Date: December 5, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 2:00 pm and 6:20 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Charles W. Colson and H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman.

[This recording began while the meeting was in progress]

Vietnam negotiations  
-Breakdown  
-Press relations  
  -Ronald L. Ziegler  
  -John B. Connally  
  -Richard A. Moore  
  -Connally  
-Henry A. Kissinger’s recommendations  
  -The President’s possible television [TV] appearance  
  -Blame  
    -North Vietnam  
    -US, South Vietnam  
-US military action  
-Pace  
-Civilians  
-The President’s message to Kissinger  
  -North Vietnam  
-Duration  
-Settlement agreement  
-Prisoners of war [POWs]  
-The President’s previous TV appearances  
-Troop withdrawals  
-US military action  
-Cambodia  
-Bombing, mining  
-Purpose  
-Duration  
-Outline
The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 2:00 pm and 2:56 pm.

[See Conversation No. 34-23]

[Conversation No. 386-1A]

[End of telephone conversation]
The President talked with Stephen B. Bull between 2:56 pm and 2:57 pm.

[See Conversation No. 34-24]

[Conversation No. 386-1B]

[End of telephone conversation]

The President’s schedule
- Reception for California administration officials
- The President’s possible statement
- Robert H. Finch’s recommendation
- California Republicans
  - Talent
  - TV poll
  - Possible meeting in San Clemente
  - Timing

The President talked with the White House operator at 2:58 pm.

[See Conversation No. 34-25]
The President’s schedule
   -Reception for California administration officials
   -Dinner
      -Blair House
      -Seating arrangements
         -The President’s experience as Congressman
   -Medals
      -Presentation
      -Gold
         -Value
      -Leonard K. Firestone
      -Taft Schreiber
      -Silver
      -Gold
         -Inscription
      -Finch
         -Letter
   -Dinner
   -Camp David
   -Californians
      -The President’s role
         -Hand-shaking, greetings
         -Seating
         -Clothing
            -Black tie
         -The President’s possible remarks
            -Vietnam War
   -Departure

Ronald L. Ziegler entered at 3:00 pm.

Vietnam negotiations
   -Breakdown
      -Kissinger’s recommendations
         -Instruction for Ziegler, Haldeman, Colson
Ziegler left at an unknown time before 3:10 pm.

Second term reorganization
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO]
  - Donald H. Rumsfeld
    - Departure
    - Timing
  - Peter G. Peterson
    - Departure
    - Trip to Europe
    - Rejection of ambassadorship-at-large
    - Trip to Europe
    - Common Market
    - Japan
    - Brazil

The President’s schedule
- Reception for California administration officials
  - Finch’s recommendation
    - Blair House
    - Dinner
  - Medals presentation
  - Tribute to Finch
    - John D. Ehrlichman, George P. Shultz, Rumsfeld, Peter M. Flanigan
      - Reception
      - Cocktails
  - Purpose
  - Dinner
  - Entertainment
    - Jonathan Winters
    - [Foster Brooks]
  - Clothing
    - Black tie
  - Entertainment
    - Medals presentation
    - Brooks
Second term reorganization
  - Rumsfeld
  - NATO
  - Peterson
  - Trip
    - Study
    - Ambassadorship-at-large
      - Cabinet rank
      - Shultz’s recommendation
    - Special representative
    - Plane
      - David M. Kennedy
      - Japan
      - Gas
    - Cost

The President’s schedule
  - Reception for California administration officials
    - Finch
      - Conversation with Haldeman
        - Camp David
    - Timing
    - Hand-shaking
    - Remarks
    - Speeches
    - Entertainment
    - Medals presentation
    - White House staff
    - California Republicans
      - Possible meeting in San Clemente
        - Timing
      - Ronald W. Reagan, Finch
    - Politics

Second term reorganization
  - Finch and Rumsfeld
    - Compared to “Hamlet”
  - Rumsfeld
Ziegler entered at an unknown time after 3:00 pm.

Haldeman’s schedule
- Ziegler
- Connally
- Meeting with the President
- Timing

Haldeman left at 3:10 pm.

