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**Tape Subject Log**  
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Conversation No. 639-1

Date: December 18, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 12:37 pm and 12:42 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

The President's schedule  
-Press picture  
-Butterfield's call to Ronald L. Ziegler

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 12:42 pm.

Conversation No. 639-2

Date: December 18, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 12:37 pm and 12:42 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 16-106]

Conversation No. 639-3

Date: December 18, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 12:37 pm and 12:42 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Rose Mary Woods.

The President's schedule

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Conversation No. 639-4

Date: December 18, 1971  
Time: 12:42 pm - 12:43 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Ronald L. Ziegler.

[See Conversation No. 16-107]

Conversation No. 639-5

Date: December 18, 1971  
Time: 12:43 pm - 12:50 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

President's schedule

The President talked with the White House operator at 12:43 pm.

[Conversation No. 639-5A]

[See Conversation No. 16-108]

[End of telephone conversation]

John D. Ehrlichman

Meetings

Bernard J. ("Bunny") Lasker  
-Woods's location

The President talked with Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon between 12:44 pm and 12:45 pm.

[Conversation No. 639-5B]

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Conv. No. 639-5 (cont.)

[See Conversation No. 16-109; one item has been withdrawn from the conversation]

[End of telephone conversation]

Christmas cards  
-Messages

The President's schedule  
-Football  
-Robert K. Gray  
-Binoculars  
-Church  
-Weather  
-Bermuda  
-Florida  
-Christmas

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at an unknown time after 12:45 pm.

President's schedule

Signing papers

Questions and answers sheet

[Pause]

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 12:50 pm.

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

[Personal Returnable]

[Duration: 3m 8s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

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Woods left at 12:50 pm.

Conversation No. 639-6

Date: December 18, 1971  
Time: 12:50 pm - 1:09 pm  
Location: Oval Office

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

John B. Connally  
-Schedule  
-The President's schedule

Haldeman talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 12:50 pm and 1:09 pm.

[Conversation No. 639-6A]

Connally's return

[End of telephone conversation]

The President's schedule  
-Cabinet dinner  
-Rose Mary Woods  
-Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon

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Conv. No. 639-6 (cont.)

- Former members
  - Clifford M. Hardin
  - Maurice H. Stans
- Daniel P. Moynihan
- Invited guests
  - List
- Staff members
  - Leonard Garment
  - Herbert G. Klein
- Arthur F. Burns
- Dr. John A. Hannah
- Robert J. Dole
- Woods
- Date
  - Alexander P. Butterfield
  - Charles W. Colson
  - Woods
    - Mrs. Nixon
- Telephone calls
- Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
  - President's Christmas message [?]
- Press gathering
  - New Year's Eve
  - Christmas Eve
  - Planning
- Connally
  - Talk with Haldeman

Haldeman left at 1:09 pm.

Conversation No. 639-7

Date: December 18, 1971

Time: Unknown between 1:09 pm and 1:11 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

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[Unintelligible]

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 1:11 pm.

Conversation No. 639-8

Date: December 18, 1971

Time: Unknown between 1:09 pm and 1:11 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Meeting with Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Bull left at an unknown time before 1:11 pm.

Conversation No. 639-9

Date: December 18, 1971

Time: 1:11 pm - 1:34 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Haig's schedule

Pakistan

- Zulfikar Ali Bhutto
- Agha Muhommad Yahya Khan
- Press photograph
  - Ronald L. Ziegler
  - Oliver F. ("Ollie") Atkins
  - Andrei A. Gromyko
- Bhutto
- President's schedule

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Conv. No. 639-9 (cont.)

