Conversation No. 481-1

Date: April 17, 1971
Time: Unknown between 8:54 am and 8:56 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator

[See Conversation No. 1-121]

Conversation No. 481-2

Date: April 17, 1971
Time: 8:56 am - 8:57 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Dr. William M. Lukash

[See Conversation No. 1-122]

Conversation No. 481-3

Date: April 17, 1971
Time: 8:56 am - 9:13 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 39s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman entered at 8:58 am

The President's meeting with the American Society of Newspaper Editors [ASNE], April 16, 1971
-Television
-Questions to the President
  -Vietnam
  -Lieutenant William L. Calley, Jr.
  -People's Republic of China [PRC]
  -Vietnam and Calley
  -Compared with the President's press conference

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 9:10 am

-Opening question
  -Suggested response
-President's responses
-Radio reception
  -John N. Mitchell's call to the President
    -Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo
    -J. Edgar Hoover
-President's responses to questions
  -Hoover
  -Calley
  -Prisoner of War [POW] issue
  -Vietnam
    -Emmett Dedmon
    -Withdrawal
    -Residual forces
    -Melvin R. Laird
Conv. No. 481-3 (cont.)

NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF

Tape Subject Log
(rev. 9/08)

- Withdrawal
  - Timing
  - Election date
  - Communist takeover issue

- Radio audience
  - Numbers
  - Television broadcast

- Questions
  - Calley
  - Vietnam
  - PRC
  - Cuba
  - Hoover
    - Surveillance
  - Youth
    - Otis Chandler
    - Al Capp
  - Surveillance
    - Police state
    - John F. Kennedy administration
      - Robert F. ("Bobby") Kennedy
  - Hoover
  - Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
  - Frank Cormier
  - "Making news"
  - Unknown quip
  - Economic indicators
    - Retail sales
  - Television

- Rostrum
  - Use
  - Naked microphone
    - J. F. Kennedy
    - President's style
    - J. F. Kennedy's style
      - Use of notes

- Naked microphone
  - Use

- Questions
  - Number
  - Length
  - President's answers

Conv. No. 481-3 (cont.)
-[Dwight] David, II and Julie Nixon Eisenhower
  -Easter discussion
  -Possible visit to the PRC
  -Personalizing answers
-PRC
  -Ping-pong
  -Henry A. Kissinger

Haldeman's forthcoming meeting with Kissinger and John A. Scali
  -President's possible presence
  -Kissinger and Scali
    -Relationship
      -Frequency of meetings
  -PRC
  -Scali
    -Access to President
    -Ronald L. Ziegler
    -Briefing
    -Role

Bull entered at 9:10 am

The President's schedule
  -Meeting with George P. Shultz

Peter G. Peterson's memorandum to the President
  -Approval

Bull left at 9:12 am

Vietnam
  -Withdrawal
    -Kissinger's views
    -Scali

The President's schedule
  -Forthcoming welcome to First Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, California, April 30, 1971

Vietnam
  -Possible statement by President
Conv. No. 481-3 (cont.)

Nixon Presidential Materials Staff

Tape Subject Log
(rev. 9/08)

- Withdrawal
  - Ping-pong team

Haldeman's forthcoming conversation with Kissinger and Scali
President's schedule
  - Meetings
  - President, Haldeman, Kissinger and Scali

Haldeman left at 9:13 am

Conv. No. 481-3 (cont.)

Conversation No. 481-4

Date: April 17 1971
Time: 9:15 am - 9:34 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with George P. Shultz

Dr. James R. Schlesinger
  - Departure [from Office of Management and Budget]
  - Department of Interior

Kenneth W. Dam
  - Placement
  - Evaluation
  - William P. Rogers
  - Talent
    - Finish in law school class [University of Chicago]

Elliot L. Richardson
  - Qualifications
  - Harvard Law School

Welsh
  - University of Chicago
  - Abilities
  - Writings
    - “The Pricing of North Sea Gas in Britain”
  - Anti-trust
-Common Market problem
-Languages
-Abilities
-Placement
-Peter G. Peterson
-International economics
-Schlesinger
-Possible role
-Abilities
-Age

Upcoming meeting
-Shultz's schedule

Peterson entered at 9:20 am

-Agenda

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[National Security]
[Duration: _58s_]

CANADA

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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-People's Republic of China [PRC] initiative
-US relations with Taiwan

