

**NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF**



**Tape Subject Log**  
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Conversation No. 451-1

Date: February 18, 1971  
Time: 9:47 am - 9:52 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with John D. Ehrlichman

Soviet Union

-European security conference

Economic forecast

-Commerce Department

-Maurice H. Stans

-Efforts

-Ehrlichman's conversation with Stans

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at 9:50 am

-American business

-Cooperation with administration

-Media coverage

Ehrlichman's schedule

Ehrlichman and Butterfield left at 9:52 am

Conversation No. 451-2

Date: February 18, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 9:52 am and 9:56 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator

Call to William L. Safire

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Conversation No. 451-3

Date: February 18, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 9:52 am and 9:56 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

Schedule

-Henry A. Kissinger

Bull left at an unknown time before 9:56 am

Conversation No. 451-4

Date: February 18, 1971  
Time: 9:56 am - 10:09 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger

Visit of Emilio Colombo

-Photograph with the President

-Timing

-Aldo Moro

-Political future

-Kissinger's presence

[The President talked with William L. Safire at an unknown time between 9:56 am and 9:57 am]

[Conversation No. 451-4A]

Forthcoming speech at [Thomas] Woodrow Wilson Foundation

-Changes

-Kissinger's role

-Wilson

-President's view

-Franklin D. Roosevelt

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- Dwight D. Eisenhower
- World situation
- Kissinger's role
- Length

[End of telephone conversation]

Ronald L. Ziegler entered at an unknown time after 9:57 am

- Speech
- Revisions

Ziegler left at an unknown time before 10:05 am

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2  
 [National Security]  
 [Duration: 55s ]

ITALY

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

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- Arms control
  - Opposing views
    - Antiballistic Missile [ABM] agreement
      - US negotiators
    - Kissinger's talks with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
      - Joseph C. Kraft column
    - William P. Rogers and Gerard C. Smith
    - The President's proposals
    - Soviet reaction
    - Kissinger's position
    - Kraft's column, 2/18
    - Timing

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- History
  - Effect on elections
  - Smith's view
- "ABM only" agreement

Ziegler entered at 10:05 am

Schedule

Conv. No. 451-4 (cont.)

- The Vice President
- Lawyers

Vietnam

- Press conference coverage
- Charles W. Colson

Ziegler left at 10:06 am

Arms control

- Soviet Union press
- Kraft column
  - Effect of media on United States' position
  - Administration reaction
    - Ziegler's role
- Kissinger/Dobrynin meeting
- Vietnam
  - Press accounts
  - Need for public relations effort
  - Laos operation
    - US strategy
    - US position

Kissinger left at 10:09 am

Conversation No. 451-5

Date: February 18, 1971  
 Time: 10:12 am - 10:30 am  
 Location: Oval Office

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

[Thomas] Woodrow Wilson Foundation speech

-Woodrow Wilson Award

-George P. Shultz

John B. Connally

-John D. Ehrlichman

Conv. No. 451-4 (cont.)

-Conversation concerning George W. Romney [?]

-Event

-Conversation with Haldeman

-Activities

The President's schedule

Connally's schedule

-Joseph W. Alsop

-David S. Broder

-Press briefings

Head of State visits

-Briefing for President

-Department of State personnel

-National Security Council [NSC] staff

-Compared to [Forename unknown] Cook

Arms control

-Joseph C. Kraft column

-Anatoliy F. Dobrynin

-Antiballistic Missile [ABM] views

-Soviet reaction

Media coverage

-State of the world

-"Face the Nation" appearance

-Henry A. Kissinger

-William P. Rogers

-Melvin R. Laird

-Conversation with Haldeman

-Kissinger's press activities

-Peter G. Peterson

-Public relations skills

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- Connally
  - Public relations efforts
- Administration efforts
  - Laos and Cambodia
    - President's role
- Alsop article
  - Laos decision
    - Kissinger
- Peregrine Worsthorne article
- Administration efforts
  - Peterson, Connally, Daniel P. ("Pat") Moynihan
- Vietnam
  - Networks
  - Newspapers
    - Washington Post*
- Press appearances
  - Lyndon B. Johnson
  - Franklin D. Roosevelt
  - Dwight D. Eisenhower
  - Harry S Truman
  - President's previous press conference
    - Dan Rather's comments
    - Robert B. Semple, Jr.'s comments
  - Preparation

Conv. No. 451-5 (cont.)

