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Tape Subject Log

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Conversation No. 457-1

Date: February 24, 1971
 Time: 10:19 am - 11:35 am
 Location: Oval Office

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

[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

Personnel

- Speech writers
 - John K. Andrews, Jr.
 - Lee W. Huebner
 - Abilities
 - John D. Ehrlichman
 - Ronald L. Ziegler

Economy

- Publicity
- Prices

[Recording was cut off at an unknown time for an unknown duration; this section appears on the original tape as a blank portion of 2m 41s duration]

Department of State

- Leaks
- U. Alexis Johnson
 - William P. Rogers
 - Ellsworth F. Bunker
- Personnel

Henry A. Kissinger entered at 10:24 am

Consumer legislation

Laos

- James L. Buckley's reception
- Kissinger's talk with Paul C. Warnke

Ziegler, Virginia H. Knauer, Lewis A. Engman, and Elizabeth Hanford entered at 10:25 am; the White House photographer was present during this portion of the meeting

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Greetings

-Presentation of gifts

Consumer affairs

Knauer, Engman, and Hanford left at 10:30 am

Vietnam

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-Media coverage

-Ziegler's briefing

-Michael J. ("Mike") Mansfield's television appearance

-Melvin R. Laird

-General Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.

-Henry Kahn of *New York Times*

-Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]

-Ziegler's statements

-Day to day operations

-Laird's view

-John W. Chancellor's report

-Plan of South Vietnam in Laos

-Tchepone

-Supply lines

-Cambodia

-President's previous comments

-Justification for operation

-North Vietnam

-General Nguyen Van Thieu

-Accuracy of press accounts

-Briefings

-Kissinger's briefing

-Casualties regarding Cambodia

-Attitudes

-Associated Press coverage of Laos

-Administration briefings

-Laird

-Claire Crawford

-Crosby S. Noyes

-Dennis Leonard

-Herbert G. Klein

-Mailing to editors and publishers

-Source

-William F. Knowland

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- Cynicism of press
 - Crawford
 - [Forename unknown] Wiggins
- W[illiam] Averell Harriman
 - Yale speech
 - Withdrawal
- Instructions for Ziegler's press briefing
 - President's comments
 - Democratic Senators' resolution

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Ziegler left at 10:37 am

- Warnke's assistant
 - Edmund S. Muskie
 - Invitation to Kissinger
- Briefings for Democrats
 - Kissinger
- Mansfield
 - Withdrawal

Laos military operation (Lam Son)

- Abrams
- Military reports
- General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
 - Possible report
- Laird
- Military plans
 - Tchepone
 - North Vietnamese Army
 - Roads
 - Kissinger's concern
 - Problems
 - Briefing for Kissinger
 - Roads
 - Supplies and trucks
- Compared to Cambodian operation
 - Objectives
- Tchepone
- Haig
 - Report
 - Military assessment
 - Compared to Inchon

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- Status
 - Briefing for Kissinger
 - Kissinger's concerns
 - Problems
 - Army of the Republic of Vietnam [ARVN]
 - Strategy
 - Schedule delays
 - Quality of ARVN troops
 - Appearance versus substance
- Tchepone
 - Roads and supplies
 - ARVN troops
 - Air support
 - Potential problem
- Haig
 - Possible trip to Vietnam
 - Assessment
 - ARVN troops
- ARVN troops
 - Compared to Cambodia
 - Supplies
 - Objectives
- Air strikes
 - B-26's
 - Statistics
 - Damage reports
 - Firebase attacks
 - Effects
 - Moorer
 - Air support coordination in South Vietnam
- Forthcoming briefing
 - Haig trip
 - Moorer
 - Laird
- Plan to send Haig to Southeast Asia
- Kissinger's information
 - Accuracy
 - Conflicting reports

Military psychology

- Focus on objectives
 - German army

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- Verdun
- Stalingrad
- British army
- Somme
- Difference from conventional warfare
- Need for accurate reporting

The President's schedule

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- Briefings
 - Middle East
 - Haig
 - Richard M. Helms

Laos military operation (Lam Son)