Vietnam negotiations
- Breakdown
- Kissinger’s recommendations
  - The President’s possible TV appearance
  - The President’s previous TV appearances
    - Cambodia
  - The President’s May 8, 1972 decision
- Enemy trickery
- US military action
  - Duration
    - POWs
- PR
  - US
    - North Vietnam, press relations
- Possible domestic problem
  - North Vietnam
  - McGovernites
  - Press relations
  - Washington, DC
  - Pressure on Kissinger
  - North Vietnam
- US bombing of North Vietnam
  - B-52s
- PR
  - Administration supporters
  - Administration opponents
  - Kissinger’s possible statement
    - Tone
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Conversation No. 386-1 (cont’d)

- Public expectations
- Washington, DC
  - Compared to Wall Street
- Morale
- North Vietnam
- The President’s trips to the People’s Republic of China [PRC] and the Soviet Union
- Kissinger’s resignation
- Haldeman’s and the President’s view
- Ziegler’s view
  - “Dramatic” effect
- US military action
  - Pace
  - Statements
  - 18th and 19th Parallels
- Previous statements
  - Kissinger’s “peace is at hand” statement, October 26, 1972
  - The President’s address, “Look to the Future,” November 2, 1972
- Settlement agreement
  - Signing
  - Timing
    - US troops remaining in South Vietnam
    - Draft
    - Casualties
- Kissinger’s possible statement
  - North Vietnam’s intransigence
  - Settlement agreement
    - South Vietnam
  - Recess
  - North Vietnam’s intransigence
  - POWs
  - US bombing of North Vietnam
- Kissinger’s recommendation
  - The President’s possible TV appearance
  - PR
    - “Peace is at hand”
- Kissinger’s possible statement
Conversation No. 386-1 (cont’d)

TV
-US military action
- Duration
- POWs
-Kissinger’s message
- North Vietnam-South Vietnam relations
- Vietnamization
-US bombing of North Vietnam
- Haiphong, Hanoi
-North Vietnam
- Settlement agreement
- “Peace is at hand”
-Kissinger’s possible statement
- Duration
- Le Duc Tho
- North Vietnamese intransigence
- Settlement agreement
- Signing
- POWs
- Questions
-Kissinger’s recommendations
- The President’s possible TV appearance
- PR
- Public interest in Christmas shopping, POWs
- “Peace is at hand”
- North Vietnam’s reversion

Press relations
- Ziegler’s announcement
- Department of Housing and Urban Development [HUD]
- Peterson’s departure
- Leak
- Shultz

Vietnam negotiations
- Breakdown
- Kissinger’s possible statement
- Tone
- Previous statements
- Timing of signing of settlement agreement [November 2, 1972]
Conversation No. 386-1 (cont’d)

statement]
- Compared to “peace is at hand”
- POWs
  - PR
    - POW wives
      - North Vietnam
      - 1972 campaign
      - Honor
- Kissinger’s recommendations
  - Assessing blame
  - Honor
  - Statement
    - US military action
- Statement
  - Necessity
- North Vietnam’s possible position
  - Kissinger’s credibility
    - “Peace is at hand”
    - Settlement agreement
- North Vietnam’s possible subversion of South Vietnam
  - The President’s message to South Vietnam
    - Settlement agreement
    - Congressional relations
    - End of war
- Kissinger’s credibility
  - Kissinger’s relationship with the President
- Pressure on South Vietnam
- Delays
  - Congressional relations
    - 1972 election
      - The President’s victory margin
- Breakdown
  - Kissinger’s recommendations
    - The President’s possible TV appearance
      - Necessity
      - Timing
      - Christmas
      - 1972 election
    - Tone
    - Strategy
Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 3:10 pm.

The President’s schedule
- Camp David
- Reception for California administration officials
- Blair House
  - Clothing
    - Suit
  - Zosimo T. Monson

Sanchez left and Connally and Haldeman entered at 3:30 pm.