- Length of Bhutto meeting
  - Group of Ten meeting
    - Timing
    - John B. Connally
- West Pakistan
  - Haig
    - Kashmir
  - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] ships
    - Missile ships
    - Karachi
  - Student feelings towards Yahya Khan
    - Ceasefire
    - Attitude toward US and People's Republic of China [PRC]

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1  
[National Security]  
[Duration: 21s ]

PRC

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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- USSR-PRC relations
- Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters
  - Visit with PRC Ambassador in Paris
- US actions

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2  
[National Security]  
[Duration: 24s ]

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SRI LANKA

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

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- Relations with US
  - PRC
  - USSR
  - Henry A. Kissinger statement
  - United Nations [UN] veto
  - USSR reaction

India

- Reply to Indira Gandhi
  - Haig
  - Indian Ambassador
    - William P. Rogers
    - Ziegler
  - Timing of release
- Kissinger
- US commitment

India-Pakistan relations

- Current conditions
- Ceasefire

US-USSR relations

- Possible strategy
  - Ceasefire
  - US policy
- Peacemaking
- Gandhi

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3  
[National Security]  
[Duration: 15s]

INDIA

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

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Vietnam

- Enemy activity
  - Laos
  - Cambodia
- US losses
  - Planes
    - T-28's
    - F4's
      - Mikoyan-Gurevich [MIGs]
  - Surface to Air Missiles [SAMs]
- US strategy
  - Joint Chiefs of Staff [JCS]
  - Kissinger
  - Implementation of plan
    - Timing
  - Department of Defense [DOD]
  - Ziegler
  - Post-Christmas attack
  - Willy Brandt
  - Kissinger
  - USSR

Cuba

- Panama
- US strategy

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4  
[National Security]  
[Duration: 2m 3s]

INTELLIGENCE

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

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USSR

- Dialogue with US
- Ziegler

H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman entered at 1:28 pm.

Monetary meeting

- Status of agreement
  - John B. Connally
  - Canadians
  - Japanese
  - Trade
- Schedule
- Status
  - Germans
    - Karl Schiller
    - Brandt
  - Italians
    - Devaluation
      - Number
    - Italian election
  - French
  - Great Britain
  - Maurice Schumann
    - Location
    - French

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Conv. No. 639-9 (cont.)

Haig left at 1:31 pm.

- Connally
  - Possible need for new meeting
  - Italian election
  - Stock Market
  - Japanese
  - Canadians
  - Germans
    - Kissinger
      - Upcoming call to Egon Bahr
    - Brandt
- Progress
- President's view
  - Possible statement
  - Strategy
    - Canadians

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 1:31 pm and 1:34 pm.

[Conversation No. 639-9A]

[See Conversation No.16-110]

[End of telephone conversation]

Haldeman left at 1:34 pm.

Conversation No. 639-10

Date: December 18, 1971

Time: Unknown between 1:34 pm and 1:36 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown person.

[Unintelligible]

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Conv. No. 639-9 (cont.)

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 1:36 pm.

Conversation No. 639-11

Date: December 18, 1971  
Time: 1:36 pm - 2:06 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, Nawabzada Am Raza, and Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Jr.; members of the press were present at the beginning of the meeting.

[General conversation]

Photograph

President's schedule  
-John B. Connally call

Pakistan  
-US position  
-United Nations [UN]  
-Bhutto's speech  
-Bhutto expresses appreciation for US support  
-Bhutto previous meeting with the President  
-President's visit to Pakistan in 1964  
-Refreshments

Telephone call for President

The President left at 1:40 pm.

President's schedule  
-Group of Ten meeting

Oval Office  
-Change

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Conv. No. 639-11 (cont.)

Manolo Sanchez entered at 1:40 pm.

Refreshments

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 1:46 pm.

[General conversation]

President's schedule

- President's forthcoming trip to the People's Republic of China [PRC]
- Timing
- Press corps

Bhutto's schedule

- Rome
- Paris

South Asia

- US embassy
- Reports
- Fighting in west
- Students
- [Unintelligible]

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[National Security]

[Duration: 22s]

BANGLADESH

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-[Unintelligible]

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Conv. No. 639-11 (cont.)

- Japanese surrender
  - US forces
- French surrender to Germans

The president entered at 1:46 pm.