Textile Negotiations
-Forthcoming meeting prior to David M. Kennedy’s trip
-Objectives
-Strategy
-State Department
- Shultz
- Textile industry
- Negotiations
  - Evaluation
- US position
- Trade
  - Strategy
  - Southeast Asia
- Negotiating problems
- Kennedy
- Need for instructions
  - Effect on negotiations
- Peterson's meeting with General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
  - Negotiating strategy
- Trade inducements
- Instructions for Kennedy
- Trade inducements
- Kennedy's schedule
  - Trip to Asia
    - Philippines
- Discussions of inducements
- Attendees
  - John B. Connally
  - U. Alexis Johnson
  - Peter M. Flanigan
  - Maurice H. Stans
  - Haig
  - Melvin R. Laird
  - Haig
    - Defense Department
- Stans
- Kennedy
  - Message to State Department
  - Role
  - Trip to Asia
  - Schedule
  - Attitude toward assignment
- Peterson's conversation with Johnson
  - Henry A. Kissinger
- Attendees
  - Kissinger
  - Haig
US economic leadership in post-Vietnam War era
- "Peaceful competition" theme
- PRC
- Competitiveness
- Leadership
- Consequences
- Purposes
- US position
- American spirit
- Competition
  - Supersonic Transport [SST]
  - Steel
  - Exports
    - Share of market
      - Compared with 1940-1950
      - Japan
- Possible consequences of failure
  - Isolationism
    - Protectionism
- Leadership
- Foreign policy
  - National defense
- Economics

State Department
- Organization of foreign economic policy
  - Possible effect on negotiations
    - Possible White house involvement
  - Responsibilities
  - Shultz
  - Need to build strength
  - Negotiations
The President, Peterson and Shultz left at 9:34 am

Date: April 17, 1971
Time: 9:34 am - 3:30 pm
Location: Oval Office

Unknown people [Secret Service agents] entered
Date: April 17, 1971
Time: Unknown between 10:45 am and 11:24 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

The President's schedule
-Henry A. Kissinger

[The President talked with the White House operator at 10:46 am]

[Conversation No. 481-5A]

[See Conversation No. 1-123]

[End of telephone conversation]

Bull left at an unknown time between 10:46 am and 10:49 am

[The President talked with J. Edgar Hoover between 10:49 am and 10:52 am]

[Conversation No. 481-5B]

[See Conversation No. 1-123A]

[End of telephone conversation]

Kissinger entered at 10:52 am

[Kissinger talked with Hoover at 10:52 am]

[Conversation No. 481-5C]

[See Conversation No. 1-123B]

[End of telephone conversation]

Hoover's resignation
-President's statement to American Society of Newspaper Editors [ASNE], April 16, 1971
- General Lewis B. Hershey
- President’s statement to ASNE
- William C. Sullivan
- Qualifications

Meeting with Michael J. (‘‘Mike”) Mansfield
- Clark MacGregor

[The White House operator talked with the President at an unknown time between 10:52 am and 11:02 am]

[Conversation No. 481-5D]

[See Conversation No. 1-124]

[End of telephone conversation]

Meeting with Mansfield
- Foreign policy

Kissinger’s dinner with Katharine L. Graham
- Sir [Arthur] George Weidenfeld
- President’s meeting with ASNE
- Radio
- Radio
- Weidenfeld
- Adlai E. Stevenson, III
- Vietnam withdrawal
  - Elections
- Indian Ambassador
- Weidenfeld
  - Comment about the President
  - Sir Harold G, Nicolson
    - Son
- David Ginsberg
- Judgement of President’s interview by ASNE
- Hoover
- Lieutenant William L. Calley, Jr. case
  - George C. Wallace
  - Graham's remarks

President's meeting with ASNE
-President's 1968 appearance
-President's remarks
  -People's Republic of China [PRC]
  -Vietnam
  -Calley
-Strain on the President
-Vietnam
  -Withdrawal
  -Residual force
  -Korea
  -Prisoners of War [POWs]
  -US position

Vietnam
  -Ellsworth F. Bunker
  -Negotiations
  -Withdrawal date
  -President's forthcoming meeting with General Nguyen Van Thieu
  -Withdrawal date
    -Announcement
    -Negotiations
    -Joint announcement

Bull entered at an unknown time between 10:45 am and 11:02 am

President’s schedule
  -Mansfield

Bull left at an unknown time between 10:45 am and 11:02 am

-US position
-POWs
-Cease fire

Mansfield entered at 11:02 am

Greetings

Letter
  -Lecture series
  -Speech
  -Kissinger
President's PRC Policy
- Mansfield's schedule
- President's possible trip to PRC
- Possible trip by Mansfield
  - Private offer of presidential trip
- Development of relations
- Chou En-lai
  - George Kung-chao Yeh
- US objectives
- Possible trip by Mansfield
  - Private effort
  - Romanians
    - Mansfield telegram to Chou En-Lai
- Mansfield's letter to the President
- Congress
- Possible trip by Michael Gravel
- Romanian Ambassador

