by Ronald L. Ziegler
    -Unanimity of National Security Council [NSC] decision
-Air strikes
  -Ellsworth F. Bunker's cable
  -Number of sorties
    -Abrams
    -An Loc
-Message to Bunker from Kissinger
  -An Loc
-Message to Kissinger from Bunker
  -Effect of President's speech
    -South Vietnamese morale
    -Abrams
  -President's decision
Conv. No. 337-9 (cont.)

-Bunker’s view
-Support for President's actions
-Polls
  -Publicity
  -Dissemination
  -Media
-Vietnam veterans
  -Los Angeles Times
-General Infantry [GIs] in Vietnam
  -Morale
  -Press reports
  -Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
-Prisoners of war [POWs] wives
  -Press reports
-Opposition
  -Democrats
  -A California Marxist
-POW wives
  -Possible meeting with President
    -Arrangements
      -Donald Rodgers (?)
  -Possible meeting with Kissinger
  -Possible meeting with the President
    -Timing
    -Conditions
-Sindlinger poll results
  -Dates
  -Sindlinger's operation
  -Emotional response
  -Interviews
-Democrat support
  -Midwest
    -David E. Bradshaw
      -Comparison to Cambodian action
-Labor leaders
  -Hard hats
  -Peter J. Brennan
  -An unknown person
  -Frank E. Fitzsimmons
    -Hard hats
      -Brennan
      -Response to anti-war protests
- Meany's statement
  - Woodcock
  - Importance
  - Jay Lovestone
- [I[worth] W. Abel
- Unions
- Nebraska primary
  - George S. McGovern
  - J. James Exon
    - Support for the President
- Omaha
  - Hubert H. Humphrey vote
- McGovern victory
  - Significance
- Humphrey
- McGovern's effort

Vietnam
- Support for the President's actions
  - Publicity
- Sindlinger's press conference
  - Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
- Kissinger's morale
  - Washington Post editorial
  - Marvin L. Kalb's party
- US power
  - The President’s view

Kissinger left at 10:40 pm.

Kissinger
  - The President’s view

President's demeanor
  - Chou En-lai

Duke Law School reunion
  - Classmates
  - Age
  - Appearance
  - Described
  - Classmates
Haldeman talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 10:40 and 11:40 am.

[Conversation No. 337-9F]

Vietnam
- Support for the President
  - ORC poll
    - Dissemination

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam
- Support for the President
  - ORC poll
    - Publicity
      - Use by White House
      - Press conference
      - Use
        - Calls to Congressmen
          - Clark MacGregor
        - Doves
    - Publicity
      - Method
        - Possible Kissinger briefing for columnists

-Laird
  - A press report
    - Reassurance
      - Call from Colson
        - President’s instructions

Colson talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 10:40 and 11:40 am.

[Conversation No. 337-9G]
[See Conversation No. 24-63]

The President conferred with Haldeman.

Colson talked with Melvin R. Laird at an unknown time between 10:40 and 11:40 am.

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam
  -Blockade
  -Support for the President
    -Laird
      -A press story
      -Connally
    -Connally
      -Possible press conference
      -Criticism of Democrats
      -Forum for criticism
      -Support for President
        -The President’s view
    -Laird
      -Interview format
        -Networks and wire services
  -Impact on morale
    -White House
    -Release of poll
  -Democrats
    -Caucus
    -Barry M. Goldwater, Jr. speech
    -Agnew speech
      -Publicity
      -Ohio State
      -Demonstrators
        -Number
        -Violence
      -Publicity
        -Ziegler
          -Wire stories
  -Telegrams
    -Volume
    -Blockages at Western Union
- Expression of support
  - Letters
  - Telephone calls
- Telephone calls to senators
  - Undecided senators
- Volunteers of help
- Demonstrations
- Petitions
- Unions

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 1m 9s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

