Conversation No. 668-1

Date: February 9, 1972
Time: Unknown between 7:58 am and 8:28 am
Location: Oval Office

Stephen B. Bull met with an unknown person.

[Unintelligible]

Bull left at an unknown time before 8:28 am.

Conversation No. 668-2

Date: February 9, 1972
Time: Unknown between 7:58 am and 8:28 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown person.

Instruction to carry an unknown time

Executive Office Building [EOB]

The unknown person left at an unknown time 8:28 am.

Conversation No. 668-3

Date: February 9, 1972
Time: Unknown between 7:58 am and 8:28 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 20-75]
Date: February 9, 1972
Time: 8:28 am - 8:31 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

Newspapers

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 47s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

The Presidents schedule
    -Camp David
    -Timing
    -Possible press conference

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 12s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
Conv. No. 668-4 (cont.)

Gen. Walter R. Tkach
-Unknown man
-Promotion
-Birthday
-Promotion
-Copy

President’s schedule

Woods left at 8:31 am.

Conversation No. 668-5

Date: February 9, 1972
Time: 8:31 am - 8:32 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with John N. Erlenborn.

[See Conversation No. 20-76]

Conversation No. 668-6

Date: February 9, 1972
Time: 8:34 am - 8:35 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with John T. Myers.

[See Conversation No. 20-77; one item has been withdrawn from the conversation]

Conversation No. 668-7

Date: February 9, 1972
The President talked with John M. Zwach.
[See Conversation No. 20-78]

Date: February 9, 1972
Time: Unknown between 8:40 am and 8:44 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.
[See Conversation No. 20-79]

Date: February 9, 1972
Time: 8:44 am - 8:45 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Gen. Walter R. Tkach.
[See Conversation No. 20-80; one item has been withdrawn from the conversation]
Conversation No. 668-10

Date: February 9, 1972
Time: Unknown between 8:45 am and 9:19 am
Location: Oval Office

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

Memorial service
- Compared to funeral
- Cathedral

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 8:45 am.

- Llewellyn E. ("Tommy") Thompson, Jr.
- Timing

Haldeman and Bull left at an unknown time before 9:19 am.

Conversation No. 668-11

Date: February 9, 1972
Time: Unknown between 8:45 am and 9:19 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

Memorial service
- Timing
- William P. Rogers

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 9:19 am.
Conversation No. 668-12

Date: February 9, 1972
Time: Unknown between 8:45 am and 10:40 am
Location: Oval Office

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

Foreign policy meeting
  -Analysis
  -Vietnam
  -News summary
    -Importance
  -Reaction
    -Hugh Scott
  -Dock strike
  -Editorials and columns
  -Reaction
    -William P. Rogers and John B. Connally
    -Ronald L. Ziegler
  -Rogers and Connally
    -Talk with Haldeman
      -Countries
        -Proposal for Rogers
      -Country visits
        -People’s Republic of China [PRC]
  -Europe
    -Henry A. Kissinger
      -Wilderberg [sp?] conference
      -Canada
        -Kissinger’s attendance
          -Number of years
      -Southern New England
      -Vienna
      -Munich

Invitations
  -Japan
    -Kissinger
      -Timing after upcoming trip to PRC
    -University
- Possible plans
  - Rogers
    - Latin American countries
  - Japan
    - Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
      - Proposed announcement
    - Haldeman’s instructions to Rogers

PRC Trip
  - Briefings
  - Types

Rogers’s schedule
  - Kissinger
  - South America
  - North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO] meeting
  - Central Treaty Organization [CENTO] meeting
  - Southeast Asia Treaty Organization [SEATO] meeting
  - Romanians
  - Yugoslavs
  - Latin America
    - Rogers’s duties

Japan
  - Kissinger
    - Invitation
  - Rogers
    - Possible significance of Kissinger trip

Rogers
  - Reaction to handling of Haldeman’s Today show interview

Nicholas and Alexandra premiere
  - Location
  - Haldeman’s attendance
    - Rasputin
    - The President’s attendance
      - Florida
    - Audience support for Haldeman
      - Betty Beale
An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 8:45 am.

Stephen B. Bull’s return
- President’s questions

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 9:19 am.