Connally’s schedule
- Jetstar

Press relations
- Ziegler’s press conference
  - Second term reorganization
    - Eugene T. Roussides’s and Charls E. Walker’s departures
  - The President’s schedule
    - Meeting with Walker
      - The President’s conversation with Shultz
    - Camp David
  - Ziegler’s conversation with Shultz
  - Camp David
    - Return
  - Second term reorganization
    - Peterson’s departure
      - Statement
        - Shultz
Ziegler left at 3:35 pm.

Connally’s schedule

The President’s schedule
  -Meeting with Shultz

US-Soviet Union Gas Deal
  -Kissinger
    -US-Soviet Union Summit, 1973
  -Involvement
    -Commerce and State Departments
    -White House
  -Connally’s responsibility
    -Shultz
    -Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
      -Conversation with Kissinger
        -The President’s conversation with Kissinger
          -Florida
  -Politics
    -Kissinger
  -Economics
    -Shultz
      -Costs
        -Loan guarantees
      -White House
      -The President’s conversations with Kissinger, Shultz
    -Connally’s conversation with Kissinger
      -Kissinger’s return from Paris
    -Dobrynin
  -Announcement
    -Timing
      -US-Soviet Union summit, 1973
        -May or June
        -Arms control
    -Dobrynin
    -Soviet Union trade minister [Nikolai S. Patolichev]
      -Possible meeting with Connally
      -Pipeline companies
        -Connally’s role
Conversation No. 386-1 (cont’d)

-Connally’s possible trip to Soviet Union
-Connally’s responsibility
-The President’s view
-Armand Hammer
  -The President’s schedule
  -Capital
  -Credit
  -Investments
    -El Paso Company
-US interests
-Export-Import [Ex-Im] Bank
-Joint East-West Bank
  -Loans
    -US underwriting
-Involvement
  -Secretary of Commerce
  -White House
    -Kissinger
      -Politics
      -Flanigan

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 3:35 pm.

Refreshments

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 6:20 pm.

-Ex-Im Bank
  -Gas prices
  -Gamal Abdel Nasser
    -Relations with US
    -Diplomatic relations
-Peterson
  -Successor
    -Harry S. Dent
      -South Carolina
      -Loyalty
-Algeria
-Iraq
  -Connally’s possible trip to
-Saudi Arabia
  -Hammer
    -[Faisal, King of Saudi Arabia] Malik Faisal ibn Abd al-Aziz-al-Saud
    -Possible message from the President
    -Haldeman
    -Kissinger
    -Concessions

-Iran
  -[Shah of Iran] Mohammed Reza Pahlavi

-Algeria
  -President’s Foreign Intelligence Advisory Committee [PFIAB]
    -Hammer
    -Concessions
  -The President’s experience as Vice President
    -World trip
      -Donald McI. Kendall

-Timing
  -January 1973

-Connally’s contacts
  -[David] Kenneth Rush
  -Shultz
  -William J. Casey
    -Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs
    -Relationship

Second term reorganization
  -State Department
    -Casey
    -Conversation with Ehrlichman
  -William P. Clements, Jr.
    -Conversation with Connally
    -Oil deal lawsuit
      -Argentinians
  -Senate Armed Services Committee

-H. Ross Perot
  -Vietnam War
    -Cease-fire
      -POW’s, missing in action [MIAs]
      -Records
    -Commission
Conversation No. 386-1 (cont’d)

-MIAs
  -International organization
  -POWs and families

Vietnam negotiations
  -Breakdown
    -Kissinger’s recommendations
      -The President’s possible TV appearance
        -Connally’s view
          -Details of October 1972 agreement
          -Kissinger’s messages
          -PR
            -Cease-fire
          -Translation excuse
          -Alternative
        -Ziegler’s view
          -Previous statements
            -“Peace is at hand”
              -Compared to timing of signing of settlement agreement [November 2, 1972 statement]

-US bombing of North Vietnam
  -Pace
    -Effect
  -Ziegler’s view
    -Draft
      -Casualties
      -Timing
    -Connally’s view
      -Recess
      -North Vietnamese intransigence

-South Vietnam
  -The President’s meeting with Nguyen Phu Duc
    -Settlement agreement
      -Changes
        -North Vietnam
      -Withdrawal of North Vietnamese troops from South Vietnam
      -Congressional relations
        -US aid to South Vietnam
          -Cut off
Conversation No. 386-1 (cont’d)