Vietnam
  - Blockade
  - Support
    - Herbert G. Klein
    - Robert H. Finch
    - Donald H. Rumsfeld
    - "Hawks"
    - Commentators
      - George Bunche (?)
    - Mobilization
  - Telephone calls
    - Commentators
    - Poll results
  - Los Angeles
  - Chicago
  - Texas
  - Philadelphia
  - Right wing
    - Mobilization
-Democrats
-"Hawks"
-Telegrams
-Rhetoric
  -Counter to Democrats
  -North Vietnam offensive

-Opposition
  -Democratic candidates
  -Washington Post story

-Media reports
  -Criticism
  -Biases
  -Administration criticism
    -Test for 1972 campaign
    -"Dove" Democrats
  -Supporters
    -John McCormack
  -Publicity
    -President's critics
      -John G. Dow

-Laird
  -A press story
    -Response

-William P. Rogers
  -Call to Colson
  -Public statements
    -Frank F. Church
    -North Vietnam
      -Negotiations
  -Poll results
    -Sindlinger

-Poll results
  -Circulation to President's supporters
    -Vaughn (?) Collins
  -Washington Post story
    -Kenneth W. Clawson
    -Buchanan
    -Public release
      -Media coverage
    -Administration response

-Support
  -Scope
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-Intensity
-Media reports
-Boston
  -Government employees
  -Response to demonstrators
-Media reports
  -Kalb
-Popularity
-President's critics
  -White House countermeasures
  -White House staff beliefs
-Media
  -Howard K. Smith
    -Previous conversation with Colson
  -Harry Reasoner
    -Retraction
  -Kalb, Dan Rather, CBS
  -Countermeasures
  -Press bus incident
    -Robert D. Novak, Rowland Evans
    -Commentary
    -Channel 5
-Countermeasures
  -President's travels
  -Washington press corps
-Methds
  -Haldeman's view
  -The President's view
-Washington press corps
  -Negative publicity
  -"Georgetown set"
-Support
  -Novak column
    -Circulation
    -Copyright
      -Congressional Record
      -Gordon L. Allot
  -George D. Aiken
    -Administration efforts
    -Michael J. Mansfield
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 3m 53s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6

Vietnam
  - Blockade
    - Support
      - Scott and Griffin
      - Laird
      - Connally
      - Richardson
        - President's previous speech
        - Richardson's view
  - Cabinet
    - George W. Romney
    - John A. Volpe
  - President's speech
    - Richardson's impression
  - Support
    - Publicity
      - ORC poll

Haldeman talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 10:40 and 11:40 am.

[Conversation No. 337-9I]

Vietnam
  - Blockade
  - Polls
    - Scott and Griffin
    - ORC results
      - Release

[End of telephone conversation]
Polls
- ORC
  - Influence of Administration
  - Sindlinger
- ORC
- Harris
- ORC
  - Credibility
  - Questions
  - Press releases
- Sindlinger
- Harris
- Gallup
  - Questions
  - Results on President's Vietnam action
- ORC poll
  - Public support for President's policies
  - Release of results
    - Buchanan
    - Scott and Griffin

Buchanan
  - Haldeman’s view
  - Colson’s view

Vietnam
  - Support for the President
    - Nelson A. Rockefeller
    - Ronald W. Reagan
    - Statements of support
      - Release
      - Rockefeller
        - Labor meeting speech
          - James L. Buckley, Brennan
        - Strength of statement
      - Staff
        - The President’s view
        - Kissinger’s view
  - President's statements
    - Timing
    - Press conference
-Soviet Summit, Vietnam
  -Timing

-Support
  -Meetings with President and supporters
  -Meeting with POW wives
    -Timing
  -American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars [VFW]

-Agnew's statements
  -Timing
  -Press conference
  -Report to the President
  -Press conference

-Demonstrations
  -Size and character
  -Albuquerque
    -Violence
    -Press reports
    -Freeway traffic
  -Berkeley
    -City employee day off
    -Blocking traffic
  -Madison
    -Size
  -Michigan State
  -Effect
  -Santa Barbara
    -Blocking of airport runway, traffic
    -Arrests
  -Urbana, Illinois
    -Armory
  -University of Maryland
  -National Peace Action Coalition
    -Rally in Washington, DC
      -Size

