Conversation No. 655-1

Date: January 25, 1972
Time: 9:18 am - 9:19 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Charles W. Colson.

The President’s schedule
- The President’s Vietnam peace proposal speech, January 25, 1972
- Meeting with Richard M. Scammon
  - Postponement
  - Rescheduling
- Colson and H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
  - The President’s reading

Conversation No. 655-2

Date: January 25, 1972
Time: Unknown after 9:19 am until 9:53 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

Speech draft [?]

Butterfield left at 9:53 am.
Date: January 25, 1972
Time: Unknown before 9:55 am and 12:32 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

India-Pakistan
- Unknown person’s conversation with Haldeman
- Questions

Butterfield left and H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman entered at 9:55 am.

The President’s Vietnam peace proposal speech, January 25, 1972
- Scheduling
- Networks
  - National Broadcasting Company [NBC] special
  - Ronald L. Ziegler
- Problem
  - Ziegler’s knowledge of content
  - Kissinger’s informing
  - Contact with Haldeman

John A. Scali
- Henry A. Kissinger’s assessment
  - State Department
- Opinion of William P. Rogers
- State Department
- Kissinger’s conflict with Rogers
- Haldeman’s reluctance to inform about Kissinger-Rogers conflict
  - Scali’s possible book
  - Kissinger
- Kissinger’s view
  - Haldeman’s view

Kissinger
- Handling
- Clark MacGregor
  - Problems with Congress
- Relations with White House staff
  - Disagreements
-Patrick J. Buchanan [?]
- The President’s talk with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 9:55 am.

Unknown object

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 10:36 am.

Scali
- Knowledge of content of US peace proposal for Vietnam
  - Timing of release
    - White House staff
- Leaks
  - Kissinger
  - Background information
    - Networks
    - Credibility
  - Previous actions
- People’s Republic of China [PRC] trip preparations
  - Kissinger
    - Talk with the President
      - Newsmen in PRC
  - PRC
    - Release of information

US peace proposal for Vietnam
- Edward W. Brooke
  - Speech before Republicans, January 24, 1972
    - Troop withdrawals
      - Prisoners of war [POWs]
  - Possible leaks from administration
    - Kissinger
    - The President
    - Defense Department
      - Brooke’s administrative assistant
    - Relation to Murrey Marder story
      - Melvin R. Laird’s concern
        - Kissinger’s view
          - Speculation

- Speech
- Importance
- Effect on the President’s address
- Publicity
- Effect on the President’s address
  - Speculation
  - Possible lessening of impact
  - Administration strategy
- Perception of the President’s forthcoming speech
  - Secret talks
  - Nguyen Van Thieu’s resignation
- Publicity
  - Public perception of senators’ speeches
- Haldeman’s talk with Kissinger
  - Kissinger’s briefing, January 26, 1972
  - Preparation
- The President’s schedule, January 24, 1972
  - Talk with Kissinger
  - Preparation for television set-up
  - The President’s schedule

The President’s schedule
- Richard M. Scammon
  - The President’s recent call to Charles W. Colson
- Robert H. Finch

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: _6m 18s_ ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

Finch
  - Speeches
  - Importance
- Constituency
- News coverage
  - Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
  - Attacks on opponents
  - Example
  - Dartmouth College
- Schedule
- News summary

Speeches
- News coverage
- News summary
- John B. Connally
- John A. Volpe
- George W. Romney
- Elliot L. Richardson
  - Edward M. Kennedy
- Volpe
  - New Hampshire
- Rogers C. B. Morton
  - Julie Nixon Eisenhower

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 16s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

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Budget message, January 24, 1972
- Buchanan’s news analysis
- Economy
- Conservatives’ reactions to budget proposal
  - Holmes Alexander
  - Unknown person
- News summary
  - Connally and George P. Shultz
  - Network appearances
- The President’s refusal to comment
  - Ziegler’s reaction
- Ziegler
  - Performance
- Quality as a news story
  - Connally’s view
    - Compared to that of rest of Cabinet
    - Blame and credit for the President
    - Rogers’s and Laird’s reactions
- Connally’s actions
  - Shultz
- Deficits
  - Problem
  - Significance as an issue
  - State of economy
- Democrats’ suggestions
  - Human resources
  - Defense
  - Ceiling
  - Concrete alternatives
  - Press coverage