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3
[National Security]
[Duration: 1m 11s]

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

- Publicity
- Mansfield's possible cable
  - Possible consequences
- Mansfield's letter to the President
  - Fall back position
- Requests for visits by senators to PRC
  - State Department
-Ping-pong team
-Possible trip by Mansfield
-Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
  -Mansfield's possible visit to PRC
  -US relations
    -Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
  -Middle East
-Mansfield's statement in Senate
-President's policies
-Mansfield's position
-President's meeting with ASNE
  -Response to questions
    -United Nations [UN]
  -Trade and travel restrictions
    -Timetable
-Trade
-US strategy
-Normalization of relations
-UN representation issue
  -Taiwan
  -Great Britain
-British representation in Peking
-Romania
  -Nicolae Ceausescu
-Mansfield's possible cable
-Importance of making new request
-Ceausescu
  -Role
  -Chou En-lai
  -Meeting with President
    -Vietnam
    -North Korea
  -Value of channel
-Josip Broz Tito
-Ceausescu
-Mansfield's Possible Cable
-President's meeting with ASNE
  -Calls to Chou En-lai
-Reaction in Senate
  -Lifting of trade and travel restrictions
  -Mansfield's statement
-Travel Restrictions
- Travel by Americans and Chinese
- Defense Department
- Justice Department
- Espionage
  - Soviets
  - Chinese

World War II
- Nisei
- Relocation camps
  - California
  - Missoula, Montana
  - Earl Warren
- Pearl Harbor
- Blame

World War I
- Blame
  - Germans
  - Austrians
  - French
  - British
  - Russians
  - Kaiser Wilhelm II

Mansfield's possible trip to PRC
- President's possible visit to PRC
- Presidency
- President's senate experience
- Other congressmen
- Advantages
  - Possible report by Mansfield
  - Amateurs
- Romanians
  - US relations with PRC
  - Mansfield's role
  - Ceausescu
- Ping-pong table

Kissinger and Mansfield left at 11:24 am
Date: April 17, 1971
Time: 11:24 am - 11:49 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

President's schedule
- Meeting with Ronald L. Ziegler

[The President talked with the White House operator at 11:24 am]

[Conversation No. 481-6A]

[See Conversation No. 1-125]

[End of telephone conversation]

H. R. Haldeman entered at 11:25 pm

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:30 am

Michael J. (“Mike”) Mansfield's trip to People's Republic of China [PRC]
- Congressional interest
- Chou En-lai

The President's PRC initiative

[The President talked with Dr. William M. Lukash at 11:25 am]

[Conversation No. 481-6B]

[See Conversation No. 1-126]

[End of telephone conversation]
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 1m 44s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Henry A. Kissinger
-Unknown man [Ziegler?]  
The President's schedule
-Leslie Towne (“Bob”) Hope
  -Fund-raising dinner
  -Mamie G. D. Eisenhower
    -Phone call to Hope
    -President's possible attendance

The President's meeting with American Society of Newspaper Editors [ASNE], April 16, 1971
  -J. Edgar Hoover's call to the President
  -Response to questions
  -Radio
    -Kissinger
    -Dinner at Katharine L. Graham's

Ziegler entered at 11:30 am
  -Report
  -Cocktail party
    -Attendees
  -William V. Shannon
  -Ziegler's possible call to Shannon
  -Sylvan H. Meyer
  -Cuba and Chile
  -Emmett Dedmon
    -Question on PRC
  -Hoover
- Robert F. Kennedy
- Army
- W. Ramsey Clark
- Responses
- Reaction
- Audience response
  - Applause
  - Unknown woman
- Radio
- Statler Hotel
  - Quality of room
  - Television
  - Shoreham Hotel
  - Size
- Number of questions
- Editorial conference
- Media coverage
- Meyer's comment
- Radio coverage
- Prisoners of war [POWs]
- Hoover
- PRC
  - President's daughters
- Forum
- Television
  - Coverage
- News conference
  - ASNE
- Hoover
  - Tenure
- Vietnam
- Lieutenant William L. Calley, Jr.
- Hoover
  - President's response
  - Compassion
  - Fairness
  - Cartoon in the President's office
    - Harry S. Truman administration
- Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
- Dedmon
- Agnew
President's schedule

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3
[Personal-Returnable]
[Duration: _5s_]
Conv. No. 481-6 (cont.)