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at 10:21 am

Emilio Colombo's arrival

Butterfield left at 10:22 am

- Preparation
- Questions and issues

Evening at the White House for Prime Minister John M. ("Jack") Lynch

- Approval by the President for reporters to attend
- List

Haldeman left at 10:30 am

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Conversation No. 451-6

Date: February 18, 1971  
 Time: 10:30 am - 10:36 am  
 Location: Oval Office

The President met with Mark I. Goode and Thelma C. (Ryan) ("Pat") Nixon Conv. No. 451-5 (cont.)

Welcoming ceremony for Italian Prime Minister

- Schedule
  - Orchestration
- White House tour
  - East Wing
- Works of art
  - Charles Willson Peale
  - Rembrandt Peale
  - George Washington
  - Gilbert Stuart

The President, et al. left at 10:36 am

Conversation No. 451-7

Date: February 18, 1971  
 Time: 11:13 am - 12:22 pm  
 Location: Oval Office

The President met with Emilio Colombo, Neil A. Seidenman, and A. Jose De Seabra

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[National Security]  
[Duration: 1h 8m 41s ]

ITALY

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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The President, et al. left at 12:22 pm

Conversation No. 451-25

Date: February 18, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 12:22 pm and 1:09 pm  
Location: Oval Office

Unknown men met

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1  
[Non-historical]  
[Duration: 5m 40s ]

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The unknown men left at an unknown time before 1:09 pm



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Conversation No. 451-8

Date: February 18, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 12:40 pm and 1:09 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator

Call to Mrs. Lieutenant Colonel Ralph D. Albertazzie

Conversation No. 451-9

Date: February 18, 1971  
Time: 1:09 pm - 1:10 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Lieutenant Colonel Ralph D. Albertazzie

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1  
[Privacy]  
[Duration: 30s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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Conversation No. 451-10

Date: February 18, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 1:10 pm and 1:20 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez

Location of papers

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 1:20 pm

Conversation No. 451-11

Date: February 18, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 1:10 pm and 1:20 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield

Request

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 1:20 pm

Conversation No. 451-12

Date: February 18, 1971  
Time: 1:20 pm - 2:32 pm  
Location: Oval Office

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

Speech changes

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[The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 1:20 pm and 1:22 pm]

[Conversation No. 451-12A]

Call to Raymond K. Price, Jr.

[End of telephone conversation]

Conv. No. 451-10 (cont.)

Dedication of [Thomas] Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

-Dean Francis B. Sayre

-Hubert H. Humphrey

[The President talked with Raymond K. Price, Jr. between 1:22 pm and 1:23 pm]

[Conversation No. 451-12B]

Speech revisions

-Wilson's speeches in Italy

-Use by the President

-William L. Safire

[End of telephone conversation]

Schedule

Speech delivery

-Wilson

-Preparation

Schedule

-Future events

*Boston Globe* story

-Quality

-Content

-Possible administration response

-Reaction

-John D. Ehrlichman's [?] view

Public relations

-John B. Connally

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Allen S. Drury

- Trip to California
- Questions submitted to the President
  - Clemency
- Schedule
  - Interview with the President

Conv. No. 451-12 (cont.)

J. Edgar Hoover

- Patrick J. Buchanan's view
  - Hoover's performance
    - Polls
    - Retirement
- Criticism of Hoover
  - George S. McGovern
- Retirement
  - General Lewis B. Hershey
- Political impact
  - Appointment of new Director
- President's view

Appointment

- Unknown person
  - John A. Volpe
- Announcement

White House Stag dinners

- Dwight D. Eisenhower
  - Number

Schedule

- Unknown woman

Press conference

- Coverage of foreign versus domestic policy
  - Preparation
- Television
  - Benefits
- Focus on a single area
  - Foreign policy press conference
- "Grab bag" approach
- Preparation

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Head of State visit on March 16

- Press coverage
  - Thelma C. (Ryan) ("Pat") Nixon's birthday
  - Tricia Nixon
- President's view
  - Invitations
    - Isabelle Shelton
    - Bonnie Angelo

Conv. No. 451-12 (cont.)