Economy
- Wage and price controls
  - Colson
  - Donald H. Rumsfeld
  - Connally’s outline
  - Dan Rather’s question during interview, January 2, 1972
    - Paul W. McCracken
    - The President’s response
    - Duration of controls
      - Inflation
  - Connally’s view
  - Shultz’s view
  - Buchanan’s comments
  - Henry M. (“Scoop”) Jackson
  - Reaction
    - Shultz’s understanding
- McCracken’s assessment
  - Administration reaction
    - Herbert Stein
    - Shultz
    - Connally
    - Result
    - Rumsfeld and Shultz
  - Connally’s plan
  - Cabinet meeting
    - Need for Administration unity
  - Duration of controls
    - Inflation
      - Goal
  - Press

News summaries
  - Buchanan
  - Work
    - Organization
    - Quality
  - Frequency
    - Need for perspective
  - Coverage of issues
  - News coverage of administration policy issues
    - Forthcoming campaign
    - The President’s annotations
    - Buchanan’s outlook
    - Vietnam
    - PRC announcement
    - Economy
      - Inflation

Economy
  - Economic writers
    - Buchanan’s assessment
    - Left wing
    - Equivocation
    - McCracken’s memoranda

News coverage of administration
  - Hugh S. Sidey article
- Criticism of the President’s forthcoming trip to PRC
  - Expense of television coverage
  - Compared with John F. Kennedy’s foreign travel

- Thesis
  - Democrats
    - Henry M. (“Scoop”) Jackson
  - Publicity

- The President’s trips, 1961-69
  - Publicity
    - Time-Life Corporation
    - New Hampshire
    - Television networks
      - Primary

- Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson
  - Televised news conferences

- Double standard

- Sidey
  - Possible conversation with Haldeman
  - Possible conversation with Ziegler

- Recent article
  - Fairness
  - Effect

- Writing about underdogs

- Power of the presidency

- Sidey
  - Purpose of writing

- Frustration of the President’s opponents
  - New Hampshire primary
    - PRC trip

- The President’s Vietnam peace proposal speech
  - The President’s talk with Kissinger, January 24, 1972
    - Kissinger’s concerns
      - Criticism
      - Press anger, attacks

- Bias
  - Kissinger’s backgrounders

- Television
  - Press conferences
  - Vietnam announcements
    - November 3, 1971
    - Cambodia announcement, April 30, 1970
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-Effect on polls
  -The President’s efforts
    -Press conference, statement
    -California
- Laos invasion
  -Handling
-Budget
  -Connally
-Laos
  -Handling
  -Kissinger’s backgrounders
-The President’s Vietnam peace proposal speech
  -Public reaction
  -POWs
    -Wives
-Thieu resignation
  -Possible reaction
    -Intellectuals
    -Accusation of surrender
  -Initiation of offer
  -Election
-PRC trip
  -Jack N. Anderson [?]
-Vietnam
  -Kissinger’s view
    -Fear of US victory

The President’s State of the Union Address
  -Buchanan and Raymond K. Price, Jr.’s theses
  -John D. Ehrlichman’s view
  -The President’s view

The President’s interview with Rather
  -The President’s tactics
    -Buchanan’s view
      -Alexander column
    -Other officials’ views
      -Desire for fight

Buchanan thesis on the presidency
  -Controversy in issues
-Desirability
-Compared with presidential stature
  -Ehrlichman’s view
  -Incumbency
  -Price’s view
-Campaigning
  -1970 election
  -Media reaction
  -1972 campaign
    -Edith Efron’s book [The News Twisters]
-Credibility
  -[Forename unknown] Weiner [sp?]
    -Ehrlichman
  -Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1944
    -World War II

Ziegler entered at 10:36 am.