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

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Ziegler left at 11:39 am

- John L. McClellan
  - Schedule
- Attorney General [John Mitchell]
- John A. Volpe
  - John D. Ehrlichman
  - George W. Romney
  - Jennie (Benedetto) Volpe [?]
    - Unknown visit by Italian women
  - Camp David
- Farm editors
- News conference
  - Timing
- Farm editors
  - Clifford M. Hardin
  - Briefing
  - Conference
  - Attendance
    - Number
  - Possible White House tour
  - Blue Room
  - White House tour
    - Wives
- Jaycees leadership
  - Attendance
  - White House tour
-Rose Garden
-State Dining Room
-Press coverage
-Briefings

Bull entered at an unknown time after 11:30 am

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4
[Personal-Returnable]
[Duration: 7s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:49 am

-Senate loyalists
-House loyalists
-Daniel H. Kuykendall
-Press conference
-4-H Club
-Attendance
-Number
-Rose Garden
-White House tour
-Rose Garden
-President’s participation

The President's with ASNE
-Panelists
-Certificate of appreciation
-Memento
-Paperweight

The President's schedule
-Building Trades Council executive committee
-Opposition to the President
--- Conversation No. 481-6 (cont.) ---

Willie J. Usery
- Views

John D. Ehrlichman, Charles W. Colson, Peter M. Flanigan, and George P. Shultz
- Views

James D. Hodgson
- Views
  - President's leadership
- Boat
  - Julie Nixon Eisenhower

The President and Haldeman left at 11:49 am

--- Conversation No. 481-8 ---

Date: April 17, 1971
Time: Unknown between 11:49 am and 1:00 pm
Location: Oval Office

Stephen B. Bull met with Manolo Sanchez and an unknown man

Forthcoming call to Charles Rochester

Furnishings
  - General Services Administration [GSA]

Bull, Sanchez, and the unknown man left at an unknown time before 1:00 pm

--- Conversation No. 481-7 ---

Date: April 17, 1971
Time: Unknown between 1:00 pm and 3:30 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield
Stock market

Promotion for unknown man
   - President's order to Armed Services

[The White House operator talked with the President at an unknown time between 1:00 pm and 1:05 pm]

[Conversation No. 481-7A]

   The President's call to Julie Nixon Eisenhower

[End of telephone conversation]

   Promotion for unknown man
      - Armed services
      - Unknown man's views
      - Admiral Thomas H. Moorer
      - Assignment
      - Re-phrasing of order
      - Rose Mary Woods

Daughters of the American Revolution [DAR] speech
   - Photos
      - Timing

H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman entered at 1:05 pm


McCull’s story on Thelma C. (Ryan) (“Pat”) Nixon

Butterfield left at 1:05 pm

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

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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-Writing
-Photos
  -Fred Maroon
-Cover
  -President and Mrs. Nixon
  -Double-spread photo
    -President and Mrs. Nixon
    -San Clemente
    -Dana Point
-Photos
  -Mrs. Nixon and Tricia Nixon
  -Mrs. Nixon and Julie Nixon Eisenhower
  -Lucy A. Winchester and Jack H. Ficklen
  -Letter to publisher

The President's schedule
-Weather
  -Boat
  -Lyndon B. Johnson
-Prep for ASNE meeting
  -Effort
  -Frequency
  -Television
-Golf
  -Dwight D. Eisenhower
  -Cabinet
-Meetings with Cabinet officers
  -John A. Volpe
    -George W. Romney
  -Benefits
  -James D. Hodgson
  -Clifford M. Hardin
  -Elliot L. Richardson
  -Melvin R. Laird
  -Romney and Volpe
  -Rogers C.B. Morton
-Volpe, Romney, and Morton
  -Schedule
  -Length of meetings
  -Volpe
Appearance of Presidents
- Public scrutiny
  - Tiredness
- Age
- [Thomas] Woodrow Wilson
- Franklin D. Roosevelt
- John F. Kennedy
  - Looks
- Eisenhower
  - Age
- Johnson
- President's weight
- President's schedule
  - Need for rest