President's schedule

- Connally
- International monetary situation

Bhutto's schedule

- Rawalpindi
- Rome

India-Pakistan relations

- Post-war difficulties
- Occupation by force
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
- Middle East
- German occupation
- Joseph Stalin's comment
- US position
  - Reasons
    - Time* and the *New York Times*
  - Press reaction
    - US rationale and justification
  - Anti-aggression
  - Internal affairs
- Balance of power
- Vietnam
- Future of Pakistan
  - In possible contrast
    - India
    - Burma
    - Ceylon
    - USSR
- President's opinion
- PRC position in Indian Sub-continent
- PRC
  - Ability
  - Resources

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Conv. No. 639-11 (cont.)

- Support
- Concern over violence
- Territorial integrity
- Ceasefire
- Military aid
  - Congress
- Economic aid to Pakistan
  - Attitudes
  - Changes needed in Pakistan
    - “Live and let live” society
  - Henry A. Kissinger
  - William P. Rogers
- Physical damage
  - Karachi
  - Haig
- Negotiations
  - Possibilities discussed
  - US position

[Unintelligible]

- Role of the UN
  - Humanitarian concerns
- Possible difficulties
- US aid to Pakistan
  - Amount comparison
- Kashmir

[Unintelligible]

- Ceasefire

[Unintelligible]

- Help to achieve peace
  - President’s advice to Bhutto
- [Unintelligible]
- Agha Muhommad Yahya Khan
- Nixon Doctrine
  - Need for self-help
- USSR

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Conv. No. 639-11 (cont.)

- PRC
- Need for dialogue

President's upcoming campaign

Gifts

- Agha Muhommad Yahya Khan

Christmas celebrities

- Plans on Christmas Eve [?]

1960 election

Bhutto, Raza, and Haig left at 2:06 pm.

Conversation No. 639-12

Date: December 18, 1971  
 Time: Unknown between 2:06 pm and 2:10 pm  
 Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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 [Duration: 22s ]

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Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:10 pm.



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Conversation No. 639-13

Date: December 18, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 2:06 pm and 2:10 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule  
-Meeting with Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Bull left at an unknown time before 2:10 pm.

Conversation No. 639-14

Date: December 18, 1971  
Time: 2:10 pm - 2:31 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

The President's schedule  
-Recent meeting with Zulfikar Ali Bhutto

Pakistan  
-United Nations [UN]  
-Bhutto's speech

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[National Security]  
[Duration: 1m 5s ]

PAKISTAN

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- Zulfikar Ali Bhutto
  - Toughness
  - Future with US
    - Possible outcome
  - George H.W. Bush
  - Feelings toward US
- People's Republic of China [PRC]

[Unintelligible]

- Effect on US-Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] relations
  - President's opinion
    - Henry A. Kissinger
    - Need for discretion
    - US role
- Outcome of conflict

Middle East

- Haig's opinion
- Possible trouble spots
- Egypt
  - USSR involvement
  - Kissinger
- Egyptian arms
- USSR air coverage

South Asia

- Gains in the Middle East

Middle East

- Negotiations
  - State Department
- Egypt
  - Possible frustrations

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Conv. No. 629-14 (cont.)

Pakistan

- USSR action
  - Restraint
- Kissinger's role
  - USSR view
  - Yuli M. Vorontsov
- Meeting with USSR Agriculture Minister
- USSR-India relations
  - Dacca

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

[National Security]

[Duration: 25s ]

INDIA

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

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- [Unintelligible]
- US position towards the USSR
- PRC role
- US plans
  - USSR and PRC
  - John A. Scali

Vietnam

- North Vietnam
  - Objections
    - Laos
    - Cambodia
  - Possibility for internal collapse
- Cambodia

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- Gen. Lon Nol
  - Health
- South Vietnam
  - Unknown leader
  - Forces
    - Chup
      - Regiment 271
      - Rout 6
  - Strategy
  - Army of the Republic of Vietnam [ARVN] [South Vietnam]
- Air power
  - ARVN
    - Cambodians
- US strategy
  - Joint Chiefs of Staff [JCS]
  - Post-Christmas offensive
    - Air fields
      - Mikoyan-Gurevich [MIGs]
    - Military targets
      - Vinh
  - Off-shore forces
    - South Vietnam
- Paris talks
  - Postponement
  - Enemy initiative
    - Propaganda
  - William J. Porter
    - Performance
  - Strategy
    - Propaganda
      - Analogy to Korean War

**PRC**

- PRC and USSR involvement
- Effect of India-Pakistan conflict
- US-PRC relations
  - Strengthening of relations
  - Laos
  - Cambodia
    - Possible beneficial effects

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Conv. No. 629-14 (cont.)