- Briefing
 - Status
 - Conflicting reports
 - ARVN
- ARVN
 - Supplies
 - Troops
 - Tchepone
- American commanders
 - General William C. Westmoreland
 - William H. Sullivan
- Military strategy and tactics
 - Cambodia
 - Laird
 - Haig
 - Air support
 - Tchepone
 - Problems
 - Laos versus Cambodia
 - ARVN forces
 - Abrams' plan
- Forthcoming briefing
 - Moorer
 - General John W. Vogt, Jr.
- Laos battle plans
 - Tchepone
 - ARVN
 - Options

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- Problems
- B-26s
 - Problems
 - Alternatives
 - B-52s
 - Moorer
 - Laird
 - Haig
 - F-4s
- C-54s

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Kissinger left at 11:04 am

Rogers

- Muskie
 - Request for meeting with Kissinger
 - Request for meeting with Rogers
 - President's instructions

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

[Personal Returnable]

[Duration: 1m 25s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

Physical demands of office

- Connally
 - Health
 - Health of personnel
- Connally
 - President's previous telephone conversation with Connally
 - Camp David visit
- Camp David
 - Haldeman's conversation with Connally
 - Amenities

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- Cabinet Secretaries
 - Connally
- Renovations
 - Laurel Lodge
- Administration
 - Commander
- Plans
 - Julie Nixon Eisenhower
 - [Dwight] David Eisenhower, II
 - Connally

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The President's schedule

- Meeting with Governors
- Black leadership meeting
 - President's participation
 - Leonard Garment
 - Robert H. Finch
 - Ehrlichman
 - George W. Romney
 - Robert J. Brown
 - Edward L. Morgan
- Agenda
 - Revenue sharing
 - Finch
 - George P. Shultz
 - Possible Presidential appearance
 - Haldeman's position
 - Meeting with college editors
 - Peter M. Flanigan
 - Meetings with lobby groups
 - Mechanics of "Drop by"
- Meeting with Governors
 - Nelson A. Rockefeller's reaction
- Possible Republican governors' meeting
 - Pep talk
 - Richard B. Ogilvie
 - Revenue sharing
 - View of welfare reform
 - Connally, Shultz, and Ehrlichman

Governors' meeting and dinner

- The Vice President

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- Revenue sharing
- Milton J. Shapp
- The President's attendance
 - Toast
- Golf balls
- Leslie T. ("Bob") Hope
 - Attendance
 - Entertainment
- Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
 - Revenue sharing

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

[Privacy]

[Duration: 52s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

- Rockefeller
 - Margaretta ("Happy") Rockefeller
- George C. Wallace
 - Idanell (Brill) ("Nellie") Connally
 - Haldeman's conversation with Wallace
- The President's plans for next year
 - Governors' dinner
 - Republicans
 - Warren E. Hearnes

The President's schedule

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at 11:34 am

- Meeting with black leaders
 - Length of the President's visit
 - Press coverage
 - Ziegler

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-Donald H. Rumsfeld
 -Shultz
 -Ehrlichman

Haldeman left at 11:34 am

Butterfield left at 11:35 am

Conversation No. 457-2

Date: February 24, 1971

Time: Unknown between 11:35 am and 11:38 am

Location: Oval Office

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

The President's schedule

- Meeting with black leaders
 - Tenure of meeting
 - Berkeley G. Burrell
 - Cenoria Johnson
 - Suggested remarks
 - Possible White House tour

Haldeman left at an unknown time before 11:38 am

Conversation No. 457-3

Date: February 24, 1971

Time: Unknown between 11:35 am and 11:38 am

Location: Oval Office

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

The President's schedule

- Meeting with black leaders
 - Black history and art

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at an unknown time after 11:35 am

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- Thelma C. (Ryan) ("Pat") Nixon
 - Tour of White House
- Meeting with black leaders
 - Presidential gifts
 - Stephen B. Bull

The President, et al. left at 11:38 am

Conversation No. 457-4

Date: February 24, 1971

Time: 11:55 am - unknown before 12:19 pm

Location: Oval Office

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

Meeting with black leaders

[The President talked with Clifford M. Hardin between 11:55 am and 12:01 pm]