The President’s Vietnam peace proposal speech
-Scheduling
  -American Broadcasting Corporation [ABC] and Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
  -NBC
    -Special, The Search for the Nile
  -West Coast viewers
  -ABC movie
  -NBC special
    -Audience make-up
      -School children
      -Size
  -NBC
    -Compared to ABC, CBS
  -Scheduled network programs
    -CBS
      -Hawaii Five-O
      -Special, I’m a Fan
        -Dick Van Dyke
        -Carol Channing
  -Ziegler’s call to the networks
  -ABC, CBS preference
  -NBC preference
- Administration review and decision-making
  - Audience
    - West Coast consideration
  - Advance announcement
- News build-up
  - Brooke
- Audience
- Replaying out-takes
  - West
  - Value
- Scheduling
  - Press briefing
    - Congress
  - A Day in the Life of the President
- NBC special on the Nile River
  - Serialization
  - Audience make-up
    - Compared with probable audience for CBS and ABC scheduled programs
      - Hawaii Five-O
      - All in the Family
        - Archie Bunker
        - Michael Stivick

All in the Family
- ABC
- Writers
  - Background
    - Paul W. Keyes
  - Intentions and results
    - Bunker
      - Compared to Stivick
      - Prejudices
      - Possible changes to character
    - Changes
    - Social message
      - Compared to entertainment value
      - Compared with movie, Joe
- Ziegler’s viewing
- Portrayal of blacks
The President’s Vietnam peace proposal speech
  -Scheduling

Kissinger entered at 10:48 am.
  -Notification of Thieu
  -West Coast consideration
  -Networks’ preferences
  -Radio audience on West Coast
  -NBC special
    -Compared with ABC movie and CBS special
      -Audiences
  -Ziegler’s briefing

Ziegler left at 10:51 am.
  -Connally’s views
    -Lack of proposals in Johnson Administration
      -Johnson’s possible reaction
      -Paris talks
        -“Shape of the table” phrase
      -Release of text
      -The President’s May 14, 1969 announcement
    -Origins of wars
      -Study
      -Possible deletion
        -Public opinion
        -Private comment
        -Safire’s view
      -Purpose for inclusion
    -William L. Safire’s work
      -Deletions
    -Connally’s views
      -Diction
      -Thieu’s forthcoming statement
    -Quality of suggestions
      -Rogers
    -Safire’s work
      -Cute phrases
      -Deletion
    -Kissinger’s forthcoming briefing
- Details of agreement
  - Complexity
    - Press reception
  - Residual force
  - POWs
    - Eight-point plan
- Previous withdrawal and cease-fire for POWs offers
  - May 31, 1971
- Kissinger’s call to Ellsworth F. Bunker, January 24, 1972
  - South Vietnamese perception of plan
    - Complexity
- Two stage plan, October 11, 1971
  - US flexibility
  - Residual force
- North Vietnamese reaction
  - POW for troop withdrawal proposal
    - Cease-fire
- Variations on terms
  - Public statements
    - Duration
- David Kraslow’s call to Kissinger, January 25, 1972
  - Brooke’s speech
  - Kissinger’s speech to Women’s National Press Club in New York City,
    January 26, 1972

The President left at an unknown time before 11:07 am.

- Brooke speech
  - Leak to Brooke
    - Laird
  - Possible effect
    - Speculation
    - Leaks
      - Laird’s call to Kissinger, January 22, 1972
        - Vietnam bombing
        - Troop withdrawal for POWs proposal
  - State Department reaction
    - Robert J. McCloskey
      - Compared with Dwight L. Chapin’s probable reaction
        - Call to Haldeman or Ziegler
    - Ziegler
- Kraslow’s call to Kissinger
  - Accusation
  - POW troop withdrawal for POWs proposal
    - North Vietnamese refusal
    - *New York Times*
  - Kraslow’s deadline

The President entered at an unknown time after 10:56 am.

- Troop withdrawal for POWs proposal
  - North Vietnamese reaction
  - Kraslow’s call to Kissinger
  - Differentiation from previous proposal
    - Kraslow
  - Possible media reactions
    - *Washington Post*
    - *New York Times*
    - *Time*
    - *Newsweek*
  - Compared with reaction to Cambodia and November 3, 1969 statements
    - Agreement
    - Administration strategy
    - Reasons behind disagreement
    - Compared with criticism on PRC trip and India-Pakistan policy

India-Pakistan
  - US policy
    - Kurt Waldheim’s views
    - United Nations [UN] vote

Waldheim
  - Compared to U Thant

The President’s trip to PRC
  - Initial reactions
  - Revised reactions
    - Possible success
    - Edward Kennedy’s comments
      - PRC embassy in Ottawa

The President’s Vietnam peace proposal speech
-Connally’s view
  -Initial reaction, January 20, 1972
  -Current view
  -Suggestions
-Deletions
-Qualities

POW families
-Kissinger’s forthcoming meeting
-Organizing for campaign
  -News summary
  -Sidey’s (?) view
  -Primaries
  -Democrats
-Possible effect of the President’s speech
-Previous talks with Kissinger
  -Plea for deadline
-Previous talks with the President
-Cease-fire and Thieu resignation
-POWs

Time’s scenario on Vietnam
-News summary
-The President’s trip to PRC
  -Possible North Vietnamese offensive against South Vietnam
    -Possible effect
    -Likelihood
    -Effect of the President’s speech

Ziegler entered at 11:07 am.