-POWs
-Cease-fire
-South Vietnam’s self-determination
-North Vietnamese troops in South Vietnam
-Cease-fire

-North Vietnam
-Congressional relations
-Cut off of US aid
-North Vietnamese intransigence
-October 8, 1972 agreement
-Thieu
-US presence in South Vietnam
-Compared to October 26, 1972 agreement
-Changes
-Congressional relations
-Cut off of US aid

-US bombing of North Vietnam
-Christmas
-Announcement
-B-52s
-Civilian casualties

-Status of negotiations
-October 1972
-Settlement agreement
-Coalition government
-Communists
-North Vietnamese troops in South Vietnam

-Kissinger’s possible statement
-Tone
-October 26, 1972 agreement
-“Peace is at hand”

-Instructions to Haldeman for message to Kissinger
-October 26, 1972 agreement
-Congressional relations
-US funds for US military action and military and economic aid to South Vietnam
-Settlement agreement

-South Vietnam
-Impasse
Conversation No. 386-1 (cont’d)

-Consultations
  -Resumption of talks
-Kissinger
  -Emotions
  -Resignation
    -The President’s trips to the PRC and the Soviet Union
  -Timing
-Instructions to Haldeman for message to Kissinger
  -Kissinger’s efforts
  -Consultations
  -Resumption of talks
  -US military action
    -Pace
  -Kissinger’s possible statement
    -Length
      -Ziegler’s view
    -Tone
    -Translation excuse
  -North Vietnamese troops in South Vietnam
-Closed government
  -National Council of National Reconciliation and Concord [NCRC]
    -Thieu’s veto
  -US bombing of North Vietnam
    -Pace
      -“Hawks”
    -Duration
      -POWs
        -McGovern
          -R. Sargent Shriver
          -Connally’s TV speech,
            October 20, 1972
-PR
  -Peace with honor
    -McGovern
  -Details
    -Christmas
  -Economy
    -Retail sales
Conversation No. 386-1 (cont’d)

-Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
-Kissinger’s messages
  -Kissinger’s outlook
    -Kissinger’s possible statement
-Instructions to Haldeman for message to Kissinger
  -Initiative
  -Recess
    -Consultations
  -Return to Washington, DC
-PR
  -Delays
  -Translation
    -“Organization”
  -Administration opponents
  -Administration supporters
  -US bombing of North Vietnam
    -Duration
      -POWs
  -The President’s previous statements
    -Cambodia
      -Supplies
    -The President’s May 8, 1972 decision
      -US bombing and mining of North Vietnam
-Instructions to Haldeman for message to Kissinger
  -Kissinger’s possible statement
  -Tone
-The President’s meeting with Connally
  -North Vietnamese intransigence
    -October 26, 1972 agreement
      -Congressional relations
      -Funds
  -Haldeman’s conversations with others
    -Connally
      -“Hawks”
  -Congressional relations
  -Funds
  -Consultations
-The President’s May 8, 1972 decision
  -Kissinger’s trip to the Soviet Union
    -Kissinger’s return
Conversation No. 386-1 (cont’d)

-Kissinger’s meeting with Connally
-North Vietnam
-US-Soviet Union summit
-Cancellation
-Speech
-US bombing of North Vietnam
-US-Soviet Union summit
-Breakdown
-North Vietnamese intransigence
-Cut off of arms to North Vietnam and South Vietnam
-US-Soviet Union and US-PRC relations
-Mutual and Balanced Force Reductions [MBFR]
-Europe
-Dobrynin
-Paris
-Kissinger’s recommendations
-The President’ possible TV appearance
-Kissinger’s morale
-North Vietnam
-Blame
-US military action
-Resumption of talks
-Terms
-October 8, 1972 agreement
-PR
-Congressional relations
-Funds
-Continuation of war
-US-North Vietnam bilateral deal
-POWs
-Cessation of US mining and bombing of North Vietnam
-Cut off of US military and economic aid to South Vietnam
-Thieu
-Congressional relations
-Cut off of US military and economic aid to South Vietnam
-Vietnamization
-Responsibility
-Thieu
-Haldeman’s message to Kissinger
-Timing
1972 election