[Conversation No. 457-4A]

Report to the President

- John B. Williams
- Hardin's press conference

Mississippi

- Farmers
- Hardin's visit
- Integration of schools
 - Compared to northern schools

The President's schedule

- Foreign policy
- Forthcoming trip to Des Moines, Iowa
- "Salute to Agriculture" dinner
- Farm* editors
 - Publicity

[End of telephone conversation]

Public relations

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- President's remarks
- Agriculture

The President's schedule

- Businessmen's visit
- Morehouse College in Atlanta
 - Peter M. Flanigan
 - Pros and cons
- White House staff
 - President's participation in meetings
 - Donald H. Rumsfeld
 - John N. Mitchell
 - "Drop by"
 - Black leaders' meeting
 - Advance scheduling
- Accessibility of the President
- Black leaders' meeting
 - George P. Shultz
 - George W. Romney
 - John D. Ehrlichman
 - Rumsfeld
 - Finch
 - Planning

Camp David

- Invitations
 - White House staff
 - Finch
 - Rumsfeld
 - Elliot L. Richardson
 - William P. Rogers
 - Melvin R. Laird
 - Mitchell
 - Romney
 - John A. Volpe
- Rogers
- Problems

Black leaders' meeting

- Richard Hatcher

Governors' dinner

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- Impression
- Leslie T. ("Bob") Hope
 - Visit to White House
 - Delores (Reade) Hope
- Arthur G. ("Art") Linkletter
 - John Wayne
 - "True Grit"

Conv. No. 457-4 (cont.)

Vietnam War

- Civilian versus military control
 - Henry A. Kissinger's role
 - President's position
 - General John W. Vogt, Jr.
 - General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
- William L. Safire
 - Forthcoming meeting with the President
 - Speech draft
 - Rogers/Kissinger relations
 - Middle East
 - Rogers
 - Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
 - Gerard C. Smith
 - Kissinger's meeting with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
 - Summit meetings

Kissinger

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

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- Edmund S. Muskie

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Briefings by Administration spokesmen

- Democrats
 - Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy
 - President's position
 - Rogers
 - Muskie
 - Haldeman's forthcoming conversation
- President's position
- Senators
 - George S. McGovern
 - Eugene J. McCarthy
- Vietnam peace plan

Conv. No. 457-4 (cont.)

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 12:01 pm

- The President's schedule
 - Federal Executive Board

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:19 pm

- Revenue sharing
- Meeting with the President
 - Pros and cons
 - Meeting with the Vice President
- Safire

The President and Haldeman left at an unknown time before 12:19 pm

Conversation No. 457-7

Date: February 24, 1971
 Time: Unknown after 12:01 pm until 12:19 pm
 Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez

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The President and Sanchez left at 12:19 pm

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Date: February 24, 1971
Time: Unknown between 12:19 pm and 12:35 pm
Location: Oval Office

Unknown people met

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Non-historical]
[Duration: 1m 10s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

The unknown people left at an unknown time before 12:35 pm

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Date: February 24, 1971
Time: Unknown between 12:35 pm and 12:43 pm
Location: Oval Office

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The President met with an unknown man

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 11s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:43 pm

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Date: February 24, 1971
Time: 12:43 pm - 1:24 pm
Location: Oval Office

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

- Radio statement by the President
 - Speech draft
 - William L. Safire
 - Henry A. Kissinger
 - President's view

- Press
 - Television coverage
 - Laos military operation
 - Kissinger
 - Bipartisan leadership meeting
 - Newspaper editorials
 - Chalmers Roberts
 - Kissinger

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Safire

- Speech draft
- Length

Personnel

- Kissinger
- Rose Mary Woods
- Alexander P. Butterfield
- William P. Rogers
 - Dwight D. Eisenhower
 - Harry S Truman
- Allocation of the President's time
 - Kissinger
 - General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
 - General John W. Vogt, Jr.
 - Briefing
- Safire's speech draft
 - Kissinger
- Allocation of the President's time
 - John D. Ehrlichman
 - Edwin L. Harper

Conv. No. 457-9 (cont.)