-Significance
  -Appearance of demonstrators

-Counterreaction
  -Boston example
  -Congressional galleries

-Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] reports
-Media reports
  -Violence
- New York
  - Columbia University
- Wisconsin
- Columbia University
  - New York police
  - Hard hats
  - Jews
- Communist conspiracy
  - Thomas W. (“Teddy”) Gleason
- Coordination
- FBI and Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
- Links to Hanoi
- President's speech
  - Section on student opposition
    - Kissinger
    - Deletion
    - President's attitude toward enemies
- Polls
  - Gallup results
  - Harris results
    - Release
    - Harris poll

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 4m]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8

Vietnam
- Blockade support
  - Cabinet
    - Speeches and briefings
  - Rogers
    - Encouragement from Colson
Colson left at 11:40 am.

President's schedule
  - Public appearances
    - Frequency
  - Meeting with Soviet Trade Minister
  - Meeting with Wilbur D. Mills, Ray C. Bliss
  - Florida trip
  - Meeting with Soviet Trade Minister
    - Timing

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 12
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 44s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 12
Conv. No. 337-9 (cont.)

-FBI
  -L. Patrick Gray, III
  -Nomination

Richard G. Kleindienst
  -Senate confirmation hearings
  -Delay
    -Reasons
      -Vietnam
    -Likelihood of confirmation

Connally
  -Resignation
    -Announcement date
    -Meeting with Haldeman
    -Timing of announcement
      -Soviet summit
    -George P. Shultz
      -Knowledge of resignation
      -Relationship with Connally
      -Caspar W. Weinberger
      -Information on resignation
    -Resignation
      -Timing
        -Soviet Summit
        -Possible cancellation
          -Kissinger’s view
    -Delay
    -Help to administration
      -Rogers

General Services Administration [GSA] administrator

Federal Reserve Board [FRB]
  -Andrew Brimmer
    -Removal
      -Possible ambassadorship
    -Arthur F. Burns
    -Connally
  -Burns
    -Quadriad
    -Shultz’s view
- Milton Friedman
- Economic views
  - Changes
  - Interest rates, monetary aggregates
- Conflict with board
  - Votes
- Compared with William McChesney Martin, Jr.
- Control of board
  - Businessmen
  - Economists
  - Bankers
- [Forename unknown] Carter
  - Effectiveness
    - Shultz
- Quadriad meeting
- Stock market
  - Recent drop
    - Cambodia
    - Jews

Legal Services Corporation
  - Agnew letter

Family's official schedule
  - Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
  - Tricia Nixon Cox
  - Public appearance in Boston
    - Cancellation

President's schedule
  - Florida trip
    - Manolo Sanchez
    - Crowds at Homestead
      - Support for the President

Democrats
  - Meeting with Kissinger
    - Harvard

Vietnam
  - Blockade
  - South Vietnam performance
Vietnam
- Polls

Haldeman left at 12:06 pm.

Date: May 10, 1972
Time: Unknown after 12:06 and before 12:32 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown man.

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

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 15
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 1m52s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 15
The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:32 pm.

Conversation No. 337-11

Date: May 10, 1972
Time: Unknown between 12:06 and 12:32 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person.

Return of Stephen B. Bull (?)

Conversation No. 337-12

Date: May 10, 1972
Time: Unknown between 12:06 and 12:32 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person.

Vietnam
  -Melvin R. Laird
  -Press conference

Meeting with the President

Conversation No. 337-13

Date: May 10, 1972
Time: Unknown between 12:06 and 12:32 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.
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[See Conversation No. 24-64]

Date: May 10, 1972
Time: Unknown after 12:06-12:35 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

Letters
  -Telephone calls

The President talked with Manolo Sanchez between 12:32 and 12:33 pm.

