Date: February 8, 1972  
Time: 10:25 am - 12:20 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman and Alexander P. Butterfield.

Environmental program message, February 8, 1972  
- President’s signature  
- Pens as gifts  
- Upcoming photograph opportunity  
- John C. Whitaker  
- Pens

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 11:00 am.

The President’s schedule  
- Congressional leaders and cabinet meeting  
  - William P. Rogers  
  - John B. Connally  
  - Hugh Scott  
  - Connally  
  - Scott  
  - Rogers  
    - Effectiveness  
    - Reaction  
  - Scott  
    - Rhetoric  
  - Duration  
  - Elliot L. Richardson  
    - Compromise  
  - Earl L. Butz  
  - Dock strike

Butz  
- Helping the President  
- Farming  
  - Butz’s position  
  - Support of farmers  
- Clifford M. Hardin  
  - Compared to Butz
- Food prices
  - Wholesale and retail
  - Beef
  - Hamburger

The President’s schedule
  - Connally
  - Robert S. McNamara
  - Peter M. Flanigan
    - Attendance at upcoming meeting
  - Henry A. Kissinger
  - Flanigan

The President’s speech, February 7, 1972
  - *New York Times*
  - The President’s view
  - Drafting
    - Raymond K. Price, Jr.
  - People’s Republic of China [PRC]
  - Audience for speech

Speech writing
  - Price
    - Douglas L. Hallett
  - University of Nebraska speech
  - Patrick J. Buchanan
  - News coverage
    - University of Nebraska speech
  - Audience for February 7, 1972 speech
  - The President’s work on Vietnam peace proposal speech, January 25, 1972
    - Kissinger draft
      - Length
      - Style
  - Cheer lines
  - Frequency of speeches
  - Price
  - William L. Safire
    - Style of speeches
  - Improvements

Connally
  - Memorandum to the President about Value-added tax [VAT]
- Flanigan and Haldeman
- John D. Ehrlichman’s reply
  - Memorandum
  - Treasury Department

Instructions for Haldeman to meet with Connally and Kissinger
- Connally
- Scheduling
- White House
- President’s instructions on handling
  - Letters
  - Ehrlichman
  - George P. Shultz
  - Kissinger
  - Flanigan
- Schedule
  - Ability to accomplish work
  - Meetings with ambassadors
  - Congressmen
  - William P. Pannell
  - Example
    - Ambassador from Mauritania
- Ehrlichman
- Handling
- Kissinger
  - Letters to Rogers and Melvin R. Laird
- Telephone
- Letters
- Discretion
  - Copy of Ehrlichman memorandum to Haldeman
- Possible talk with Ehrlichman

The President’s schedule
- Center for Voluntary Action
  - Dinner
    - Awards
    - Awardees
      - Eunice (Kennedy) Shriver
        - Presentation
- Bipartisan leaders meeting
  - Butterfield
  - Ronald L. Ziegler
-Armed Services Committee
-Foreign Relations Committee
-Appropriations Committee
-Foreign policy draft
-Safire
-Length
-Speeches
-February 7, 1972
-Quality
-Meeting
-Political interests involved

Connally
-Involvement with the 1990 Conference
-Maurice H. Stans

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 10:25 am.
-1990 Conference program
-Call from Connally’s office

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:00 am.
-Economics

Speeches
-Possible alternative
-Writers
-Price
-Previous conversation with Haldeman
-PRC
-The President’s preparation
-Amount of time
-Writers
-Computers
-Speechwriting
-Amount of work involved
-Understanding

Connally
-Activism
Bull [?] entered and left at an unknown time before 11:00 am.

- Panels
- Luncheons
- James D. Hodgson
- Lunch
  - Scheduling
    - Attendance

Speeches
- Scheduling
- Suggestions from Haldeman
- Dictation
- Drafts
  - Critiques
    - Amount of time
- Price
- Outline
- Draft
  - State of the Union address
- Talking points
- Reading
- State of the Union
- Reading
  - Lyndon B. Johnson
  - Harry S. Truman
  - Dwight D. Eisenhower
  - Franklin D. Roosevelt
    - Speechwriters
    - Television
    - Radio
    - Comparisons to the President
- The President
  - New York Times

Bull entered at an unknown time after between 10:25 am.

Request that Ziegler come to the Oval Office

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:00 am.