The President’s Vietnam peace proposal speech
-Scheduling
  -ABC movie
  -CBS interruption of Hawaii Five-O
-Ziegler’s forthcoming press briefing
  -Length of speech
    -Complications of reporting approximate length
  -Address
    -Compared to statement
  -Questions from reporters
-Nature of speech
  -Ziegler’s conversation with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
-The President’s possible meeting with William J. Porter
  -Photograph
- Kissinger’s meeting with Porter
  -Length
-Significance of address
-Caution to reporters about speculation
  -Fixed withdrawal date
  -Previous North Vietnamese refusal of proposal to New York Times,
    January 21
  -Ziegler’s credibility
-Porter
  -Schedule

Ziegler left at 11:14 am.

Thieu
-Speech, January 26, 1972
  -Speech
    -Reference to reelection
      -US stance
  -Possible resignation
  -Possible effect
  -Laird
    -Kissinger’s call, January 25, 1972
    -Briefing by Haig
    -Testimony before Congress
    -Bunker
    -Porter

Vietnam
-Laird
  -Bombing attacks
    -Call to Kissinger, January 22, 1972
  -Dealing with Haldeman
-Bombing
  -Washington Post story by Mike Getler
    -Accuracy
  -Duration
- The President’s effort
- Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
- Defense Department
- Targets
  - Joint Chiefs of Staff [JCS]
  - Gen. Robert E. Pursley
  - Restrictions
- Haig’s return from PRC
- Congressional schedule
- Weather
- Possible success
- Protest to French by Hanoi
- Damage
  - *Washington Post* story
    - Leaks
      - Possible call to Laird
        - Rogers
  - Duration
    - Laird’s view
    - JCS view

**Ziegler entered at 11:17 am.**

Vietnam peace proposal speech
  - Brooke speech
    - POWs for deadline
      - Viet Cong reaction
  - Ziegler’s briefing
    - Caution to reporters about speculation
  - Viet Cong

**Ziegler left at 11:18 am**

Vietnam
  - Bombing
    - Possible calls to Laird and Moorer
  - Duration
    - JCS
    - The President’s order
      - Compared to JCS request
  - Targets
-Restrictions
-Record
  -Possible White House publication
-\textit{Washington Post} story leak
  -JCS
    -Pursley
    -Clark M. Clifford
  -Doves
  -Air Force
-Air Force
  -Weather
    -Visibility
  -Laos
    -Restriction
  -Weather
    -February, March 1971
-Duration
-\textit{Washington Post} story leak
  -Robert C. Seamans, Jr.
    -Knowledge of bombing
    -Laird
  -Defense Department and JCS
-Moorer
  -Kissinger’s forthcoming meeting with the President
  -Possible White House action

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 12
[Privacy]
[Duration: 5s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 12

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-Position
  -Recent meeting
- Compared to Laird

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 28
[Privacy]
[Duration: 19s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 28

-Laird
- Targets
  - White House position
  - Haldeman’s forthcoming talk with Laird
    - Selection of targets
    - Restrictions
    - JCS and Defense Department
  - Duration of bombing
    - Extension

Leaks
  - Laird
  - State Department
    - Rogers
  - Troop withdrawals
  - Departments
    - White House

Responsibility for issues and actions
  - Connally
  - Shultz
  - John N. Mitchell
  - Connally
    - Philosophy
      - The President’s role
        - Compared to that of staff and Cabinet
- Compared with John F. Dulles with Dwight D. Eisenhower
- Kissinger’s experience during Kennedy administration
  - Bureaucracy
    - Difficulty for Republican president
  - Connally
  - Bureaucracy
  - Leaks