[Conversation No. 337-14A]

[See Conversation No. 24-65]

[End of telephone conversation]

Sanchez
  -Health

Telephone calls
  -Letters
  -Handling

Duke Law School dinner
  -White House staff efforts

Butterfield left at 12:35 pm.

Date: May 10, 1972
Time: Unknown between 12:35 and 12:36 pm
Location: Executive Office Building
The President talked with an unknown person.

Vietnam

-Editorials
-Notes

Date: May 10, 1972
Time: 12:36-1:02 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

Vietnam

-Blockade
-Melvin R. Laird
-A press story
-Source
-John B. Connally
-Connally
-Confrontation with Democrats
-Laird statement
-North Vietnam
-Xuan Thuy
-Moscow
-Le Duc Tho
-Soviets
-Meeting in Paris with US official
-Statement on US-Soviet meeting
-New proposals
-Kissinger's message
-Tenor
-North Vietnam offensive
-B-52 strikes
-Kontum
-Targets
-Hue area
-Central Intelligence Agency [CIA] analysis
-Long Binh
-Number of divisions
  -Quality
  -B-52 strikes
  -Number
-Hue
  -North Vietnamese failure to take
-US retaliation
  -Methods
  -Damage to North Vietnam
    -Mining
    -Railroads
-Air strikes
  -Petroleum, Oil, and Lubricants [POL]
    -Haiphong area
-Accuracy
-Damage
-Bridge
-Soviet Summit
  -Cancellation
    -Ronald L. Ziegler statement
-Blockade
  -Press reaction
    -New York Times
    -Washington Post
      -James B. (“Scotty”) Reston
        -Motives
-Stewart J.O. Alsop
-Soviet Summit
  -Conally (?)
    -Cancellation
    - Possibility
    -Soviet actions
      -US response
        -Vietnam
        -Middle East
    -Agreements
      -Conditions
  -Connally statement
    -Press reports
Conv. No. 337-16 (cont.)

- US stakes in Vietnam
- North Vietnam offensive
  - Consequence of US defeat
    - Southeast Asia
- Blockade
  - Success

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 12:36 pm.

Food order

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 1:02 pm.

Vietnam
- Blockade
  - Mobilization of Army of the Republic of Vietnam [ARVN] support
    - Nguyen Van Thieu’s statement
- Vietnamization policy
- President's decision
  - Timing
    - Election year
      - H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
- Soviet Summit
  - Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
    - Kissinger's Georgetown friends
- Consequences of US defeat
  - Domino Theory
    - Thailand
- Blockade support
  - Marshall Green
  - Malaysia
  - Cambodia
  - Australia
  - New Zealand
  - Philippines
  - Japanese

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 12:36 pm.

A delivery

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 1:02 pm.
Vietnam
- Blockade support
  - British
    - Letter to George R.S. Baring [Earl of Cromer]
- Summit
  - Cancellation
    - Compared with US victory in Vietnam
    - Future Summits
- North Vietnam offensive
  - Consequences for US
- President's opponents
- North Vietnam offensive
  - People's Republic of China [PRC]
    - Soviet Union
- Blockade
  - Soviet Union
  - PRC
    - Soviet Summit
    - European Security Council
- Soviet Summit
  - Possible postponement
    - Kissinger's view
- North Vietnam offensive
  - Hue
- Soviet Summit
  - Possible postponement
- Press
  - Columnists
  - Kissinger's press conference
  - Laird's press conference
- Clifford P. Case-Frank F. Church amendment
  - Provisions
    - Effects for administration
    - Compared with Michael J. Mansfield proposal
    - Chances of passage in House
      - Effect of polls
      - A memorandum
      - Charles W. Colson
- Public opinion
  - Edward M. Kennedy
  - Washington Post
- *New York Times*
- John Kenneth Galbraith
- Kennedy
- *Newsweek*
  - Henry Hubbard
  - Meeting with Kissinger
  - Meeting with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
- Criticism of the President
- North Vietnam offensive
  - South Vietnam defeat possibility
  - Prisoners of war [POWs]
- Soviet Summit
  - President's attendance
  - Possible public impression

A vote on the German treaties
- *Time*

**Vietnam**
- Possible South Vietnam collapse
- Air strikes
  - An Loc
    - Destruction
  - Kontum
    - Casualties expected
- Hue
  - Ground action
- North Vietnam reserve strength
- Peace offers
  - Negotiations
  - Kissinger’s meeting with columnists

Kissinger left at 1:02 pm.
Date:  May 10, 1972  
Time:  Unknown after 1:02 and before 3:35 pm  
Location:  Executive Office Building  

The President met with an unknown person.