Democratic National Committee [DNC]
- New chairman
  - Robert S. Strauss
  - Possible actions
  - Traits
- George S. McGovern supporters
  - Hubert H. Humphrey
  - Attitudes

Politics
- Democrats and Republicans
  - Connally’s view
    - Third party
    - Liberals, conservatives
  - Connally as candidate
    - Ability to win
      - California
    - Edmund G. (“Pat”) Brown nomination
    - Ronald Reagan nomination
    - John V. Tunney
- Third party
  - American National Party
  - American Independent Party
  - Koch [?] [first name unknown]
  - Ken Moore [?]
- Public reaction
  - Vietnam war
- Leadership
  - Elections
  - Connally’s proposals
  - Money [?]
  - Nelson A. Rockefeller
Conversation No. 386-1 (cont’d)

- New York
  - 1972 election
    - 1968 election
    - John N. Mitchell
    - Florida
    - Texas
    - Georgia
    - Texas
    - Blacks
  - Voting habits
  - Registration
  - Party selection

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Connally
  - Presidency
  - Public opinion
    - William Benton
      - Lyndon B. Johnson’s home
      - Connecticut
      - Conversation with Connally
        - Possible meeting in New York
    - H(uey) Paul Simon
      - Dallas
      - Conversation with Connally
    - Responsible liberals
      - Democratic Party
  - 1972 election
    - California
  - Charles D. (“Tex”) Thornton
    - Conversation with Connally
    - Litton Industries
      - Roy L. Ash
      - William Proxmire
      - Debt
      - California
      - Asa V. Call, Sizemore [first name unknown]
Politics
- Third party
- Republican Party
  - Strength
    - Compared to Democratic Party
  - Liberals
    - Charles McC. Mathias, Jr.
    - Charles H. Percy
- Democratic Party
  - Presidential nominations
  - Liberals
  - Strauss
    - Blacks
  - Attitudes
- Republican Presidential nominees
  - Rockefeller
  - Reagan
  - Percy
  - Mathias
  - William E. Brock, III
  - Rockefeller
- Third party
  - Compared to Republican Party
    - New Majority
    - Name change
    - Characteristics
    - Structure
    - Haldeman’s view

Congress
- William E. Timmons
Conversation No. 386-1 (cont’d)

- Gerald R. Ford
  - 1972 election
    - Ford
    - Democratic members compared to Republican
      - Number
      - Usefulness to Republicans
    - George H. Mahon