U. Alexis Johnson
- Conversation with Kissinger, January 24, 1972
  - Views of political climate of Washington, DC
    - Difficulty of meetings
  - Loyalty
  - Foreign service
  - Compared to John N. Irwin, II

Irwin

Ambassadorial position
- Richard M. Paget
  - Connally
    - Roy L. Ash Council
  - William P. Clements
  - Irwin
  - [David] Kenneth Rush
    - Rogers

State Department
- Reorganization
  - Schedule
    - 1972 election

The President’s Vietnam peace proposal speech
- Kissinger’s briefing of Congressmen and Senators
  - Carl B. Albert
  - [Thomas] Hale Boggs
  - Gerald R. Ford
  - Allen J. Ellender
  - John C. Stennis
  - Michael J. Mansfield
  - Hugh Scott
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-J. William Fulbright
-George D. Aiken
-Stennis
-Margaret Chase Smith
-Thomas E. Morgan
-William S. Mailliard
-F. Edward Hebert
-Lesie C. Arends
-Barry M. Goldwater
-Stennis
-Complexity of plan
-Hebert
-Possible meeting, January 26, 1972
-Ronald W. Reagan
-Nelson A. Rockefeller
-Lyndon Johnson
-Goldwater and Stennis
-John G. Tower
-Schedule
-Attendance
-The President
-Leadership meeting, January 25, 1972
-The President’s attendance
-The President’s comments
-Haig
-Kissinger’s briefing
-TV press
-Leaders
-Writing press
-Complexity
-Alteration
-Kissinger’s meeting with the President, January 24, 1971
-Stages
-Ceasefire and withdrawal
-Acceptance of terms
-North Vietnamese and Viet Cong
-Brooke speech
-Alternate plans
-Administration strategy
-Seven points
-Colson
- Scali
- Herbert G. Klein
- MacGregor
- Attack on opponents
- List of US concessions
  - Reading by Kissinger, January 26, 1972
  - Summer 1971
- Thieu’s offer to resign

Ziegler entered at 11:30 am.

- Ziegler’s briefing
  - Brooke speech
  - Release of nature of speech
    - Speculation
    - Effect
    - Diplomacy

Ziegler left at 11:31 am.

- Public interest
- Brooke speech
  - Benefits
    - North Vietnam’s turndown of proposal of withdrawal for POWs
    - Kissinger’s forthcoming briefing
      - US compliance with nine points
      - Resignation of Thieu
      - Installation of communist government in South Vietnam
- Liberals
- Administration opponents
- Analogy to May 14, 1969 statement
- Probable media reaction
  - Withdrawal date
    - POWs
  - North Vietnam’s turndown of proposal
    - Publicity
      - New York Times proposal
        - Laotian military victories
        - Porter
      - Possible rejection of Administration proposals
- Secret talks
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- Compared with reaction if the President did not make speech
  - Senate
  - Military victory
  - Negotiations
  - POWs wives
- Rather’s interview with the President
  - The President’s responses
  - Rather
- Public reaction
  - Negotiations
  - Vietnamization
  - Possible military action
- Fulfillment of the President’s promises
  - Criticism
- Administration line
  - News summaries
  - Colson’s efforts
  - Obstacles facing Administration
  - Historical perspective

PRC trip
- Press
  - Number of invitees
  - Robert B. Considine
  - Influence
  - Previous trip to Soviet Union
  - Credibility
- Number
  - Trade-off
    - Secret Service
    - Communications staff
    - PRC’s views
    - Ziegler
      - Conversation with Haig
    - Technical staff
- Writer

The President’s Vietnam peace proposal speech
- Final draft
  - Timing
  - Typing problems
- Safire
  - Schedule
  - Connally’s changes
  - Deletion
    - Conference table shape

PRC trip
- Invitations
  - Safire
  - Buchanan
    - Soviet Union trip
    - Conservatives
  - Safire
  - Klein
    - Benefits after return
    - Scali
    - Previous Administration inaction
  - Mark I. Goode and William H. Carruthers
  - Television coverage
    - Importance
  - Goode and Carruthers
  - Appearance of public relations presence
    - PRC
    - Press
  - Television experts
    - Goode and Carruthers
    - Chapin
      - Ability
      - Recognition of photograph opportunities
        - Great Wall, Forbidden Palace
        - Hawaiian opportunity with astronauts
          - Goode
  - Goode
- Klein
  - Press staff
    - Scali, Buchanan, Ziegler
  - Official party status
  - Ability
    - Salesmanship
    - Contact with the President
  - Emil (“Bus”) Mosbacher, Jr.
- Ambassadorship to Spain
  - Acceptance
  - Value
  - Gifts
  - Gifts
  - Chapin
  - Value
  - Klein
- Alvin Snyder
  - Benefits
  - TV transmission
  - Incorporation of duties
    - Klein, Scali, Ziegler
- Klein
  - Benefits
  - Value
  - Return from trip
  - Briefing