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[Duration:  15s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 3:35 pm.

Date:  May 10, 1972  
Time:  Unknown between 1:02 and 3:35 pm  
Location:  Executive Office Building  

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

Vietnam  
-Blockade  
-Melvin R. Laird’s press conference  
-Riots  
-Polls  
-Support for the President

President's schedule
Conv. No. 337-18 (cont.)

- Camp David
- Charles G. (“Bebe”) Rebozo
- *Sequoia* cruise
- Camp Hoover
  - Work

Vietnam
  - Prisoners of war [POWs]
  - Importance

Conversation No. 337-19

Date: May 10, 1972
Time: Unknown between 1:02 and 3:35 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President played a recording.

Vietnam
  - Weapons
    - Navy, Army, Air Force
    - South Vietnam compared with North Vietnam
    - Dien Bien Phu
      - Henry A. Kissinger
    - North Vietnam offensive
      - South Vietnam capabilities
    - Tanks
      - Counteraction
    - US response
      - Navy, Army, Air Force
Conversation No. 337-20

Date: May 10, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 1:02 and 3:35 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building  

The President dictated a memorandum to Henry A. Kissinger.

Vietnam  
-Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]  
-Propaganda  
-South Vietnam, Hanoi area  
-Support for the President  
-US military action  
-Impact on North Vietnam leaders and people  
-Air strikes  
-Supervision  
-Improvement  
-Quantity, quality  
-Needs

Conversation No. 337-21

Date: May 10, 1972  
Time: Unknown after 1:02 and before 3:35 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building  

The President met with an unknown man.

Dictation  
-Delivery to Rose Mary Woods  

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 3:35 pm.
Conversation No. 337-22

Date: May 10, 1972
Time: Unknown between 1:02 and 3:35 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Rose Mary Woods.

Dictation
-Delivery

Meeting with the President
-Time

Conversation No. 337-23

Date: May 10, 1972
Time: Unknown between 1:02 and 3:35 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President dictated a memorandum for the file.

[Unintelligible]

Conversation No. 337-24

Date: May 10, 1972
Time: 3:35-3:55 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

Gifts
-Official party, unofficial party, technicians
-Cufflinks, tiebars
Duke Law School reunion

Gifts
- Cufflinks
- Placement
- President's use

Manolo Sanchez
- Health
- Telephone call from the President

Dinner for law school classmates
- Appearance of classmates compared to President
- Entertainment
- President's remarks
- Caspar W. Weinberger's comments

Vietnam
- Blockade
  - President's speech
    - Public response
  - Polls
- Protests
  - Violence
  - Public response

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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

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Conv. No. 337-24 (cont.)
President's previous speech on Vietnam blockade and mining
  - Drafting
  - Walter H. Annenberg
    - Call

President's schedule
  - Camp David
  - Miami
  - Camp David

Vietnam
  - President's previous speech on blockade and mining
    - Response
      - John F. Kennedy
        - Initial US involvement
      - Gen. James D. (“Don”) Hughes
  - Tonkin Gulf incident
    - President's comments
  - American soldiers
  - Congress
    - Lack of support for General infantry [GIs]
  - President's policies
    - US role in the world
    - Critics
      - Communists and left-wing
      - Joseph McCarthy

American society
  - Schools
  - Religion
    - Protestants
    - Catholics
    - Presbyterians

Camp David
  - Bowling
  - Birch Lodge

Ernest F. Hollings
  - Future

People's Republic of China [PRC] ping-pong team
A Chinese artifact

Woods left at 3:55 pm.