The President's schedule
- Golf
  - California
  - Benefits
- Camp David
- Boat
  - Julie Nixon Eisenhower
  - Location
- Williamsburg
- International Committee of the Red Cross
  - Marcel Naville
  - Prisoner of war [POW] wives
    - William P. Rogers
- Rogers meeting
- International Red Cross
  - POW wives
The President’s meeting with ASNE, April 16, 1971
- Vietnam
  - US presence
  - Possible use of US military forces
  - POWs
  - Bombing North Vietnam

The President’s schedule
- Henry A. Kissinger

The President’s meeting with ASNE
- Vietnam
  - Possible consequences of North Vietnamese victory
  - Civilians/refugees
  - Casualties
  - Victory
  - North Vietnamese attacks on South Vietnamese
  - President’s visit to Hanoi [in 1953]
  - Refugee camps
  - Paul N. (“Pete”) McCloskey, Jr.
  - Television appearance

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 1:05 pm

Kissinger’s schedule
- General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Bull left at an unknown time before 2:15 pm

McCloskey
- Television appearance, April 18, 1971
  - “Face the Nation”
- Trip to Laos
  - G. McMurtrie Godley
  - Press
  - Incident
  - Behavior
  - Ehrlichman
- Trip to Laos
  - Godley
  - Press
  - Jerome R. Waldie
-Lodging
  -Embassy
  -Hotel
  -Dinner
  -Waldie's comments
  -President's position
  -Gerald R. Ford
  -Ford's forthcoming call to Godley
  -President's position
  -Press
  -Analogy to Eugene J. McCarthy
    -Johnson
    -Attempt to bring down the President
  -Press
  -McCloskey’s political affiliation
  -Conservatives
  -Liberals
  -McCloskey’s political affiliation
  -Significance
  -Press

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[End of transcript]
The President's defense of J. Edgar Hoover and Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
-Cabinet officers
McCloskey
- Attacks against President
- Trip to Laos
  - Purpose
  - Visit to refugee camps
    - US bombings
    - Administration's position
    - North Vietnamese attacks
    - US bombings
- Need for counterattacks
  - Charles Colson
  - Congress
  - Ford
  - William B. Saxbe

Saxbe
- Clark MacGregor
- Kenneth E. BeLieu
- MacGregor

President's schedule
- Meetings with Senate loyalists
  - MacGregor

MacGregor
- Meeting with high school students
Media treatment of President
- Fairness
- Coverage
- Sarah McClendon
- Texas
- Unknown woman correspondent

Michael J. (“Mike”) Mansfield's trip to People's Republic of China [PRC] No. 481-7 (cont.)
- ASNE
- Democrats
- President's PRC initiative
  - Democrats
- Administration's position
- Bipartisanship
  - Hugh Scott
  - “Bobby” [Surname unknown]
  - Importance
- PRC possible reaction
- Administration's activities
  - Chou En-lai
  - Mansfield’s telegram
  - Romanians
  - Scott
- Interest in PRC
- Possible visit to PRC by the President

Kissinger's activities
- Meetings with editors, etc.
  - John A. Scali
  - Relationship with Kissinger

Kissinger and Scali
- Roles defined
  - Haldeman's conversation with Scali
  - Presentation of President's position
- Contrasts
  - Kissinger’s interest in process

Scali
- Interest in foreign policy
  - Substance and strategy
  - Views
McCloskey
- Laotian refugee casualties
- Preparation for President's press conferences
  - Bombing of civilians
    - Kissinger
    - Administration's position

Kissinger
- Possible meeting with President and Haldeman regarding issues
- Problem
- Scali
  - Qualifications
  - Interests
  - Presentation of President's position
  - Ideas
  - Process

Ping-pong team visit to [PRC]
- Publicity
- Return
- Scali's views
  - Lawyers
  - Foreign policy planners

Foreign policy
- President's visit to Bucharest
- Nixon doctrine
  - Briefing in Guam
  - Press corps
- Kissinger's activities
  - Effect on people
- President’s image as policy maker
  - Administration’s efforts
    - Kissinger

The President's forthcoming speech to Daughters of the American Revolution [DAR], April 19, 1971
- Raymond K. Price, Jr.'s draft
- Length
  - Interest
  - Content
The President's forthcoming speech to US Chamber of Commerce, April 26, 1971

-Schedule

Staff
-William P. Rogers
-Kissinger
-Kissinger
-Value
-Scali
-Daniel P. (“Patrick”) Moynihan
-Kissinger
-Weakness
-Selling the President
-Scali

Butterfield entered at an unknown time after 1:05 p.m.