The President’s Vietnam peace proposal speech
  - Release to Ziegler
  - Timing
  - Kissinger
    - Check with Rose Mary Woods
    - Preparation for briefing
  - Complexity
    - Improvements in text
      - Kissinger’s previous meeting with the President
  - Kissinger’s schedule
    - Relaxation
    - Study of previous record
    - Woods
  - Probable reaction

Kissinger left at 11:52 am.

PRC trip
  - Invitations
    - Klein
    - Snyder
    - Goode and Carruthers
- Chapin
- Television experts
  - Compared with Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon’s trip to Africa
    - Staff
- Goode
  - Work with the President on State of the Union
- Snyder
- Klein
  - Soviet Union
- Scali
- Klein
  - Administration efforts
  - Value
  - Emphasis on domestic issues
    - Ehrlichman
    - Shultz
  - Public relations impact of PRC trip
  - Rank
- Military aides
  - John V. Brennan
  - Vernon C. Coffey, Jr.
- Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon
  - Brennan
  - Michael Schrauth
  - Family
- Schedule
- Hangchow
- Talks
- Length of stay
  - Kissinger’s view
- Hangchow and Shanghai
  - Value
- Compared with Soviet Union trip
  - Moscow
  - Leningrad, Novosibirsk and Sverdlovsk
- Spontaneous events
  - Television

Kissinger
- Health
  - Dr. W. Kenneth Riland
- Work on peace proposal speech
  - Effect
- Riland
  - Transportation to White House

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 20
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 40s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 20

PRC trip
  - Invitations
    - Klein
      - Domestic work
    - Ehrlichman
    - Shultz
    - Possible misinterpretation
    - Colson
    - Ehrlichman
    - Cabinet officers
    - Klein
      - Performance
      - Domestic work
    - Soviet trip
      - Previous trip
  - Soviet trip
    - White House staff
  - Official party status
    - Woods and Buchanan
    - Social functions
      - Receiving line
  - Secretaries
    - Kissinger’s office
- Nellie L. Yates
  - Marjorie P. Acker
  - Acker
    - Qualifications
  - Rogers’s office
- Security concerns
  - Secret Service
  - Press coverage
  - Car
  - PRC airplane
  - Taiwan, Republic of China [ROC] story

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 21
[National Security]
[Duration: 16s]

CHINA

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 21

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 29
[Federal Statute]
[Duration: 1m 43s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 29
PRC trip
-Staff
  -Shortages
    -Communications
      -Kissinger and Rogers
      -Telephones
    -Schedule reminders
      -Advancemen
  -Marshall Green and Alfred Le S. Jenkins
  -Kissinger
    -Staff
    -Anticipated work
  -Staff
    -Follow-up upon return home
      -Exhaustion
  -Advance staff
    -Health
      -Time change
      -Food
      -Ehrlichman
      -Weather
      -Work level
  -Doctors
    -Riland
    -Gen. Walter R. Tkach
    -Need
      -Number of people
      -Press
  -Advance staff
  -Riland
    -Rockefeller’s trip
    -Duties
  -Tkach
    -The President
    -Staff illness
  -Mrs. Nixon
    -Constance M. (Cornell) Stuart
    -Ziegler
  -Schedule
    -Schrauth
    -Television coverage
-Events
  -Petroleum factory
  -Art museum
  -The President’s schedule
-Stuart
  -Independent activity
    -Television coverage
-Mosbacher
  -Ambassadorship to Spain
  -Haldeman’s conversation with Chapin and Haig
-Need
-Haldeman
  -Rank
  -Role
-Klein

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 11:52 am.

The President’s schedule
  -Finch

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:15 pm.