Republican Party
  - Traits
  - Assistance to the President
  - Haldeman’s view
    - Control
  - John C. Stennis
  - Russell B. Long
  - J. Strom Thurmond
  - Harry F. Byrd, Jr.
  - James O. Eastland
  - John L. McClellan
  - Seniority in Congress
    - Attrition
    - Mathias
    - Mahon
  - The President’s supporters
  - Presidential nominees for 1976 election
    - Rockefeller
    - Reagan
    - Traits
    - Chances for success
    - Future elections
  - Connally as candidate
    - Duration of office
    - California primary
    - Strategy
  - Dwight D. Eisenhower campaign
  - Connally as candidate
    - Chances for success
    - Democratic Party nomination
      - Compared to Republican Party
    - Support in California
Second term reorganization
- Winton M. (“Red”) Blount
- Peterson
- NATO
- Economics
- NATO
- Rumsfeld
- Frederic V. Malek
- Peterson
- Paper
- Cabinet rank
- Washington, DC
- Ambassador at large
- Europe, Japan
- Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development [OECD]
- NATO
- Japan
- Shultz
- Commerce Department
- European Economic Community [EEC]
- Report
  - Spring 1973
  - US relations
    - Recommendations
- Departure
- Kissinger
Politics
-Connally as candidate
  -Change in party
  -Grass roots movement
  -Timing
  -Strategy
    -Change in party
  -Republican Party
    -High-level delegation
  -Strategy
    -Democratic Party
      -Presidential nomination
    -Momentum
    -Past tactics
      -Success
    -Timing
  -DNC
  -Independents
  -Democratic Party
    -Republican nomination
    -Connally’s departure
    -Independents
  -Strauss
  -Independents
  -Coalition
  -Third party
  -Liberals
    -Robert M. LaFollette
  -Republican Party
    -Voting habits
    -Political orientation
      -Polls
    -La Follette
      -Minnesota Farmer Labor party
  -West Virginia
  -Republican Independent Coalition
    -The President’s supporters
    -Public reaction
    -Senate
    -Chances for success
  -Republican Party
Eisenhower
- The President’s experience
- Need for change
- Republican Independent Party
  - Youth
- Republican demographics
  - Compared to Democrats
  - Voting habits
- Democrats
  - Compared to Republicans
  - Definition
  - James O. Eastland
  - Bella S. Abzug
  - Compared to Republicans
  - Reagan
  - Jacob K. Javits
- Third party
  - New name
  - Independents
  - Conservatives
  - Coalition
  - Name
  - Republicans
  - Independents
  - Anne L. Armstrong [?]
  - Inclusiveness
  - Future
- Connally as candidate
  - Motivations
  - Democrats
  - Republicans
- Spiro T. Agnew
  - Competition with Connally
  - The President’s view
  - Democratic Party
  - The President’s conversation with Edward Bolland [?]
  - Traits
  - Vice Presidential experience
  - Connally-Agnew contest
  - Need to avoid
Conversation No. 386-1 (cont’d)

- California Republicans
- Rockefeller
- Nominee
- Agnew
- Motivations

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Presidency
- The President’s schedule
  - Trips to Florida
  - Agnew
  - Shultz
    - Economic expertise
  - Foreign policy
    - Kissinger
  - Cronies
  - Secret Service
  - Staff relations
    - Cronies
      - Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo, Robert H. Abplanalp
    - Lunches, dinners, social contact
  - Secret Service
    - Social contact
  - Franklin D. Roosevelt
  - Dwight D. Eisenhower
    - Sherman Adams
    - W. Alton ("Pete") Jones
    - Charles S. Jones
  - Compared to the President
    - Haldeman, Ehrlichman

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Politics
- George C. Wallace [?]
-Republicans
  -Youth
  -Organization
-Connally as candidate
-Democrats and Republicans
  -Voting
-1976 Presidential nominee
  -Rockefeller
    -Compared to Agnew
    -Vulnerabilities
  -Reagan
    -Chances for success
-Melvin R. Laird
  -Traits
  -Polls
-Robert J. Dole [?]
-Telephone calls
-1962 gubernatorial race
  -California
-Republican Party
-Connally as candidate
  -Rationale
  -Alternatives
  -Chances for success
    -Liberal intellectuals
  -Support from Republicans
    -1932 election
      -Herbert C. Hoover
      -Franklin D. Roosevelt
-Connally’s view
  -Support
  -George W. Romney
    -Liberal
  -George S. McGovern
    -New voters
  -Third party
-Lyndon B. Johnson
-George H. W. Bush
-Roosevelt
-Senate
Connally’s career
-Per-hour salary

Connally and Haldeman left at 6:20 pm.

Date: December 5, 1972
Time: Unknown between 6:20 pm and 6:29 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Zosimo T. Monson.

The President’s schedule
- Reception for California administration officials
  - Folder
    - Location
      - Bedroom

Monson left at an unknown time before 6:29 pm.

Date: December 5, 1972
Time: 6:29 pm - 6:30 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

The President’s schedule
- Meeting with H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
Conversation No. 386-3 (cont’d)

Chair
- Placement

The President’s schedule
- Reception for California administration officials

Item for the President’s signature
- Desk
- Timing

Butterfield left at 6:30 pm.