Haig left at 2:31 pm.

Conversation No. 639-31

Date: December 18, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 2:31 pm and 5:05 pm  
Location: Oval Office

Unknown people [Secret Service agents] met.

The President's location  
-Executive Office Building [EOB]

The unknown people [Secret Service agents] left at an unknown time before 5:05 pm.

Conversation No. 639-15

Date: December 18, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 5:05 pm and 5:12 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule

Bull left at an unknown time before 5:12 pm.

Conversation No. 639-16

Date: December 18, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 5:05 pm and 5:12 pm  
Location: Oval Office

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The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule

- Phone call to John B. Connally
- Bill signing
- Departure for New York City
  - Timing
  - Tricia Nixon Cox
  - Connally
    - Smithsonian Institute
  - Press release
  - Helipad

President's schedule

- Possible statement in New York City

Bull left at an unknown time before 5:12 pm.

Conversation No. 639-17

Date: December 18, 1971

Time: Unknown between 5:05 pm and 5:12 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President talked with an unknown person.

Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

President's schedule

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Conversation No. 639-18

Date: December 18, 1971

Time: 5:12 pm - 5:20 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

## Vietnam

- Melvin R. Laird conference with Joint Chiefs of Staff [JCS]
  - Enemy activity
  - Plane losses
  - Announcement from Saigon
    - Strategy
    - Schedule
- Laos
  - Enemy activity
    - Timing
- US offensive
- Laos
  - Enemy activity in Northern Laos
- US offensive in Laos
  - Possible setbacks
    - Firebases
      - Meo irregulars
  - Timing
    - Congress
- India-Pakistan
- Message to People's Republic of China [PRC], Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] and Europe
- Impact
  - Laird
    - Enthusiasm
- Weather
  - Possible impact on offensive
- Number of sorties
- Strategy
  - B-52's
  - “Cave busters”

## India

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- Indira Gandhi's letter
  - Publicity
    - Henry A. Kissinger
    - Ronald L. Ziegler
  - Tone

**USSR**

- John A. Scali
- Ziegler

Haig left at 5:20 pm.

Conversation No. 639-19

Date: December 18, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 5:20 pm and 5:26 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 16-117]

Conversation No. 639-20

Date: December 18, 1971  
Time: 5:26 pm - 5:28 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with John B. Connally.

[See Conversation No. 16-118]

Conversation No. 639-21



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Date: December 18, 1971

Time: 5:28 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule

-Smithsonian Institute

Departure

-Timing

-Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon

-Press

-Car

Bull left at 5:28 pm.

Conversation No. 639-22

Date: December 19, 1971

Time: Unknown between 4:43 pm and 5:03 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

*Time* magazine interview

-Cameras

Bull left at an unknown time before 5:03 pm.

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Conversation No. 639-23

Date: December 19, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 4:43 pm and 5:03 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown person.

Request for fire in fireplace [?]

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 5:03 pm.

Conversation No. 639-24

Date: December 19, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 4:43 pm and 5:03 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule  
-Forthcoming interview

Bull left at an unknown time before 5:03 pm.

