Conversation No. 407-1

Date: January 23, 1973
Time: Unknown between 2:30 pm and 4:09 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 4:09 pm.

Conversation No. 407-2

Date: January 23, 1973
Time: Unknown between 2:30 pm and 4:09 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

The President's schedule

-Raymond K. Price, Jr. and Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

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Refreshment order

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Sanchez left at an unknown time before 4:09 pm.
Conversation No. 407-3

Date: January 23, 1973
Time: 4:09 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 36-85]

Conversation No. 407-4

Date: January 23, 1973
Time: 4:09 pm and 4:10 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Ronald L. Ziegler.

[See Conversation No. 36-86]

Conversation No. 407-5

Date: January 23, 1973
Time: Unknown between 4:10 pm and 4:14 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person.

The President's schedule
Conversation No. 407-6

Date: January 23, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 4:10 pm and 4:14 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown man.

Delivery
- The President's approval

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 4:14 pm.

Conversation No. 407-7

Date: January 23, 1973  
Time: 4:14 pm and 4:34 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Alexander M. Haig, Jr. and Raymond K. Price, Jr.

Vietnam settlement
- The President's speech
  - Content and wording
    - Agreement
      - Full text
    - Page 6
    - Prisoners of War [POWs]
    - Cease-fire
      - Meaning
    - Casualties
      - U.S., South Vietnam, and North Vietnam
    - Cease-fire
      - Meaning for Indochinese people
        - Henry A. Kissinger's briefing
      - Meaning for US
        - Da Nang
    - Page 9
-Generation of war
-Page 10
-Congress
-Style
-US purpose
-Compared to Great Britain in Boer War
-South Africa
-Compared to France in Algeria, Indochina
-Communists
-Indonesia
-Thailand
-US forces
-Motives
-Straits of Malacca, Indonesia, Thailand
-The President’s speech
-The President's opponents
-Response of Congress, Press
-Distribution through Herbert G. Klein
-Further changes
-Price's work
-Further changes
-The President's opponents

Haig
-New job
-House and servants

The President's opponents
-Attitudes
-White House response
-Cambodia, Vietnam
-Response
-Success

Haig
-Possible effect of new job at Pentagon

Vietnam settlement
-Commentary on The President's May 8, 1972 decision
The President's schedule

Haig and Price left at 4:34 pm.

Date: January 23, 1973
Time: Unknown between 4:55 pm and 5:24 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President dictated a memorandum for the files.

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Testing

The President played the recording.

Introduction

The President’s dictation machine
  - White House Communications Office
  - H.R. (“Bob”) Haldeman

Incomplete previous memorandum on relatives
  - Alice [Last Name Unknown]
    - Appearance
    - Background
    - Children
  - Ezra’s wife Anna [Last names unknown]
    - Grandmother Milhous
    - Real name
    - Home
    - Grandchildren

Vietnam settlement
Conversation No. 407-8 (cont’d)

-The President’s speech

An unknown person left at an unknown time between 4:55 pm and 5:24 pm.

-The President’s letters to congressional supporters
-Unnamed secretary in Tom Johnson’s office
-Haldeman
-Compared with other efforts of the White House
-Correspondence section
-Heads of State

The President’s schedule
-Sleep
-Office arrival

White House Dinners
-Rose Mary Woods
-Staff
-George P. Schultz
-Haldeman
-Role

Vietnam settlement
-Message from Henry A. Kissinger
-Cabinet meeting
-Length
-The President’s speech
-Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
-Raymond K. Price, Jr.
-Compared to Inaugural speech
-The President’s statement
-Lyndon B. Johnson’s death
-Length
-The President’s discussion with Haldeman
-Ronald L. Ziegler
-The President’s speech
-Location
-Press
-Congress
-Price, Haldeman, White House staff, Haig
Conversation No. 407-8 (cont’d)

-Price’s views
  -Moscow
  -North Vietnam, South Vietnam
-Haig’s views
-Ziegler’s views
  -Publicity
-Calls to Carl B. Albert, Michael J. (“Mike”) Mansfield
  -Problems
    -John C. Stennis
-John B. Connally
-Gerald R. Ford
-Publicity for President
  -George S. McGovern
  -Edward M. (“Ted”) Kennedy
  -Bella Abzug
  -Television [TV]
-Significance
  -The President’s opponents
  -Bureaucracy
  -Congress