Speech revisions [?]

- Buchanan
- Ronald L. Ziegler
- Safire

Unknown man

- Possible interview with the President
- Schedule
- Contract with Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
  - Negotiations

Ziegler entered at 1:42 pm

- Use of Air Force One

Press conferences

- Value
  - Preparation
    - Haldeman's view
- Columnists
- Previous press conference, 2/17
  - Questions
    - Preparation
      - Ziegler
    - North Vietnam and Laos
    - Domestic policy
      - Revenue sharing

Buchanan entered at 1:45 pm

- Reaction
  - Buchanan's view
- Preparation

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- Requirements
  - Time allotment
  - American Legion speech
- Use of television
  - Problems
  - Preparation
  - Impact
  - Reporting of press conference
    - Buchanan's view
    - Ziegler's view
    - Health statements
  - Power of Presidency
- Health message
  - Announcement
  - Elliot L. Richardson
- Format
  - Topic selection
    - Pros and cons
    - Suggestions and options
      - Domestic versus foreign policy
  - Follow-up questions
    - Henry A. Kissinger
  - Preparation
  - Flexibility
- Frequency and timing
- Reaction
  - Robert B. Semple, Jr.
  - Peter Lisagor
  - James J. Kilpatrick, Jr.
  - Drew Pearson
  - John F. Osborne
    - New Republic*
  - Ideology of press

Conv. No. 451-12 (cont.)

Press

- Henry Brandon
  - Book
  - Influence
  - Conversation with President
- Victor Lasky
  - Book
- Past reporters

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- Joseph W. Alsop
  - James B. ("Scotty") Reston
  - Walter Lippman
  - Arthur Krock
  - Roscoe Drummond
  - Richard ("Dick") Wilson
  - Lieutenant General Vernon A. Walters
    - Memory Conv. No. 451-12 (cont.)
    - Compared with reporters
  - Interviews
    - Notes
      - Unknown reporter
    - Tape recorders
    - Use
    - Compared with notes
  - Vietnam
    - Kissinger
      - Press story
  - Winston S. Churchill
    - Journalistic experience
    - South Africa
  - The President's programs
    - Coverage
      - President's view
      - Dorothy McCardle
      - Frances Lewine
      - Criticism
      - Crosby S. Noyes
  - News report
    - CBS
      - Walter L. Cronkite, Jr.
        - Administration response
      - Martin Z. Agronsky
    - Content
- Vietnam
- Joint interview with [unknown man] and Charles H. Percy
    - Statement
  - Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy
    - Lasky
  - Edmund S. Muskie

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[Personal Returnable]

[Duration: 1m 6s]

Conv. No. 451-12 (cont.)

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

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News summary

- Revenue sharing
  - President's notes
  - Policy line
    - Administration position
    - Follow-up

Press conference

- Frequency pattern
  - Subjects
  - Effects
- Effect of surprise appearance by the President
- Frequency
- Questions
  - Focus
    - Domestic policy
    - Environment
    - Administration policy

Democratic criticism of administration

- Muskie
- Kennedy
- McGovern



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[Personal Returnable]

[Duration: 5m 14s ]

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Vietnam

- Public relations
  - Conservatives
  - Administration position
    - Laos
    - Cambodia
  - Alsop
  - Kilpatrick
  - James L. Buckley
  - Charles W. Colson
    - American Legion
    - Veterans of Foreign Wars
  - Veterans' groups
  - Vietnam veterans
  - Administration efforts

Ziegler and Buchanan left at 2:28 pm

Wilson Center speech

- Schedule

Haldeman's meeting with unknown man

Haldeman left at 2:32 pm

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Conversation No. 451-13

Date: February 18, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 2:32 pm and 3:32 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

Conv. No. 451-12 (cont.)