Speeches
Ziegler entered at 11:00 am.

February 7, 1972 speech
-Press coverage
-Television
-Advanced text
-Benefits
-Live coverage
-Preferred times

Scheduling
-Preferences
-Time of day
-Television
-Advantages and disadvantages
-Radio
-Newspapers
-Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS] and the Today show
-Radio
-Possible impact

Scott
-Post leadership briefing
-Dock strike
-Losses in 1972
-Vietnam
-Foreign policy
-Alternatives
-President’s 1960 platform statement
-Statistics
-Vietnam
-Casualties
-Age
-Rogers
-Loyalty
Ziegler’s schedule
  - Environmental message
  - William D. Ruckelshaus and Russell E. Train

Messages
  - Suggestions from the President
  - Length of time
    - Number of words
    - Desired length
    - Teleprompter
  - Dinners
  - Messages
    - Dinners
    - Length

Speeches
  - Speechwriting
    - Idiom
  - State of the Union address
  - February 7, 1972 speech
    - PRC
  - Price
    - Speechwriting compared with advertising
      - Intricacies
  - Scott
  - Gerald R. Ford
    - Speechwriting style
  - Safire [?]
  - L. Richard Guylay memorandum
  - Scott

Haldeman’s statement on Today show
  - Main story on the major networks

Leaders meeting
  - Kissinger
    - Previous conversation with Ziegler
  - Manila conference, 1966
  - Lyndon B. Johnson
    - Negotiations
    - Unilateral declaration
- Senators
- Columnists
- Haldeman’s statement
  - Reaction by leaders

Haldeman’s statement
- Robert D. Novak
  - Edmund S. Muskie
    - Vietnam policy
  - Ziegler’s view
- Democrats
- Polls
- Reaction of Nancy Ziegler’s mother
- McCarthyism
  - “Average” radio listener

The President’s background

Harry S. Dent
- President’s relationship with the press
  - South

Leaders meeting
  - Press briefing

Media relations
- National Broadcasting Corporation [NBC]
  - Muskie story
    - Timing
- Press
  - Conferences
    - Today show
    - Haldeman’s comments
- Haldeman’s comments
- Reporters
  - Press corps
    - Opposition to the President
      - Allen S. Drury
        - Washington Star
    - Differences discussed
- Strategy
  - Fairness from the administration
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Tape Subject Log
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- Methods used by the press
  - 1960
    - Herbert G. Klein’s view
  - Media bias
  - Press conferences
    - Lyndon B. Johnson
    - John F. Kennedy
      - Number of press conferences
  - Cabinet meeting
  - Role of Press secretary
    - Questions and answers
    - Ziegler
  - Timing
  - Location

Leaders meeting
  - Jack F. Kemp
  - William A. Steiger
  - William E. Brock, III
  - Steiger
  - Brock

Haldeman’s statement
  - Response from Democrats
    - Unknown person
  - Cameras
  - Rogers
    - Statements
  - Impressions on country
  - News
    - Critics
      - Vietnam
        - Communism
      - Joseph C. Kraft
        - South Vietnam
        - George S. McGovern
        - Communism
        - Possible ceasefire
          - Ziegler’s view

Vietnam
  - Democrats
-Gen. Nguyen Van Thieu
-Prisoners of War [POW’s]
-Strategy
-Negotiations
-Communists
  -South Vietnam
  -Thieu
  -Haldeman’s statement
-Presidential responsibilities
  -Criticism of the President
  -Support for the President
-Ceasefire
  -Public opinion
  -Thieu
  -Muskie
  -Statement
    -Joseph W. Alsop
-Settlement
  -Public sentiment
  -Election
-Presidential responsibilities
  -Public reaction
  -Media coverage
  -Criticism

Ziegler left at 11:32 am.