The President's speech to DAR

-Length

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 2:15 pm

Preparation of speeches
- Guidance
- Staff's role
- President's speech, April 7, 1971
- Drafts
  - William L. Safire
  - Patrick J. Buchanan
- President's time
- Text

PRC
- Visit by Scott and Mansfield
- Scott
- Knowledge of country
- Kissinger’s previous conversation with Mansfield
- Haldeman's possible call to Scott
  - Mansfield
  - Mike Gravel
- White House role
  - Privacy
- Chou En-lai
  - Possible wire from Scott
- Kissinger
- Romania
- Democrats

Conv. No. 481-7 (cont.)

McCloskey
- President's forthcoming conversation with MacGregor
- President's loyalists in Congress
- MacGregor
- President's involvement
- Scott
- Vietnam
- Press
- Possible administration counterattacks
- Attacks by Californians

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 20s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6

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- Image
  - Veteran
  - Shirley Temple Black
  - Laos
  Personality
  - Supporters
  - Administrative Assistant
    - Unknown people
- Norton Simon
- Contribution
  - Efforts to impeach President
  - Administration's efforts

Charles E. Goodell and Donald W. Riegle, Jr

[Thomas] Hale Boggs and Carl B. Albert

Mansfield

Scott

Congress
  - Leadership

President's schedule

Kissinger and Scali
  - Problem
  - Scali
    - Assignment
    - Relationship
    - Kissinger
      - Activities
      - Katharine L. Graham
      - Unknown journalist
    - Importance of meeting
    - Press
    - Kissinger's concern with own place in history
      - Exclusive knowledge
      - Role
      - Awareness
  - Scali
    - Selling the President
    - Role
    - Haig
      - Value
    - Instructions to Haldeman
    - Relationship
    - Pattern
The President's speech on Southeast Asia, April 7, 1971
  -PRC
  -Lieutenant William L. Calley, Jr.
  -Developments

Richard A. Moore
  -Campaign
  -California earthquake
  -Calley
  -Schedule

Haldeman's schedule

The President's style
  -Credibility
  -Speeches
    -Use of teleprompter
  -Staff's views
  -Letter from unknown people in Florida
  -John B. Connally
    -Views
    -Contrasted with the President
      -Public relations
  -Difficulty of presidency
  -Vietnam
    -MacGregor
      -Congress
    -Withdrawal rate
      -President’s concern
      -Connally's view
    -Calley case

Calley case
  -Review by the President
  -Ziegler

President's statements
  -Calley
  -Hoover
  -Agnew
Press conferences
   -Advantages for President

President's style
   -Connally
   -Unknown Florida man's view

Bull entered at an unknown time after 1:05 pm

Arrival of Ehrlichman party
   -Bertha Denny

Bull left at an unknown time before 2:15 pm

The President's style
   -Staff
   -Press conferences
   -Connally
   -Possible changes

Ehrlichman, Jeanne Ehrlichman, and Mrs. Denny entered at 2:15 pm; the White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting

Introductions

Unknown reception

The President's meeting with American Society of Newspaper Editors [ASNE], April 16, 1971
   -Radio
   -President's remarks

Photo session

The President's meeting with ASNE

Ehrlichman's schedule
   -Denny
Description of office
   -Flags

The President's meeting with ASNE
-President's remarks

Agnew

The President's meeting with ASNE
  -Radio
  -Television
  -Radio
  -Seattle

Presentation of gifts
  -Pin

Tricia Nixon
  -Television show on White House

Rose Garden
  -Blossoms
  -Tulip garden

General conversation
  -Haldeman
  -Editors
  -Movies
  -Hoover
  -Unknown woman
  -Unknown girl
  -Photograph of the President and Mrs. Nixon
  -Unknown film
  -Anti-trust violation

Farewells

Rose Garden
  -Tulips

Ehrlichman, Mrs. Ehrlichman, and Mrs. Denny left at 2:23 pm
Denny
  - Aunts
  - Middle America
  - Press

Middle America
  - Administration's constituency
  - Sammy Davis, Jr.