Cancellation of meeting  
-John D. Ehrlichman and George P. Shultz  
-Call from Shultz

Request for Mark I. Goode

Bull left at an unknown time before 3:32 pm

Conversation No. 451-14

Date: February 18, 1971  
Time: 3:32 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator

Call to George P. Shultz

Conversation No. 451-15

Date: February 18, 1971  
Time: 3:32 pm - 3:40 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Mark I. Goode

Briefing for forthcoming media appearance  
-Teleprompter  
-Use

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[The President talked with George P. Shultz at an unknown time between 3:32 pm and 3:38 pm]

[Conversation No. 451-15A]

National economy

-Inflation

-Adjustments

-Briefing

-Prices

-Food

-Compared to other prices

-Patrick J. Buchanan

-News summaries

-Consumer Price Index [CPI]

-Adjustment

-Wholesale Price Index [WPI]

-Food

-Rate of investment

Commerce Department story

-Herbert Stein

-Bureau of Labor Statistics

Schedule

[End of telephone conversation]

The President's schedule

The President and Goode left at 3:40 pm

Conversation No. 451-16

Date: February 18, 1971

Time: Unknown between 3:40 pm and 3:52 pm

Location: Oval Office

Unknown people [Secret Service] met

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The President's schedule

The unknown people [Secret Service] left at an unknown time before 3:52 pm

Conversation No. 451-17

Date: February 18, 1971

Time: Unknown between 3:40 pm and 3:52 pm

Location: Oval Office

An unknown woman met with an unknown person

[Unintelligible]

The unknown people left at an unknown time before 3:52 pm

Conversation No. 451-18

Date: February 18, 1971

Time: 3:52 pm - 3:55 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Mark I. Goode

Filming of the President

- Camera shots
  - Goode's view
  - Angles
  - Ronald H. Walker
- "60 Minutes" film segment taping
  - Morley Safer
    - Introduction
  - Goode's view
  - Questions
  - Camera angles

Forthcoming dinner coverage

- Filming

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- Problems
- Chef interview
  - Content
- Lucy A. Winchester
- Filming
  - Various events during the evening
  - Goode's role

Goode left at 3:55 pm

Conversation No. 451-19

Date: February 18, 1971  
Time: 3:55 pm - 4:52 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with John D. Ehrlichman

[Unintelligible]

Public relations

- Administration efforts
  - William P. Rogers
  - Henry A. Kissinger
- Commerce Department
  - Herbert Stein
    - Statements
    - Problem
- Need for credibility
  - Maurice H. Stans

George P. Shultz entered at an unknown time after 3:55 pm

Commerce Department

- Trade with Soviet Union
  - President's position
  - Stans
  - News summaries
- Stans

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- Peter G. Peterson
- Kissinger
- Ehrlichman's forthcoming lunch with Rocco C. Siciliano

Department of Commerce

- Stans
  - Administration policies
  - Commerce Department and Labor Department
  - Role
- Conv. No. 451-19 (cont.)

H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman entered at an unknown time after 3:55 pm

- Siciliano
  - Public relations efforts
    - Siciliano's conversation with Stans
      - Results
  - Replacement
    - James T. Lynn
      - Role
  - Public relations
    - Department of Justice
      - John N. Mitchell
      - Richard G. Kleindienst

Domestic economic policy

- Forecasting
- Gross National Product [GNP] figures
- Arthur K. Laffer
  - Econometrics
    - Consumer Price Index [CPI]
      - Adjustments
- Unknown writer
- Milton Friedman forecast
  - Inflation
  - Laffer's model
    - Money supply
- CPI
  - Administrations policies
    - Publicity
    - Figures
- Washington Star*
- National Broadcasting Company [NBC]