The President’s schedule
-Sleep
-Refreshments
-Charles W. Colson meeting
-Sleep
-Colson meeting
  -Lawsuit vs. time
    -Public opinion
    -Possible outcome
    -Courts
-Campaign against the President’s opponents
  -Haldeman
-Haig meeting
-Kissinger
  -Elliot L. Richardson, [David] Kenneth Rush
  -William P. Rogers, Melvin Laird [?]
-Price and Haig meeting
  -Press response to the President’s speech
Vietnam settlement
- The President’s expectations
- Press response
  - Compared to Cambodian invasion
  - Price’s comment
  - Washington Post editorial on the President’s May 8, 1972 decision
- Effect of bombing
  - Polish ambassador to Hanoi
  - North Vietnamese leaders
  - Hospital

The President’s call to William S. White
- The President’s last call to Lyndon Johnson
  - Louis P. Harris poll
  - Vietnam settlement

Lyndon Johnson
- 1968 election
- Response to The President’s November 3, 1969 speech
- Public opinion on Vietnam War
  - Harris
  - The President’s opponents
  - Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty [SALT]? [?]
  - Lessons for future
    - Domestic policy, foreign policy

Rose Mary Woods
- Views on White House staff salaries

Personnel and salaries

The President’s meeting with Haldeman
- Possible budget groups
  - John D. Ehrlichman, Schultz

The President’s schedule
- Stephen B. Bull
- Cabinet meetings
- Press conferences
- Congressional meetings
Conversation No. 407-8 (cont’d)

-Haldeman
-Goals
-Ehrlichman
 -The President’s speech followed by a press conference
-Goals
 -Pacing
 -Haldeman
 -Ehrlichman, Schultz
 -Compared to Haldeman

Vietnam settlement
 -Announcement
 -Briefing
 -Press relations

The President’s conversation with Haldeman
 -Claudia A. (“Lady Bird”) Johnson
 -Tom Johnson
 -Positions in administration

Vietnam settlement
 -Bombing
 -Comment by Haig

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Conversation No. 407-9

Date: January 23, 1973
Time: Between 5:24 pm and 5:29 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

The President’s speech on Vietnam settlement
 -Revised copy
Notes

The President's letters to Congress members
  -Addressing
  -Delivery

Ms. Woods left at 5:29 pm.

Date: January 23, 1973
Time: Unknown between 5:29 pm and 6:19 pm.
Location: Executive Office Building

The President dictated a form letter.

H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman

The President replayed the recording.

Vietnam settlement
  -President's speech
  -Congressional support
  -Pressures

The President replayed the recording.

  -Peace with honor
  -The President's critics

The President replayed the recording.

  -Paris agreement
  -North Vietnam

The President replayed the recording.
Conversation No. 407-11

Date: January 23, 1973
Time: Unknown between 5:29 pm and 6:19 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

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

Vietnam settlement
- President's letter to Congress members
- Patrick J. Buchanan's notes
- Raymond K. Price, Jr.
- List
- Use of letter for labor leaders
- State Department [?]

Lyndon B. Johnson's funeral
- Capitol
- Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon’s attendance
- Claudia A. (“Lady Bird”) Johnson

Conversation No. 407-12

Date: January 23, 1973
Time: Unknown between 5:29 pm and 6:19 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Rose Mary Woods?

President's note to Claudia A. (“Lady Bird”) Johnson
- Military aide

President's letter to Congressmembers
- Raymond K. Price, Jr.
- Coghill
Date: January 23, 1973
Time: Unknown between 5:29 pm and 6:19 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

Delivery to Rose Mary Woods

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Food order

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Sanchez left at an unknown time before 6:19 pm.

Date: January 23, 1973
Time: Unknown between 5:29 pm and 6:19 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

Henry A. Kissinger's schedule
- Time of arrival at White House
- Call to office
Sanchez left at an unknown time before 6:19 pm.

Date: January 23, 1973
Time: Unknown between 5:29 pm and 6:19 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

Henry A. Kissinger's schedule
-Time of arrival at White House

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 6:19 pm.

Date: January 23, 1973
Time: 6:19 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 36-87]

Date: January 23, 1973
Time: Unknown between 6:19 pm and 6:22 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Rose Mary Woods.

The President's speech on Vietnam settlement
Date: January 23, 1973
Time: Between 6:22 pm and 7:23 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Charles W. Colson.