Conversation No. 639-25

Date: December 19, 1971  
Time: 5:03 pm - 6:35 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Jerrold L. Schecter, Hugh S. Sidey, Hedley W. Donovan, and Henry A. Grunwald; the White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

General conversation

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## The President's term

- Appraisal
  - Franklin D. Roosevelt
  - War
  - January 1969
  - US economy

## Vietnam

- US role

## Middle East

## New York City

## Vietnam

## 1969

- Historical context

## People's Republic of China [PRC]

- Communication with US

## Vietnam

## US world role

- Protector

## Domestic issues

- Economic policy
  - Inflation
  - Housing
  - Future price rises
  - Comparison to 1971
- Jobs
- Inflation
- Monetary policy
  - Meeting with Europeans
  - Convertibility of the dollar [?]
- Environment
- Drugs

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- Revenue sharing
- Welfare
  - Work requirements
- Health
- Government reorganization

Decisions made by the President

- PRC overture
  - Importance
- Economic policy
  - Inflation
    - Jobs
  - International monetary crisis
    - US role
  - Free market economy
    - American economy
      - Probable outlook
        - Phase II
  - Predictions for 1972 economy
  - Controls
  - Confidence
  - Inflation
  - Wage-price controls
    - Support of US citizens
      - Importance
        - Success of controls
    - Inflation
    - Decontrol
  - American people
    - Commitment to control inflation

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]-US relations

- Upcoming summit
  - Berlin
  - Seabeds
  - Biological and accidental war
  - Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
  - South Asia
  - Middle East
- President's upcoming trip to PRC
- South Asia

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- India-Pakistan conflict
  - Ceasefire
- Areas of agreement between US and USSR
  - Berlin
  - Leonid I. Brezhnev
  - Arms control

India-Pakistan conflict

- India operations in East Pakistan and West Pakistan
  - Strategy
  - Reports
- [Unintelligible]
- US role

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1  
 [National Security]  
 [Duration: 3m 38s ]

INDIA-PAKISTAN RELATIONS

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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PRC

- Henry A. Kissinger
- Brezhnev

US foreign policy

- Thought and care exercised
- PRC trip
  - Purpose
- USSR trip
  - Purpose
- Long-term

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Upcoming election

- Foreign and domestic policy
  - Fulfillment of objectives
- Congress
  - Democratic majority
- President's plans
  - Opposition candidates
  - Involvement in issues
    - PRC
    - USSR
    - Vietnam
      - Successful conclusion
  - Domestic programs
    - Revenue sharing
    - Welfare reform
    - Tax reform
- Spiro T. Agnew
  - Expression of support
    - Praise for Agnew
- Democrats' nominee
  - President's opinion
- Past elections
  - Franklin D. Roosevelt
  - Dwight D. Eisenhower
  - Lyndon B. Johnson
  - Majority president
  - John F. Kennedy
- Democrats' nominee
  - Potential candidates
    - Issues
      - Vietnam
      - Economy
      - Cities
      - Youth
      - Race relations
      - Vietnam

Vietnam

- End of war
  - Understanding

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- Historical view
- Possible outcome
  - USSR
  - PRC

## US-USSR relations

- Middle East
  - Israel
  - Oil
  - Africa
- South Asia
- Cambodia
- Laos
- PRC
- Summit meeting
  - Need for peace
  - Differences

## US-PRC relations

- Possible future of relations
- Vietnam
- Korea
- Japan
  - Power
- PRC

## Need for charismatic leader

- Types of leaders
  - Characteristics
- Need for experience

## President's administration

- Type of leadership
- President's style
- Need for confidence in leadership
- PRC and USSR announcements
- The President's August 15, 1971 speech
- PRC announcement
- Theodore ("Teddy") Roosevelt
- Vitality and style
- Mood of US citizens

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- Expectations of US citizens
  - Vietnam
  - World leadership position
- President's opinion
  - Recent past
    - Lyndon B. Johnson
    - Vietnam
    - Drugs
    - Violence in cities
- US economy
  - Effect of end of Vietnam war

PRC

USSR

Economic policy

Revenue sharing

Government reorganization

Expectations for coming year

- Pride in US foreign policy
  - Middle East
- Importance of US leadership role
  - US position in the world
- Domestic issues
  - Housing
  - Busing
    - Boston
  - Segregation
- “Quiet revolution”

US world role

- Historic precedence
- Expression of confidence
- Peace possibilities
- World War II
- Dwight D. Eisenhower
- John F. Kennedy



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-“Seize the moment” philosophy