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- Economic trends
  - Food prices
- Interest rates
  - Mortgage interest rates
- Used car prices
  - New car prices
- Trade bill
  - Trade adjustment assistance Conv. No. 451-19 (cont.)
    - Peterson
  - Administration's position on quotas
- Anti-trust
  - Trade bill
  - Mitchell role
  - Administration policy
  - Stanley N. Barnes
    - Ehrlichman's conversation
    - Herbert Brownell
      - Dwight D. Eisenhower
    - Richard W. McLaren
      - Mitchell
  - John B. Connally
  - President's view
  - World-wide applications
    - Airlines
  - Need for coherent policy
  - George J. Stigler, head of Task Force on Anti-Trust
    - Policy recommendation
      - McLaren
  - Mitchell
    - Kleindienst
      - Role
- The President's schedule
  - Quadriad meeting
- Arthur F. Burns
  - Increase money supply/interest rates
  - Balance of payment
  - Interest rates
- Troika meeting
  - Paul W. McCracken
  - Peterson
- Possible meeting with Connally
- David M. Kennedy

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- Connally
  - Balance of payments
    - Burns' concerns
    - Peterson
    - American Enterprise Institute [AEI] statement
      - [Forename unknown] Habland [sp?] or Hubler [?]
- Wage and price freeze
  - Burns' views Conv. No. 451-19 (cont.)
  - James D. Hodgson
  - Potential problems
    - Effect on construction
  - Unemployment
  - Federal government's \$14 billion in contracts
    - Davis-Bacon Act
    - Building trade
  - Stephen D. Bechtel
    - View of Davis-Bacon Act
  - Davis-Bacon Act
  - Productivity Commission
  - Hodgson
    - Apprenticeship rules
  - Charles W. Colson
  - Hubert H. Humphrey's statements
  - George Meany
  - Edmund S. Muskie's statements
  - Productivity Commission
    - Labor union tactics
  - Construction industry
    - Wage increases
      - Effect on public
        - Federal spending
      - State and local government tactics
    - John A. Volpe
    - Effect on employment
- CPI
  - Bureau of Labor Statistics
    - Announcement
      - McCracken
  - Administration efforts
    - Public relations
    - Press briefing
    - Trends



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- Food prices
- Television statement by the President
  - Shultz
- Administration policies
  - Public relations
  - Statements
- William L. Safire
- Clark MacGregor Conv. No. 451-19 (cont.)
- Effect of statement
  - Economic stimulus
- [Thomas] Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars speech
- White House statement
  - Ronald L. Ziegler
  - Washington Star*
- Bureau of Labor Statistics role in public relations

Wilson Center speech

- Meeting with Humphrey
- Revenue sharing

Appointment

- James C. Fletcher
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration [NASA]

Haldeman left at 4:43 pm

CPI

- Connally and balance of payments
  - Burns's role in public relations
  - Role

Federal-state/local government relations

- Nelson A. Rockefeller [?]
- Office of Inter-governmental Relations
  - Problems
- The Vice President
- Roy Kerderhoff [?]
- Colson
- President's position
  - Conversation with the Vice President
- Howard H. Baker, Jr.
- Samuel W. Yorty
- Warren Gorn [?]

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- Carl B. Stokes
- Richard G. Lugar
- Rockefeller
- Daniel P. ("Pat") Moynihan
- Davis-Bacon Act
  - Administration position
    - Statements
  - Barber B. Conable, Jr.
  - John B. Anderson
  - John V. Lindsay
    - Funds for New York City
    - Problems with revenue sharing
  - James H. J. Tate
- New York City problems
  - Revenue sharing
  - Patrick J. Buchanan
- Romney
- Connally
  - Wilbur D. Mills

Conv. No. 451-19 (cont.)

Ehrlichman and Shultz left at 4:52 pm

Conversation No. 451-20

Date: February 18, 1971  
 Time: 5:10 pm - 5:14 pm  
 Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield

Schedule

- Dedication speech for [Thomas] Woodrow Wilson Center
- Wilson

Butterfield left at 5:14 pm

Conversation No. 451-21

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Date: February 18, 1971  
 Time: Unknown between 5:14 pm and 5:25 pm  
 Location: Oval Office

The President rehearsed portions of his remarks for the dedication of the [Thomas] Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

[A transcript of the final version of this speech appears in Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard M. Nixon, 1971, pp. 187-189]

Conversation No. 451-22

Date: February 18, 1971  
 Time: Unknown between 5:14 pm and 5:25 pm  
 Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