Vietnam settlement
- Campaign against the President's opponents
  - Colson's office's role
  - Barry M. Goldwater's role
- Political left
  - Response
  - White House response
- Raymond K. Price, Jr.'s comment
  - Washington Post editorial
  - Effect of bombing and mining
- Effect on country, Congress, youth
  - Divisiveness
  - Goldwater's role
- Tenuousness
  - Cease-fire violations
    - Press coverage
      - Phnom Penh
- The President's statements
  - 1972 election
- Colson's plan
  - Congressional relations
  - Labor leaders
    - George Meany
    - Frank E. Fitzsimmons
      - Statement
      - Ronald L. Ziegler
-Apology from President's critics
-Delay in peace process by critics
-Spiro T. Agnew
-Haldeman
-Public opinion
-The President's critics
-Bombing
-Cambodia
-Laos
-November 3, 1969 speech
-Demonstrations
-May 8, 1972 decision
-World War II
-Peter J. Brennan
-Congress
-Possible statement
-Effect on news reporting
-William P. Rogers
-Congress
-Briefings
-Congressional leaders
-Press
-The President's speech
-Briefings
-Kissinger
-Press relations
-New York Times, Time
-The President's talk with Ziegler on White House staff contacts

Colson's lawsuit against Time
-Colson's lawyer's meeting with Time
-Retraction
-Purpose of Time story
-Malice
-Subsciptions
-Sensational stories
-Saturday Evening Post, Look, Life examples
-Story on Marlon Brando
-Patrick J. Buchanan
Supreme Court decision on abortion
   - Roe v. Wade
   - Two dissenting justices
   - Effects
     - Conservatives
     - State laws
     - Teenage girls
   - 3-month rule
   - Interracial cases
   - Rape cases
   - Effects
     - Social consequences
       - Permissiveness
     - Family
   - Two dissenting justices
     - William H. Rehnquist, Lewis F. Powell
     - Rehnquist, Byron R. (“Whizzer”) White
     - Writing of decisions

Henry A. Kissinger entered at 6:35 pm.

Vietnam settlement
   - Congratulations
     - Croix de Guerre
   - The President's opponents
     - Colson's plan

Colson left at 6:36 pm.

Vietnam settlement
   - The President's forthcoming speech
     - Revisions
       - Wording
     - Advance distribution
     - Price's and President's work
     - President's opponents
     - Revisions
       - Vietnamese translation
       - Text copy
The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 6:36 pm and 6:38 pm.

[Conversation No. 407-18A]

[See Conversation No. 36-88]

[End of telephone conversation.]

Vietnam settlement
- The President’s and Kissinger’s predictions
- Nguyen Van Thieu

The President talked with Ziegler between 6:38 pm and 6:40 pm

[Conversation No. 407-18B]

[See Conversation No. 36-89]

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam settlement
- White House public relations [PR] effort [?]
- Price,
- Alexander M. Haig’s trip
- The President's speech
- Location
  - Bella Abzug, George S. McGovern
- Ziegler
- H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
- Spiro T. Agnew
- Haig
- Cease-fire [?]
- William P. Rogers
- The President’s speech [?]
  - Wording [?]
  - Paragraphs
- Agnew

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 6:40 pm.
Refreshment order

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 7:23 pm.

Vietnam settlement
  -Saigon [?]
  -Rogers
  -Thieu [?]
    -Meeting with Haig [?]
  -Bombing
  -Future of South Vietnam
    -Government [?]
    -Sacrifices [?]
  -The President's schedule
    -Congressional leaders meeting
    -Camp David [?]
  -Congress [?]
  -South Vietnamese
    -Thieu
  -North Vietnam
  -Bombing
  -Cambodia
  -Soviet Union, People’s Republic of China [PRC]
  -North Vietnam
  -Cease-fire
    -Laos
  -South Vietnam
  -Rogers [?]

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 6:40 pm.

PRC

Kissinger and Sanchez left at 7:23 pm.
Conversation No. 407-19

Date: January 23, 1973
Time: Unknown between 7:23 pm and 8:08 pm.
Location: Executive Office Building

The President rehearsed his Address to the Nation Announcing Conclusion of an Agreement on Ending the War and Restoring Peace in Vietnam.

[See Public Papers of the Presidents, 1973, pp. 18-20]

Conversation No. 407-20

Date: January 23, 1973
Time: Unknown between 7:23 am and 8:08 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 8:08 pm.

Conversation No. 407-21

Date: January 23, 1973
Time: Unknown between 7:23 pm and 8:08 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President rehearsed his Address to the Nation Announcing Conclusion of an Agreement on Ending the War and Restoring Peace in Vietnam.

[See Public Papers of the Presidents, 1973, pp. 18-20]
Conversation No. 407-22

Date: January 23, 1973
Time: Unknown between 7:23 pm and 8:08 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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Delivery [?]