Support for President among youth
  - Meeting with ASNE
  - Issues
  - Numbers
    - Democrats
    - Undecided
    - Peace
    - Draft
    - People-to-people
    - Idealism

The President's PRC initiative
  - Liberals
  - Reaction

The President's meeting with ASNE
  - Revenue sharing
  - Questions not asked
    - Revenue sharing
    - Government reorganization
    - Environment
    - Withholding funds
  - Questions
    - Economy
    - Youth
    - Domestic issues
      - Federal Bureau of Investigations [FBI]
  - National security
    - FBI
  - Economy
  - Youth
  - Otis Chandler's remark
  - President's treatment of editors and questions
- Editors compared with reporters
  - Radio coverage
    - Dr. William Chase
    - Television
    - President's supporters

1952 campaign
  - Ratings
  - Radio
  - Speeches made by candidates
    - Audience

Radio audience
  - Numbers
  - Rating
  - Compared with Howard K. Smith television interview, March 22, 1971
    - Audience
    - Mrs. Denny

The President's meeting with ASNE
  - Radio coverage

Radio talks by the President
  - President's leadership
  - "Fireside talks"
  - Length of talk
  - Number of words
    - Limit
  - Subject
  - Advantages
    - Details
  - Need for planning
  - Format

Bull entered at an unknown time after 2:23 pm

Kissinger's schedule
  - Meeting with the President

Weather
The President's schedule
   - Meeting with Kissinger

Bull left at an unknown time before 2:36 pm

[The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 2:23 pm and 2:36 pm]

[Conversation No. 481-7B]

[See Conversation No. 1-127]

[End of telephone conversation]

The President's schedule
   - Weather
     - Washington
     - Camp David
     - Sequoia
     - Spring
   - Trips to Florida and California
     - California
     - Activity
   - Press conference
   - Televised press conference
     - Advantages

White House Conference on Aging
   - John B. Martin
   - Executive director
   - Richardson
   - Chairman
     - Arthur S. Flemming

Kissinger entered at 2:36 pm

Mansfield's trip to PRC
   - Kissinger and Haldeman
   - Democrats
[The White House operator talked with the President at an unknown time between 2:36 pm and 2:51 pm]

[Conversation No. 481-7C]

[See Conversation No. 1-128]
[End of telephone conversation]

Mansfield's trip to PRC
- Interest
- Opposition to Vietnam
- Scott and Marian Scott
  - Interest in art
  - Visits to Taiwan
  - Hong Kong
- Democrats
- Scott's possible Itinerary
  - Chou En-lai
  - Kissinger's role
    - Ceausescu channel
  - Romania
  - Ambassador Corneliu Bogdan
  - Message to PRC

PRC
- Invitations to Congressmen
- US relations
- Possible invitations to Mansfield and Scott
- Scott
  - Knowledge of Chinese art
- Bogdan
- Invitations to candidates
  - Possible consequences
- Edmund S. Muskie, Edward M. (“Ted”) Kennedy, and Hubert H. Humphrey
- Israel
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republic [USSR]
  - President’s previous visit
- Visits
- President's initiatives
- John F. Osborne
  - Article
  - Readership
-Views
-President's note to Kissinger, February 1, 1969
-Quoted
-Context
-Speech
-Pace of President's initiatives
-Admission to United Nations [UN]
-US position
-USSR
-US relations
-Ziegler statement
-New York Times
-Anatoliy F. Dobrynin and Yuli M. Vorontsov
-Assessment of the President
-President's meeting with ASNE

Communist assessment of the President

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7
[National Security]
[Duration: 34s]

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7

-PRC and USSR

The President's speech on Southeast Asia, April 7, 1971
-Kissinger's conversation with Osborne

The President's meeting with ASNE
-Kissinger's conversation with Chandler
-California beach
- Los Angeles
- Format
- Questions
- Chandler

PRC
- Possible visit by Scott
- Bogdan
- Visits by Congressmen
  - Mansfield
  - Democrat candidates
  - Mansfield and Scott
  - Possible invitation by PRC
  - David M. Kennedy
  - USSR
- Special envoy
  - Agha Muhommad Yahya Khan
  - Robert D. Murphy
  - Timing
- Ping-pong team
  - Return to US.
  - Schedule
  - San Francisco
    - Parade down Market Street
  - Maoist Member
- Romanian Davis Cup team
  - Reception by the President
- Ping-pong team
  - Reception in US
  - Possible report
- Agha Muhommad Yahya Khan
- Ping-pong team
  - Newsmen
  - Possible reception by the President
  - Photo
- State Department
  - Debriefing
  - Rogers
- Visit to White House
  - Ceremonial nature
  - Photos
- Maoist member
The President talked with Julie Nixon Eisenhower between 2:51 pm and 2:53 pm

[Conversation No. 481-7D]

[See Conversation No. 1-129]

[End of telephone conversation]

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 10
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 2m 19s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 10