PRC trip
  -Staff
    -Duties
    -Klein, Mosbacher, Goode and Carruthers
  -TV coverage
    -Snyder
    -Scali
    -Buchanan
  -Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
    -Buchanan
  -Kissinger’s staff
  -Price
  -Lee W. Huebner
  -Safire
  -Buchanan
    -Soviet trip

Soviet trip
-Price and Safire
-Press corps
  -Admission to the Soviet Union

Vietnam
  -Washington Post story
  -Haldeman’s forthcoming conversation with Laird

Finch entered at 12:15 pm.

Finch’s schedule

Kissinger
  -Riland’s schedule
  -[Unintelligible name]
  -Riland’s and Tkach’s schedule

Haldeman left at 12:16 pm.

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 25
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 36s]

The President left at an unknown time before 12:18 pm.

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 12:16 pm.

Alexander P. Butterfield entered and Sanchez left at 12:18 pm.

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 25

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Finch’s health
  -Charlotte M. Butterfield’s health
The President entered at an unknown time after 12:18 pm.

The President’s schedule
  - Congressional leadership meeting
    - William E. Timmons
  - Schedule
    - Budget presentation
      - Probable length
    - Stein

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 12:23 pm.

Woods

[The President talked with Woods at an unknown time between 12:18 pm and 12:23 pm.]

[Conversation No. 655-3A]

Speech draft
  - Schedule

[End of telephone conversation]

The President’s Vietnam peace proposal speech
  - Schedule
  - Liberals
  - North Vietnam

Vietnam
  - Secret negotiations
    - Paris
    - Xuan Thuy
    - Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters
  - Origin
    - Fall 1969
    - Le Duc Tho
    - Xuan Thuy
    - Georges J.R. Pompidou
      - Airport landings
        - Walters
        - Meetings with Xuan Thuy and Le Duc Tho
Woods entered at 12:23 pm.

The President’s speech draft
- Changes
  - Legibility
  - Grammar
  - Deletion
    - Kissinger
  - Addition
    - Connally

[The President talked with Kissinger at an unknown time between 12:23 pm and 12:32 pm.]

[Conversation No. 655-3B]
- Paris negotiations reference
  - Retention

[End of telephone conversation]
- Ziegler
- Woods’s work

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 27
[Privacy]
[Duration: 17s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 27

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Woods left at an unknown time before 12:32 pm.

The President’s schedule
- Executive Office Building [EOB] office
- Oval Office
Conv. No. 655-3 (cont.)

- TV set-up for speech
- California

Finch
- Conversation with Maj. Gen. James D. (“Don”) Hughes [?]
- POW’s
  - Finch’s fundraising effort for Hughes’s [?] activities

Lunch

The President and Finch left at 12:32 pm.

Conversation No. 655-4

Date: January 25, 1972
Time: Unknown between 12:32 pm and 8:19 pm
Location: Oval Office


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

[An unknown agent talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 12:32 pm and 8:19 pm.]

[Conversation No. 655-4A]

The President’s location
  - EOB

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[National Security]
[Duration: 2s]
END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[End of telephone conversation]

Recording was cut off at an unknown time before 8:19 pm.

Conversation No. 655-5

Date: January 25, 1972
Time: 8:19 pm - unknown before 11:59 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Mark I. Goode, William H. Carruthers, and unknown television technicians.

[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]
The President delivered his *Address to the Nation Making Public a Plan for Peace in Vietnam* between 8:30 pm and an unknown time before 8:55 pm.]

[A transcript of the final version of this speech appears in *Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard M. Nixon, 1972*, pp. 100-105]

Lights
- Shadows

The President’s gratitude

Christmas program, 1971
- Quality
- Compliments
  - Compared to other Columbia Broadcasting Corporation [CBS] programs
- The President’s performance
- Film crew
- Unknown person’s work

The President’s interview with Dan Rather, January 2, 1972
- Set-up

Ronald L. Ziegler entered at an unknown time after 8:19 pm.

Gerald R. Ford’s and Leslie C. Arends’s schedule
- Flight
  - Wives

Unknown person’s [Goode’s] schedule

The President and Ziegler left at 8:55 pm.

Production staff

Clean-up
- General Services Administration [GSA] crew

[General conversation]
- Gratitude
  - Wide angle camera shot
  - Paper

Recording was cut off at an unknown time before 11:59 pm.