Date: May 10, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:55 and 3:59 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President dictated a memorandum for an unknown person.

[Forename unknown] Jackson
  - Plea in North Carolina
  - President's recollection

Marilyn Phillips (?)
  - A letter

Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]
  - Appropriation

Date: May 10, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:55 and 3:59 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 24-66]
Date: May 10, 1972  
Time: Between 3:59 and 4:00 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Charles W. Colson.

[See Conversation No. 24-67]

Date: May 10, 1972  
Time: 4:04-unknown before 5:45 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Charles W. Colson.

Colson talked with an unknown person between 4:04 pm and 4:25 pm.

[Conversation No. 337-28/339-1F]

[See Conversation No. 24-68]

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam
- Blockade
  - Melvin R. Laird press conference
    - Evaluated
    - Television coverage
    - Wire service coverage
    - Length
    - Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS] live coverage
      - Duration
      - Assessed by Colson
      - Attack on critics
      - Appeal for support
  - Gerald R. Ford and Hugh Scott press conference
    - Names of critics
    - Network coverage
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Conv. No. 337-28/339-1 (cont.)

-Polls
  -Opinion Research Corporation [ORC]
    -Copies for press
    -Validity
    -White House polls

H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman entered at 4:05 pm.

-Albert E. Sindlinger
  -Level of support for the President
    -Release
      -Press conference
      -New York Times and wire services coverage
-Ronald L. Ziegler's briefing
  -ORC poll
  -New York Times editorial
-ORC poll
  -Possible use in New York Times advertisement
-Attack on critics
-Public support
  -Press reports
-Washington Post sports section
  -Theodore S. (“Ted”) Williams
    -Support for President’s decision
    -Criticism of Democrats candidates
    -Support for President
      -Soviet Union
      -National Broadcasting Corporation [NBC]'s Today show
      -President's critics

-Language
  -William L. Safire
-Telegram from Thomas W. (“Teddy”) Gleason
  -Ziegler
    -Support for the President’s decision
      -Walt W. Rostow
      -Dock strike

-Rhetoric
  -Memorandum to Henry A. Kissinger regarding Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
  -Propaganda efforts in Vietnam
  -Choice of words
Kissinger entered at 4:15 pm.

-Mines
- A talk by Robert H. Finch
  - Atlanta
  - Assessment of President's previous speech
- Dick Sykes
- Support for the President
  - Television talk show
  - Man-on-the-street
  - Kissinger's meeting with Prentis Hale
    - Statements
    - Roger L. Stevens
- Polls
- Support for President
  - Scott
  - Ford
  - Poll in Pennsylvania
- Polls
  - Sindlinger, ORC
  - Support for President
- Support for President
  - Rhetoric
  - Camp David
- Propaganda efforts
  - Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
  - President's memorandum to Kissinger
Conv. No. 337-28/339-1 (cont.)

- Richard M. Helms
- Competence
  - World War II
    - Office of Strategic Services [OSS]
    - Communists
  - The President’s view
- Haldeman call to Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters
- Propaganda
  - Content
    - South Vietnam
    - North Vietnam
- Blockade
  - Laird press conference
    - Assessment
    - Questions
    - Demeanor
- Support for President
  - Robert P. Griffin and Scott press conference
  - ORC poll
- Polls
  - Sindlinger
    - Press conference
    - Level of public support for the President
      - Dwight D. Eisenhower
- New York Times advertisement
- Support for the President

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 45s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
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Vietnam
- Blockade
  - Elliot L. Richardson
    - Statement
    - James D. Hodgson
Colson left at 4:25 pm.

-US-Soviet Summit
  -Arrangements
  -Advance party
  -Cancellation
  -President's options
  -President's meeting with Nikolai S. Patolichev
  -Subjects for discussion
    -Vietnam
  -Time

Kissinger talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 4:25 and 4:45 pm.