Conversation No. 386-4

Date: December 5, 1972
Time: Unknown between 6:30 pm and 7:35 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

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

Vietnam negotiations
- Haldeman’s message to Henry A. Kissinger
  - Breakdown in talks
    - Kissinger’s recommendation
      - The President’s possible television [TV] appearance
    - Compared to impasse
      - Consultations
        - Recess
    - Kissinger’s possible statement
      - Tone
    - US military action
      - Duration
        - Settlement agreement
      - Resumption of talks
    - The President’s possible TV appearance
      - Breakdown in talks
        - North Vietnamese intransigence
Conversations No. 386-4 (cont’d)

-Doves
-Haldeman’s conversations with “hard liners”
   -John B. Connally
-Possible effect on Kissinger
-Breakdown in talks
   -Initiative
   -North Vietnam

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at an unknown time after 6:30 pm.

The President’s schedule
   -Telephone call from Tricia Nixon Cox
   -Manolo Sanchez

Message to Kissinger

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 6:43 pm.

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 6:30 pm and 6:43 pm.

[See Conversation No. 34-148]

[Conversation No. 386-4B]

[End of telephone conversation]

The President talked with Tricia Nixon Cox between 6:43 pm and 6:44 pm.

[See Conversation No. 34-26]

[Conversation No. 386-4A]

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam negotiations
   -Breakdown
   -Kissinger’s recommendation
      -The President’s possible TV appearance
         -Connally’s view
Conversation No. 386-4 (cont’d)

- Public relations [PR]
- US bombing of North Vietnam
  - Pace
- PR
  - Charles W. Colson’s view
  - Boston
  - Harvard University
  - Princeton University
- Announcement
  - Kissinger’s possible statement
  - Timing
  - Kissinger’s return to Washington, DC

The President’s schedule
- Reception for California administration officials
  - Haldeman’s schedule
    - Home
  - Robert J. Dole
  - Robert H. Finch’s recommendation
    - California Republicans
    - Possible meeting in San Clemente
- George H. W. Bush
- Oval Office
- Telephone calls
  - Ronald W. Reagan
  - Herbert G. Klein
  - Strom Thurmond’s birthday
    - Harry S. Dent
    - Private line
    - Compared to wire
    - Timing
  - Apollo XVII astronauts
    - Launch
    - Timing
    - Camp David
- Harry S. Truman
  - Health
    - Lyndon B. Johnson
    - Telephone call
    - Death
Second term reorganization
  - John A. Volpe
    - Ambassadorship to Italy
      - Announcement
    - Timing
  - John D. Ehrlichman

Connally
  - Presidency
    - Vice President Spiro T. Agnew

Vietnam negotiations
  - Haldeman’s message to Kissinger
    - Breakdown in talks
    - Option
    - Congressional relations
      - Funds
      - The President’s view
    - Breakdown in talks
      - Kissinger’s return
        - California
        - Press relations
      - The President’s possible TV appearance
        - Necessity
        - Ehrlichman’s and Colson’s views

The President’s schedule
  - Reception for California administration officials

Zosimo T. Monson entered and Haldeman left at an unknown time before 7:35 pm.

The President’s schedule
  - Reception for California administration officials

Monson left at an unknown time before 7:35 pm.
Conversation No. 386-5

Date: December 5, 1972
Time: Unknown between 6:44 pm and 7:35 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

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

Vietnam negotiations
- Haldeman’s message to Henry A. Kissinger
- Kissinger’s resignation
- The President’s and others’ view

Conversation No. 386-6

Date: December 5, 1972
Time: Unknown between 6:44 pm and 7:35 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez and Stephen B. Bull.

The President’s schedule
- Camp David
- Helicopter
- Timing

Sanchez and Bull left at an unknown time before 7:35 pm.

Conversation No. 386-7

Date: December 5, 1972
Time: Unknown between 6:44 pm and 7:35 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.
The President’s schedule

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 7:35 pm.

Date: December 5, 1972
Time: Unknown between 6:44 pm and 7:35 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President’s schedule
- Camp David
- Helicopter
- Reception for California administration officials
  - Dinner
    - Seating arrangements
      - H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
      - Hand-shaking
      - Haldeman

Bull left at an unknown time before 7:35 pm.

Date: December 5, 1972
Time: Unknown between 6:44 pm and 7:35 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

Unknown people met.

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The President’s schedule

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Unknown people left at an unknown time before 7:35 pm.