Dent

Media relations
  -Connally
  -National mood
  -Muskie
  -Possible program

Issues
  -President’s schedule
  -Ability to take on new challenges
  -PRC
  -Moscow
    -Upcoming visits
  -Vietnam war
- Unemployment
  - Rate
    - Desired rate
  - Budgets
- Economy
  - California
    - Unemployment rate
- Robert H. Finch
  - Haldeman
  - Schedule

Connally
- Talk with Ehrlichman
  - Ehrlichman’s location
- Schedule
  - Experience as governor

The President’s schedule
- Ambassadors
  - Vice President
  - Kissinger
  - Rogers
    - Abilities
      - Compared to Kissinger
- Leaders meeting
  - Kissinger
  - Rogers
  - Haldeman

Rogers
- Defense of the President
  - Compared to Kissinger
  - Ziegler’s view

Kissinger
- Press briefings
  - Television
  - Knowledge
    - John A. Scali
  - The President’s speech
    - Press conference
  - Kissinger’s approach
- 1972 election
- Rogers’s statement
  - Substance
- The President
- Rogers
- Media
  - Superficiality

Political leaders
- Congress
- Barry M. Goldwater
- Ronald W. Reagan
  - Belief in simplification
    - Effectiveness
- Kissinger’s effectiveness
  - Knowledge
  - 1969
    - Spokesman
    - Briefings
    - Rogers
    - Scali
  - Effectiveness as a briefer
    - Ehrlichman
- White House spokesman
  - Cabinet officers
    - Competition
- Rogers
- Laird
- Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
- Peace proposal
  - Kissinger’s trips to Paris
    - Rogers
- Dobrynin
- Chou en-Lai
  - Dialogue
  - Chinese
    - Kissinger’s intelligence
    - Chou en-Lai
      - Relationship with Kissinger

Butterfield entered at an unknown time after 11:32 am.
Inquiry about request for Butterfield’s presence

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 11:55 am.

Media relations
  - Briefing system
    - Changes
      - White House staff
      - Cabinet
    - Kissinger
      - British Broadcasting Company [BBC]
        - Special
          - Eve of PRC trip
        - British press
          - Potential stories
    - Barbara Walters
      - Interview
    - Today show
    - BBC
      - Possible advantages
        - Congress
        - American networks
          - Interview
    - Return from PRC
    - Poor Richard’s Club
      - Philadelphia
        - Audience
          - Influence

Kissinger entered at 11:55 am.

PRC trip
  - Briefing book
    - Chinese
      - Chou En-Lai
        - Previous conversation with Kissinger
    - Position

Haldeman left at 11:56 am.

- Reading material for the President
  - Kissinger
Tape Subject Log
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- Memoranda
- Briefing book
- The President’s schedule
- PRC position
- The President’s position
- Recommendations
- Chou En-Lai
  - Kissinger
- Briefing book

South Asia
- Robert S. McNamara
  - Kissinger’s location
- India and Pakistan
  - Kissinger’s previous conversation with Connally and Rogers
- Humanitarian relief
  - Pakistan
  - Bangladesh
  - Briefing paper
- India
  - Possible US aid
- Trip
  - Purpose
- India
  - Haldeman
  - Edward M. Kennedy
    - Robert F. Kennedy’s son
    - Joan Kennedy
      - Upcoming visit
      - Reception
- Kissinger
  - Upcoming lunch with Indian ambassador [Lakshmi Kant Jha]
    - Timing
    - Aid
- Edward Kennedy’s upcoming visit to India
- India
  - Congressional votes

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6
END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6
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Leaders meeting
-Scott
  -Speech
  -The President’s speech
    -Manila Conference, 1966
    -Lyndon B. Johnson
    -Negotiations
      -Unilateral statement
      -President’s role

Democrats
-George S. McGovern
-Scott’s opinion
  -Hubert H. Humphrey
  -Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson
    -Possible reaction
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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 2m 7s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7
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Algeria
-Radicals
-France
Vietnam
  -South Vietnam
  -Communists
  -Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
    -Dinner attendance at British embassy
      -Arthur Goldberg statement
      -Muskie
      -Democrats
    -Stewart J.O. Alsop
      -Muskie
  -North Vietnamese
    -News summary
  -Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
    -Possible deal
      -Upcoming presidential election
    -Dobrynin
      -Talk with Kissinger
  -EC-121 shootdown [April 1969]
  -Cambodia
  -Laos
    -Offensive
      -Effect
        -Negotiations
  -Negotiations
  -Bombing
    -Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
      -Timing
    -Military affairs
      -Possible stories from Pentagon
    -Joint Chiefs of Staff [JCS]

Reorganization
  -Second term tasks
  -State Department
  -Defense Department personnel
    -Moorer
      -Previous conversation with the President
-Arthur W. Radford
-Moorer
-Gen. William C. Westmoreland retirement
  -Timing
-Haig
  -Kissinger’s recommendation to the President
    -Vice Chief of Staff
  -Qualifications
  -Kenneth E. Belieu
    -Upcoming conversation with Kissinger
  -Loyalty
  -PRC and USSR trips
  -Moorer retirement
  -Chairman of JCS
    -Haig’s possible future