[Conversation No. 337-28/339-1A]

[See Conversation No. 24-69]

[End of telephone conversation]
An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 4:25 pm.

President's schedule
-A commercial flight
-Time of arrival

An unknown left at an unknown time before 4:45 pm.

Kissinger talked with Dobrynin at an unknown time between 4:25 and 4:45 pm.

[Conversation No. 337-28/339-1B]
[See Conversation No. 24-70]
[End of telephone conversation]

-Presidents meeting with Patolichev and Dobrynin
  -Peter G. Peterson, Peter M. Flanigan
  -Notification
  -Time
  -Reason

-Cancellation
  -Likelihood
-Peterson
  -Patolichev meeting
  -Notification
  -Subjects for discussion
-German treaties
-Status
-Significance
-Cancellation

Vietnam
-Blockade and mining
  -People's Republic of China [PRC]
    -Statement
    -Options
-North Vietnam offensive
  -Hue
    -US air strikes
    -Impact
-US-Soviet Summit
  -Cancellation or postponement
    -Likelihood
-Blockade
  -Soviet response
  -Hanoi statement
  -Soviet ships
    -Departure from ports
-Air strikes
  -Docks
  -Warehouses
  -Petroleum, Oil, and Lubricants [POL]
  -Rails
  -Impact on North Vietnam
    -Repairs
    -Evacuation
    -Rationing
    -Intensity
    -Compared with Lyndon B. Johnson's 1968 bombing
      -Tet offensive
-North Vietnam offensive
  -Build-up
  -Gains
    -An Loc
    -Populated areas
-Air strikes in North Vietnam
  -1968 Tet offensive
    -Cessation by Johnson
-Soviets
  -Support for North Vietnam
-Blockade
  -Soviets
  -PRC
President's meeting with Patolichev and Dobrynin
- Publicity
  - Peterson
  - Kissinger’s view

Kissinger's schedule
- Briefing on Vietnam
  - John C. Stennis
  - Hawks
  - Liberal Republican senators
  - Day
  - Possible appearance by the President

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 4:25 pm.
The unknown person left at an unknown time before 4:45 pm.

Vietnam
- Blockade
  - Liberal Republican senators
  - Briefing
    - Withdrawal
    - Support for the President
    - Appearance by the President
      - Rogers and Laird
      - Advisability
        - The President’s view
    - Questions for the President
    - Request for briefing by the President
      - Clark MacGregor
      - Steven S. Karalekas
      - Stennis
      - Barry M. Goldwater, Jr.
      - John G. Tower
      - Griffin
      - Bryce N. Harlow
      - Margaret Chase Smith
    - Kissinger
      - Arrangements
        - Soviet Summit
        - Time

- US-Soviet Summit
-Possible cancellation
-Peterson and Soviet Union trade delegation meeting
-Scheduling
-Cancellation
-Hue
-Possible delay
-Date
-Cancellation
-Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Kissinger left at 4:45 pm.

Haldeman talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 4:45 and 5:45 pm.

[Conversation No. 337-28/339-1C]

President's schedule
- *Sequoia* cruise
  - A dinner
    - Time
  - Peterson
  - A smaller boat
    - Chief of Naval Operations
  - Time
  - Peterson

[End of telephone conversation]

*Sequoia*
- Rules of use
  - Peterson
    - The President’s view
  - Use
    - President's dinner at the White House
    - Changes
  - Use by the President
  - Use by others

President's schedule
- Camp David
- Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo
- *Sequoia*
- Alexander P. Butterfield
- Camp David
  - Use by others
  - Cabinet officers
  - Use by the President
  - Florida
- Use by others
  - John N. Mitchell
  - Richardson
  - Conflicts with President's use
- Laurel Cabin
- President's trip to California
- *Sequoia*
  - Purpose
- Meeting with senators
  - MacGregor
  - Advisability
  - The President’s view
  - Publicity
  - Kissinger briefing
- Telephone calls