US relations with USSR and PRC

- Strategy
- Importance of PRC
- Nuclear war
  - Global effects
  - Horrors
  - Prospects for confrontation
    - Japan
- Need for leadership
- Competition
- Cooperation
  - [Thomas] Woodrow Wilson
  - UN
    - Times of peace
- US and European power
  - Britain
  - France
  - Germany
- USSR
- PRC
  - Potential power
- Japan
- Latin America
  - Brazil
- Africa
  - Potential power
- South Asia
- Need for balance of power
  - Europe, Japan

Presidency

- Power
- Motives
  - [Arnold] Eric Sevareid
    - Maturity of political figures
- Bureaucracy
- Press
- Enjoyment of the job
  - Relations with Congress

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- Opportunity for leadership
- World peace
- Progress

Christmas decorations

- Number
- Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon [?]

[General conversation]

- Walter H. Annenberg's gift
- “Star of the President”

President's schedule

- Bermuda

Gifts

- Money clips

[General conversation]

Schechter, et al. left at 6:35 pm.

Conversation No. 639-26

Date: December 19, 1971

Time: Unknown between 6:35 pm and 6:38 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[Personal Returnable]

[Duration: 47s ]

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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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Bull left at an unknown time before 6:38 pm.

Conversation No. 639-27

Date: December 21, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 5:58 pm and 6:07 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

[Unintelligible]

Bull left at an unknown time before 6:07 pm.

Conversation No. 639-28

Date: December 21, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 5:58 pm and 6:07 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 16-128]

Conversation No. 639-29

Date: December 21, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 5:58 pm and 6:07 pm

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Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator; John N. Mitchell was present at the beginning of the conversation.

[See Conversation No. 16-129]

Conversation No. 639-30

Date: December 21, 1971

Time: 6:07 pm - 6:59 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with John N. Mitchell.

President's schedule

- Meeting in Bermuda
  - Weather
  - Cooperation
    - France, West Germany
  - Public reaction
  - Edward R.G. Heath
  - Work involved
  - Willy Brandt
- President's past Christmas plans
  - Eisaku Sato

H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman entered at 6:09 pm.

[General conversation]

President's schedule

- Swearing-in of Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist
  - Timing
  - Wallace H. Johnson

Unknown person

- American Broadcasting Company [ABC]

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President's schedule

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

[Personal Returnable]

[Duration: 7s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

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President's schedule

-Willy Brandt

Jack N. Anderson columns

- Use of classified documents
  - Central Intelligence Agency [CIA] reports
  - India-Pakistan
  - Washington Special Actions Group [WSAG]
  - Egil G. ("Bud") Krogh, Jr.
  - David R. Young, Jr.
    - Henry A. Kissinger
    - Maturity
  - Leak
  - Source
    - Joint Chiefs of Staff [JCS]
    - National Security Council [NSC]
    - Yeoman Charles E. Radford
      - Relationship with Anderson
      - Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
      - Experiences in Vietnam
    - Polygraph
  - Adm. Robert O. Welander
    - JCS
  - Unknown person
  - Radford

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- Experience
- Polygraph
  - Question on stolen documents
  - Administrator
- R[embrandt] C. ("Hugh") Robinson
- Welander
- Kissinger
- Haig
- NSC
- JCS
  - Length of activity
- Kissinger
- Haig
- Young
  - Report
    - Interrogator
    - Excision
      - Department of Defense [DOD]
- Haig
  - Knowledge
- Source
  - Activities
    - JCS liaison officer
- Types
  - Studies
- Young
  - DOD interrogation
  - Conversation with Mitchell
- Anderson
- Radford
  - Knowledge
    - Kissinger and North Vietnamese negotiations
      - Possible court martial
    - Administration strategy

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4  
[National Security]  
[Duration: 50s ]