Schedule

-Henry A. Kissinger

The President and Bull left at 5:25 pm

Conversation No. 451-23

Date: February 18, 1971  
 Time: 6:16 pm - 6:37 pm  
 Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger

Vietnam

- Military developments
- Troop deployment
- Tactical situation
- Melvin R. Laird
- President's view of war
  - Presidential election
- Bombing
  - Missions

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- Khe Sanh
- Laos
  - North Vietnamese losses
  - South Vietnamese Army
  - Effect

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[National Security]

[Duration: 41s]

CAMBODIA

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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- Troops
  - Reserves
    - General Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.
- Helicopter losses
  - Admiral Thomas H. Moorer
  - Laos operation
- Communist influence in United States' government
  - John W. Gardner
    - Morton H. Halperin
  - William A. K. ("Tony") Lake
    - Edmund S. Muskie
  - Halperin
    - Role on Kissinger's staff
  - Gardner
    - Lyndon B. Johnson's comment
- Kissinger's forthcoming luncheon with John Dutton
- Gardner
- Effect of liberal positions on the war
- South Vietnamese military activity
  - Laos

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- Progress
- Future prospects

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

[National Security]  
[Duration: 2m 43s]

Conv. No. 451-23 (cont.)

VIETNAM, ITALY

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

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The Vice President

- Possible foreign trip
  - President's view
    - Priority
      - Laos operation

Vietnam

- Kissinger's conversation with Joseph C. Kraft
  - President compared with Democrats
    - Hubert H. Humphrey
- 1968 election
  - Danger of radicals on policy
  - George C. Wallace
  - Ronald W. Reagan

Peace prospects

- Kissinger's suggestions
  - Forthcoming meeting with Le Duc Tho
  - Withdrawal
  - Cease-fire
  - Prospects
- Bombing
- General Nguyen Van Thieu agreement

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**Tape Subject Log**

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Kissinger left at 6:37 pm

Conversation No. 451-24  
Conv. No. 451-23 (cont.)

Date: February 18, 1971  
Time: 6:40 pm - 7:27 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield

Schedule

- Ronald L. Ziegler and discussion groups
- Henry Salvatori
- Unknown Lieutenant Governor

H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman entered at 6:45 pm

- State dinner
  - Entertainment
  - Guests

Letters to be signed  
Schedule for 2/19

Butterfield left at 6:50 pm

[Thomas] Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars speech

- Coverage of the President's speech
  - Washington, DC press
- Dean Francis B. Sayre's comments
- Length
  - William L. Safire

Public relations

- Speeches
  - Benefits of short speeches
  - Television
- Richard A. Moore

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- Role
- Ziegler
- Television
  - Wilson Center speech
- Alvin Snyder
- Herbert G. Klein
- Safire
- Raymond K. Price, Jr.
- Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
- John D. Ehrlichman
- George P. Shultz
- Peter M. Flanigan
- John N. Mitchell
- Peter G. Peterson and Ehrlichman
  - Efforts
- John B. Connally
  - Importance
  - Role
- Speech revision
- State of Union speech
- Press conferences
  - The President's handling
  - Franklin D. Roosevelt's handling
  - Safire and Leonard Garment [?]
  - Preparation
- Connally
- Press conference preparation
- Moore's advice
  - Speech content
  - Anecdotes

Conv. No. 451-24 (cont.)

Butterfield entered at 7:20 pm

- Speech material
  - Politics and the Presidency
  - President's parents

Ziegler entered at 7:21 pm

Schedule

- Dwight L. Chapin

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White House State dinner  
-Entertainment

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-Schedule

Dwight D. Eisenhower's speeches

Lyndon B. Johnson's domestic policy

-Compared to John F. Kennedy

-Democrats

-Daniel P. ("Pat") Moynihan

-President's policy

[Unintelligible]

Speech at Wilson Center

-Ziegler's analysis

-Press comments

-Dissemination

-Educational television

-Schools

-Content

-Public relations

-Haldeman's comments

-White House efforts

-President's instructions

The President, et al. left at 7:27 pm