Mansfield
-Relations with the President
-Meetings with the President

PRC
-Democrats
-UN representation
The President's meeting with ASNE

- State Department
- US relations with Cuba and Chile
- USSR
  - Military aid

USSR

- Military Capability
- President's forthcoming press conference
- Possible US initiatives
  - Strategic Limitation Talks [SALT]
- Missiles
  - Number
    - Possible deployment
  - Antiballistic Missiles [ABMs]
- Negotiations
  - Capital cities
- ABMs
  - Radar
    - Timing
  - Deployment
  - Possible freeze on offensive missiles
- Negotiations
  - Danger
  - Melvin R. Laird
  - David Packard
  - Joint Chiefs of Staff [JCS]
  - Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
- President's possible television statement
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 12
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: _1m 45s_]
1972 elections
- Buckley
- Peace issue
- Democrats
- Buckley
  - Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT] agreement
- President’s position
  - Push for defense buildup

Defense
- Defense budget
  - Congress
- Democrat cuts
- Administration’s policy
  - Opposition to cuts
  - National security
  - Forthcoming press conference
- 1972 elections
- Political problem
  - Republican support
  - National defense
- SALT
  - Affordability
  - Political significance
  - Democratic leaders
    - Cyrus R. Vance
    - Clark M. Clifford
    - New Democrats

American establishment
- PRC
- USSR

Democrats
- Ping-pong team
- Humphrey
  - Senate
- President's foreign policy
  - Credit
- President's speech on Southeast Asia, October 7, 1970
  - Regret
  - Political repercussion
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Laos
-McCloskey
-Task force
-Civilian bombing
-Communists
-Location of bombing
-Population
-Refugees
-ASNE interview
-Question
-Ford
-McCloskey
-Refugees
-Location
-North Vietnamese military actions
-Meo [tribesman]
-McCloskey
-Refugee camps
-Refugees
-Interviews
-Ellsworth F. Bunker
-Harold Willens
-Businessmen’s Mobilization for Peace
-Los Angeles

Edward M. (“Ted”) Kennedy hearings
-Possible statement by the President
-Rogers
-Possible testimony
-Statistics
- Laotian bombing
- Casualties
- Possible consequences of US withdrawal from Vietnam
- Casualties

PRC
- Vietnam

Laos
- South Vietnamese Military Activity
  - Objectives
    - Ashau Valley
    - Huế
  - Casualties

Fire Base 6
- North Vietnamese Casualties
- Army of the Republic of Vietnam [ARVN]

Laos
- General Creighton W. Abrams
  - Statement on possible invasion

Kissinger's Conversation with Osborne
- PRC and Southeast Asia

Vietnam
- North Vietnam statement
  - PRC
  - Interpretation
  - Railway Agreement
  - PRC

Edward Kennedy hearings
- Laos
  - Administration's possible spokesman
  - Rogers

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The President's PRC initiative  
- Kennedy, Humphrey, Muskie  
- Statements  
- Democrats  
- President's meeting with ASNE  
- US position  

Vietnam  
- Cease fire Agreement of 1970  
- Collapse  

USSR  
- SALT negotiations  
  - Timing of announcement  
  - PRC  
  - Timing of announcement  
  - Demonstrations  
  - Timing of announcement  

Demonstrations  
- Schedule  

Press conference  
- Timing  
- Television  
- Vietnam troop withdrawals  

USSR  
- SALT negotiations  
  - Announcement  
  - Press conference  
  - Television  
  - Timing  
  - Agreement  
  - Dobrynin  
    - Schedule  

President’s schedule  
- April 18, 1971
Foreign policy
  -Timing
  -Summit
  -General Nguyen Van Thieu
  -North Vietnam
    -Negotiations
  -Summit
  -USSR
  -PRC
  -Warsaw
  -Dobrynin
  -USSR

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The President's PRC initiative
  -Liberals
    -Reaction
    -Humphrey, Muskie
  -Press
  -PRC
  -Laos

Vietnam
  -Negotiations
    -Possible settlement
    -Announcement
      -Thieu
      -Terminal date
      -Cease fire agreement
      -POWs
      -Terminal date
    -Possible agreement
      -Summit
      -Announcement
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- US combat role
- Meeting
- Length

The President's schedule
- SALT
- California
- Press conference
- Forthcoming welcome to First Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, April 30, 1971

USSR
- Dobrynin's Schedule
- US position
- State Department
- Berlin

Germany

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 20
[National Security]
[Duration: 23s]

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 20

- Berlin

Dobrynin
- Domestic situation
  - Politburo
  - Possible summit

PRC
- US domestic situation
- Effect on USSR
The President, Haldeman, and Kissinger left at 3:30 pm