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INDIA

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

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- Richard M. Helms
- Haig
  - Call to Ehrlichman
- Kissinger
  - Informed by Ehrlichman
- Radford
  - Access
    - WSAG meetings
    - The Pentagon and NSC
    - Methods used
  - Phone tap
  - Possible arrest
- JCS liaison office
  - Location
  - Executive Office Building [EOB]
- NSC
- Robinson
- Young
  - DOD
- JCS
- Prosecution
- Strategy proposed
  - JCS liaison officer
    - Proposed relocation
  - Need for security officer
- Kissinger
- JCS
  - Transfer of Welander
  - Transfer of Radford
  - Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
    - Possible discussions with Mitchell

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- Melvin R. Laird
- Discipline of Welander, Robinson
  - Necessity for discipline
  - Robinson
  - Cambodia briefing
- [Unintelligible]
- JCS
- Story
  - US Naval action in Straits of Malacca, Bay of Bengal
- Radford's relationship with Anderson
  - Welander
  - Robinson
    - Previous knowledge
- Radford's experience
  - India
  - Anderson
- Anderson
  - Possible prosecution
    - Possession of documents
    - Welander
    - JCS
- Haig
  - Knowledge
    - Tour of Vietnam with Radford
  - Polygraph of Radford
- Anderson
  - Normandy
  - Parents
- Radford
  - Age
    - Religious faith
    - Moorer
  - Possible transfer
    - JCS
- Kissinger
- Anderson columns
  - Examination
  - Young
- Robinson
  - Relationship with Radford



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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8

[Privacy]

[Duration: 41s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8

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- Radford
  - Call to Moorer
- Haig
  - Involvement
    - People's Republic of China [PRC]
  - JCS
  - Kissinger's briefcase
- NSC staff
  - Helmut ("Hal") Sonnenfeldt
  - Kissinger
    - Secretaries
  - Haig
  - John Negroponte
  - Richard Smyser
  - Col. Richard T. Kennedy
  - Jack D'Arcy [sp?]
  - [Forename unknown] Murphy
  - Kennedy
- Strategy
  - Laird
    - Ehrlichman's telephone conversation
      - John Glenn [?]
  - Gen. [Forename unknown] Percy [?]
  - Radford
    - JCS
      - Possible view of India
  - Maj. Gen. James D. ("Don") Hughes's knowledge
    - Haig

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

[National Security]

[Duration: 26s]

INTELLIGENCE

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

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- Adm. Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr.
  - Involvement
- Radford
- Moorer
- Zumwalt
- Mitchell's forthcoming meeting with Moorer
  - Mitchell's view
  - President's presence
- Documents from Kissinger's briefcase
  - JCS
  - Robinson
    - EOB
  - Welander
- Moorer
- Radford
  - Possession of documents
  - Interrogation
    - Results
- Welander
  - Kissinger
  - Haig
  - Kissinger
    - Leak
- Candidate for NSC Security Officer

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-Charles Sither  
-Ability

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6

[Privacy]

[Duration: 4s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7

[Privacy]

[Duration: 4s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7

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- Location
- Certification
- Hughes
- Haig
- Kissinger
- Radford
- Tap
- Surveillance
- NSC
- Welander
- Robinson
- Possible action taken
- Moorer
- Strategy

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- Kissinger
  - Security
  - Office
- Interrogation
  - Anderson
  - Welander
  - Laird
    - Election
- JCS
  - Security
  - Interrogation
    - Welander knowledge
      - Haig and Kissinger
    - Robinson
      - Involvement
- Laird
- Meeting with Moorer
- Welander
  - Transfer from EOB
    - Kissinger's briefcase
    - Radford
      - Relationship with JCS
- JCS
  - Other possible activities
    - Moorer
    - Lyndon B. Johnson Administration
- Recommendations to Mitchell
  - Strategy
    - Kissinger
      - Welander
        - Possible interrogation
      - Anderson
      - Haig
- Security officer
  - Unknown activities
- John B. Martin [?]
- Welander
  - Interrogation
- Alger Hiss case
  - Compared to Radford interrogation
    - Knowledge

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- Welander interrogation
  - JCS
  - Relationship to Kissinger
    - Strategy
- Moorer
- Haig
- Kissinger

The President, Mitchell, Haldeman, and Ehrlichman left at 6:59 pm.