Vietnam
- Bombing
  - Targets
- Military thinking
- Military art
  - World Wars I and II
    - Winston L. Churchill
- Korean War
- Civilian efforts
- Korean War
  - Gen. Douglas MacArthur
    - Inchon landings
    - Japan
    - Wake Island
    - Yalu River

-Bombing
  - Status
    - Weather
    - Targets
    - Sorties
    - Carriers
    - B-52s, A1s, F4s
  - Timing
  - South Vietnam
  - North Vietnam attacks on South Vietnam
    - Timing
- PRC trip
- US advantages
  - Expectations
  - Communication
- Lam Son operation
  - Kissinger’s opinion
  - Air power
    - B-52s
- US
  - Experience in warfare
  - Logistics
  - MacArthur
    - Strategy
  - Gen. George S. Patton, Jr.
    - Tactics
- German commanders
  - Comparisons
- World War I
  - France
  - Casualties
  - First Battle of the Marne
  - Verdun
  - [Battle of the Somme]
  - Austria
  - Italy
  - Balkans
- MacArthur
- Patton
- Bombing
  - Article
- US Military
  - Compared to German military
- Cambodia
- Laos
- Bombing
  - North Vietnam
- Mining
- Bombing
- Withdrawal
  - Leonid I. Brezhnev letter

Kissinger left at 12:20 pm.
Conversation No. 667-4

Date: February 8, 1972
Time: Unknown between 12:20 pm and 5:13 pm
Location: Oval Office

Unknown people met.

[Unintelligible]

The unknown people left at an unknown time before 5:13 pm.

Conversation No. 667-2

Date: February 8, 1972
Time: Unknown between 12:20 pm and 5:13 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull and Manolo Sanchez.

Microphone
-Location

Work with unknown person

Sanchez and Bull left at an unknown time before 5:13 pm.

Conversation No. 667-3

Date: February 8, 1972
Time: 5:13 pm - 5:19 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman.

The President’s schedule
-Florida
  -John B. Connally
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-Fishing

Connally [?]
- Memorandum about Value-Added Tax [VAT]
  - John D. Ehrlichman
  - White House staff
  - The President’s alleged comments about VAT

Haldeman’s interview on Today show
- Ronald L. Ziegler
- Handling
  - John A. Scali
    - Possible questions for the President
      - Ziegler
  - Kissinger

Leadership briefing
- Hugh Scott and Gerald R. Ford
- Haldeman’s comments on Today
  - Accusation at opponents of administration policy in Vietnam
  - Scott’s reaction
    - Context
    - Press
- Press
  - Kissinger
  - Ziegler
- Public reaction
  - Telegrams

Stephen B. Bull entered and left at an unknown time between 5:13 pm and 5:15 pm.

The President’s schedule

Haldeman’s comments on Today
- Public opinion
  - John A. (“Jack”) Mulcahy
- Possible statement by the President
  - Ziegler

Memorial service
- Llewellyn E. (“Tommy”) Thompson, Jr.
- The President’s attendance
Rose Mary Woods entered at 5:15 pm.

The President’s schedule
- Thompson memorial service
  - Wreath
- Canada
  - Henry A. Kissinger
  - Possible effect of cancellation
  - Pierre E. Trudeau

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[National Security]
[Duration: 3s ]
[Subject: Canada]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 5:15 pm.

Executive Office Building [EOB]
  - Briefcase
  - Books

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 5:19 pm

Schedule

Haldeman left at an unknown time before 5:19 pm

The President’s schedule
  - Gen. Walter R. Tkach [?]
  - Forthcoming talk with Woods
Woods left at 5:19 pm.

Conversation No. 667-5

Date: February 8, 1972
Time: Unknown between 5:19 pm and 11:59 pm
Location: Oval Office

Stephen B. Bull met with unknown people [Secret Service agents].

[Unintelligible]

An agent talked with an unknown person at an unknown time after 5:19 pm.

[Conversation No. 667-5A]

[Unintelligible]
[End of telephone conversation]

[Unintelligible]

[The recording was cut-off at an unknown time before 11:59 pm.]