**Vietnam**
- Blockade
  - Public support
    - 1972 election
    - Duration
    - Polls
      - Release by Colson
      - ORC poll
        - Release to Congressional offices and press
          - Ronald McMahon
          - Scott press conference
          - Press questions
          - Sindlinger poll
          - Quayle poll
          - ORC

**An unknown person entered at an unknown time between 4:45 pm and 5:45 pm.**

**Delivery of a note**
Haldeman talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 4:45 and 5:45 pm.

[Conversation No. 337-28/339-1D]

Soviets
  - Dinner cancellation
  - Reports
  - Patolichev
  - Health

[End of telephone conversation]

- Confirmation
  - Kissinger

[The above portion of the conversation took place simultaneously with Conversation No. 337-28/339-1D]

The unknown person left at an unknown time between 4:45 pm and 5:45 pm.

Haldeman talked with Kissinger at an unknown time between 4:45 and 5:45 pm.

[Conversation No. 337-28/339-1E]

- Patolichev
- Reasons
  - Meeting between the President and Patolichev
- Dinner cancellation
  - Significance

[End of telephone conversation]

- Peterson meeting with Patolichev

Haldeman's schedule
- Meeting with Connally
- Meeting with Kissinger
  - Message from Dobrynin

Vietnam
- Blockade
  - Senate Republicans
- Meeting with President
  - Kissinger briefing
- Public support
- Support for the President
  - White House staff
    - Initiative
  - Harlow
- Public support
  - Reasons
    - The President’s efforts
- Republicans
  - Charles H. Percy, Richard S. Schweiker
  - Constituents

President’s schedule
  - *Sequoia*
    - New rules for use
- Camp David
  - Uses
    - Emergency
    - Family retreat
- Conferences
  - Other locations
  - Airlie House
  - The Homestead
  - The Greenbrier
  - Airlie House
  - Departmental facilities
- Value to users
- Facilities
- Other locations
  - Williamsburg
  - Washington
    - Sans Souci
    - A country club
    - John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
    - Movie Association Center

Social events
  - Movie Association
  - Arthur F. Burns
    - Social activities
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 1m 1s ]
END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6

-Kissinger's social activities
  -Effect
  -Pace of work
  -President's pace

Press
  -White House News Summary
    -President's reading
    -President's reading
      -Reasons
    -Bias
    -President's reading
      -Duration

Vietnam
  -Blockade
  -Polls
    -Release

Polls
  -Sindlinger
    -Financial status
    -Publicity
  -ORC
    -The President’s view
  -George H. Gallup
    -Public polls
Vietnam
  -Support for the President's decision on blockade and mining
    -Gallup poll
      -Results
      -Questions
      -Results
  -President's peace offer
    -Call from James B. (“Scotty”) Reston
      -Kissinger
      -Reston column
      -President's previous speech on blockade and mining
        -Kissinger
        -Duration
  -News reports on previous speech on blockade and mining
    -Military aspect
    -Peace offer
    -1971 peace offer
-Congress
  -A resolution supporting the President's peace offer
    -Passage
    -Funds cutoff
    -Kissinger’s view

-Peace offer
  -Prisoners of war [POWs]
  -Ceasefire
  -Troop withdrawal
  -Congressional approval
  -Ceasefire
  -Troop withdrawal
    -Consequences
  -Reston's column

-Congress
  -Funds cutoff
    -Effect

-US troop withdrawal in Indochina
  -Possible ceasefire violations
  -Cambodia
  -Thailand
  -Laos
  -Navy ships
  -Bases

-President's peace offer
  -Compared with possible Congressional proposal
    -Kissinger’s view
    -Political settlement
      -Nguyen Van Thieu
      -The President’s instruction
      -Kissinger

-Soviets
  -Cancellation of Patolichev dinner
    -Significance
  -Meeting with the President
  -Peterson Dinner
  -Maurice H. Stans dinner
    -Effect on Sequoia schedule
  -Peterson dinner
    -Sequoia
  -Patolichev, President, and Dobrynin meeting
The conversation was cut off at an unknown time before 5:45 pm.