[The President talked with the White House operator at 12:47 pm]

[Conversation No. 457-5A]

Call to Haig

[End of telephone conversation]

Personnel

- Ehrlichman

[The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 12:47 pm and 1:24 pm]

[Conversation No. 457-5B]

Haig's schedule

[End of telephone conversation]

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Personnel

- Haig
- Admiral Thomas H. Moorer

Forthcoming briefing

- Kissinger
- President's view
- Kissinger
- Vogt
- Safire
- Vogt

Conv. No. 457-5 (cont.)

[Haldeman talked with Kissinger at an unknown time between 12:47 pm and 1:24 pm]

[Conversation No. 457-5C]

Briefing for the President

- Vogt
- Scheduling
- Speech preparation
- Safire's role

[End of telephone conversation]

The President's schedule

- Kissinger
- Role in speech
- Safire
- Attendance at briefings
- President's view
- Speech preparation
- Safire's role
- National Security Study Memoranda [NSSMs]
- President's view

Kissinger entered at an unknown time after 12:47 pm

Vogt

- Present location
- Press briefing
- Meeting with the President and Kissinger

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- Safire
- Speech

Kissinger left at an unknown time before 1:24 pm

Rogers

- Previous trip with the President
- Walker's Key

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The President's schedule

- Kissinger
 - Role in briefings
 - Melvin R. Laird
 - Bureaucratic position

Cabinet officers

- Communication
 - Laird
 - Ehrlichman
 - President's position
 - Kissinger
 - John N. Mitchell
- Staff participation
 - Rogers
 - Middle East views
- Kissinger
 - Middle East views
 - Paperwork
 - Compared with Ehrlichman
 - National Security Council [NSC] staff
 - State Department
 - Staff work
 - Allocation of President's time
 - "Paper route"
 - Rogers
- Allocation of President's time
 - Meeting with the President
 - Connally
 - Mitchell
 - Laird
 - Rogers
 - Moorer

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- Kissinger
 - Safire speech draft
 - Rogers
- Cabinet officers
 - Access to the President
 - Kissinger
 - Rogers
 - Laird
 - Mitchell
 - Staff versus Cabinet
 - Ehrlichman
 - George P. Shultz
 - Kissinger
 - Compared to Ehrlichman
 - Cabinet officers

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Southeast Asia portion of speech

- United States' interests
 - Wording
 - Safire
 - Length

Democratic proposal on Vietnam

- Possible Administration response
 - Robert J. Dole
 - Patrick J. Buchanan
 - Ronald L. Ziegler
 - President's position
- Edmund S. Muskie
- Dole
- Hugh Scott
- Differing proposals within Democratic Party
 - White House strategy
- Muskie
- W[illiam] Averell Harriman
 - Withdrawal
 - Compared to Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson
 - Support for President
- Muskie
- Administration response
 - Kissinger
 - Rogers

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- Laird
 - Rogers
 - Michael J. ("Mike") Mansfield
 - Administration response
 - Democratic caucus
 - Withdrawal proposal
 - Intra-party opposition
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 - Buchanan
 - Franklyn C. ("Lyn") Nofziger
 - Charles W. Colson
 - Safire
 - Haldeman's role
 - Rogers
 - Laird
 - Kissinger
 - Ziegler
 - Possible press questions
 - Need for Administration response
 - Buchanan
 - Dole
 - White House strategy
 - News summary
 - Dole
 - Rogers and Laird
 - Ziegler
 - Withdrawal
 - Prisoners of War [POWs]
 - Effect of Democratic proposal
 - Jackson
- Campus activity
- May Day demonstration
 - Problems
 - Students for a Democratic Society [SDS]
- Leslie T. ("Bob") Hope
- Charlton Heston
 - Foreign pornography
 - Hollywood unemployment
 - President's position
 - General quality of movies

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- President's view
- Haldeman's view

The President's schedule

- Eisenhower dinner
- Hope
- Speech preparation
- Meeting

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- Attendance
- Kissinger
- Vogt
- Moorer
- Old Executive Office Building

Haldeman left at 1:24 pm

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The President met with Manolo Sanchez

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The President and Sanchez left at 1:25 pm