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Sanchez left at an unknown time before 8:08 pm.

Conversation No. 407-23

Date: January 23, 1973
Time: Unknown between 7:23 pm and 8:08 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President rehearsed his Address to the Nation Announcing Conclusion of an Agreement on Ending the War and Restoring Peace in Vietnam.

[See Public Papers of the Presidents, 1973, pp. 18-20]

Conversation No. 407-24

Date: January 23, 1973
Time: Unknown between 7:23 pm and 8:08 pm
Location: Executive Office Building
The President rehearsed his Address to the Nation Announcing Conclusion of an Agreement on Ending the War and Restoring Peace in Vietnam.

[See Public Papers of the Presidents, 1973, pp. 18-20]

Date: January 25, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 7:23 pm and 8:08 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President rehearsed his address to the nation announcing conclusion of an agreement on ending the war and restoring peace in Vietnam.

[See Public Papers of the Presidents, 1973, pp. 18-20]

Date: January 23, 1973  
Time: Between 9:05 pm and 9:40 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building


[General conversation]  
- Vietnam settlement

Greetings

Photograph session  
- Arrangements  
- Kissinger  
- Press
Gerald L. Warren, John P. D'Arcy, the White House photographer, and members of the press entered at 9:07 pm.

-Vietnam settlement  
  -Soviet Union [?]  
  -Signing [?]  
  -The President's speech

Photograph session  
  -Arrangements

[General conversation]

Photograph session  
  -Length

Bull, Warren, D'Arcy, the White House photographer, and members of the press left at 9:11 pm.

Refreshment order  
  -Manolo Sanchez

Vietnam settlement  
  -Meeting with bipartisan Congressional leaders  
    -Release of agreement  
    -Foreign Affairs, Foreign Relations, Armed Services, Appropriations Committees  
    -Other attendees  
    -Length  
  -Initialing  
  -Signing in Paris  
    -Foreign ministers  
  -Provisions  
    -Cease-fire  
    -Troop withdrawals  
    -South Vietnamese government  
  -The President's use of term Indochina  
    -Laos and Cambodia  
      -Continuing negotiations  
      -Confidentiality
-Briefings
  - Timmons
  - Bipartisan Congressional leaders
  - Other members of Congress
  - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
  - William P. Rogers
  - Importance
  - Timing, location
  - Attendees
    - Wilbur D. Mills [?]
    - Charles H. Percy [?]
  - The President’s schedule
    - Press briefing
    - Lyndon B. Johnson funeral

-Laos and Cambodia
  - Provisions
  - North Vietnam
  - People’s Republic of China, PRC
  - Negotiations

-Cease-fire
  - Signing
  - Laos
    - Withdrawal of foreign troops

-Cambodia
-Cease-fire
  - Indochina
  - Cambodia, Laos
  - Military operations

-Laos
  - North Vietnamese forces
  - Ho Chi Minh Trail

-Cambodia
-South Vietnam
-Supplies
  - Laos, Cambodia
  - Ho Chi Minh Trail
  - Saigon

-Signing
-Withdrawal of forces
-Bombing
Conversation No. 407-26 (cont’d)

-South Vietnam
-Laos
-Prisoners of War [POWs]
-International Commission of Control and Supervision [ICCS]
-Missing In Action [MIAs]
-Cease-fire
-POWs
  -Location of return
  -Time of return
-Announcement
  -North Vietnam
  -Compared to October 26, 1972
-Release of text
  -Le Duc Tho's press conference in Paris
-POWs
  -Laos
  -PRC
  -The President's conversation
  -Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
  -John Downey
  -PRC
  -Cambodia, Laos
-Cease-fire
  -Effective time
-Press relations
  -The President’s speech
    -Broadcast
    -Distribution of text
    -Laos and Cambodia
      -Complexity
      -Congressional leaders
-Briefings
  -Ziegler
  -James R. Schlesinger [?]
-Laos and Cambodia
  -Lon Nol
  -Khmer Rouge
-Expectations for future
  Initial conflict
  - Compared to Korea
Conversation No. 407-26 (cont’d)

-Supervision
-Four Party signing
-Viet Cong
-ICCS supervision
  -Nguyen Van Thieu
    -Canada, Poland, Hungary [?]
  -Regions
  -Military equipment
  -Commission Report

-Briefings
  -Kissinger's schedule
  -Haig
  -Scheduling
  -Kissinger
  -Haig
  -Kissinger
  -Length
  -Location
  -The President’s speech

Timmons, et al., left at 9:40 pm.