*Nicholas and Alexandra* preview
- Support for Haldeman
- Beale
- Helena M. (“Obie”) Shultz

Democrats

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 49s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

Vietnam negotiations
- Ngo Dinh Diem
  - Death criticized by the President
  - The President’s posture as candidate

News stories
- Connally
- Rogers
  - Talk with Haldeman
- *Washington Post* editorial
  - State of the Union Message
- Administration response
  - Rogers
  - Ziegler
February 7, 1972 speech [Remarks to White House Conference on Industrial World Ahead]
  -Raymond K. Price, Jr.
  -William L. Safire
  -PRC
    -President’s “ad lib” near end of speech
  -Maurice H. Stans
    -Previous conversation with Haldeman
  -PRC
    -Foreign policy

Speech
  -Connally
  -Stans
    -Timing

Draft of Foreign Policy Report radio speech, February 9, 1972
  -The President’s efforts to end the war
  -Honorable peace
  -Withdrawal of troops
    -Number
  -Casualties
  -Air power
  -Budget costs
  -Draft
  -Peace offer
  -Criticism
  -1968
    -Negotiations
      -The President’s comments as candidates
  -Criticism
    -Candidates’ responsibility
      -Avoiding prolonging war
  -Peace
  -Trust in US
- John A. Scali
- Press
  - Selling out
    - A question of sincerity
- The President’s policy
- Critics
- Presidential candidates
  - Criticism
    - Prolonging the war
    - Responsibility
    - Comparisons
- Kissinger
- “Postpone the Peace”
  - Line from the President
  - Optimism
  - Candidates’ statements
- Wording
  - Cautiousness
  - Surrender compared with victory
    - *Nicholas and Alexandra*
    - Comparisons to the present time
      - Alexander Kerensky and Tsar Nicholas II
- Criticism
- Presidential candidates
- Honorable peace
- Communists
  - Cold War
  - South Vietnam
    - Haldeman’s opinion
- Scali’s statements
  - Prisoners of war [POWs] compared to Gen. Nguyen Van Thieu
    - Ziegler
    - American support
      - Surrender option
        - “Peace with honor”

Press conference
- Possible appearance on television by the President

Vietnam
- Rogers
-The President’s forthcoming radio speech
  -Candidates’ criticism
    -Possible enemy incentive
    -Prolong the war
    -Election
  -Presidential statements
  -Haldeman statements
  -Agnew statements
  -Editorials
    -A question of patriotism
      -[Arnold] Eric Sevareid
      -Haldeman’s comments
      -Claim
    -Ziegler

An unknown person entered and left at an unknown time before 9:19 am.

Request for Ziegler

The President’s forthcoming radio speech
  -Scali
    -Concern
  -State of the World report
  -Press conference
    -PRC
    -Plan by the Administration

Ziegler entered at 9:19 am.

Ziegler’s schedule
  -Call from the President, February 8, 1972
  -Parent-Teacher Association [PTA] meeting
  -Compared to Kissinger’s trips to Paris

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 14
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 36s]
Vietnam statements
  - Involvement
    - Scali
    - Kissinger
    - President’s responsibility
  - Democrats
    - Criticism and accusations
    - James B. (“Scotty”) Reston
    - Haldeman
    - Walter L. Cronkite, Jr.
    - Sevareid
    - Washington Post
      - Editorial
      - Timing
    - Agnew
    - Rogers
    - The President
    - Haldeman
  - Statement about PRC
  - Democrats
    - Noyes
    - Negotiations
      - Criticism
      - Assessing blame
  - Scali
    - Possible press briefing by Ziegler

The President’s forthcoming radio speech
  - Reading of draft
    - Ziegler’s opinion
  - Copies of to press
    - Distribution
      - Herbert E. Kaplow
    - 11:00 pm news
  - Candidates
- Criticism
  - Haldeman statements
    - New York Times
    - Ziegler
    - Washington Post
      - Ziegler’s complaint
  - Candidates
    - Prolong the war
    - Leaders meeting
      - Timing
    - Negotiations
    - Ziegler’s view
      - Responsibilities
    - Statements
    - Wording of speech
      - Ziegler’s opinion
        - Assistance to the President
      - George S. McGovern
  - Surrender
    - Context
    - Muskie
    - McGovern
  - Kissinger
    - Briefing
    - Statements
  - Safire
  - Kissinger
  - PRC
    - Name
      - Taiwan, Republic of China
    - Corrections of text
  - Vietnam War
  - Radio
  - Wording
    - Candidates’ criticism
      - Compared to Lyndon B. Johnson
    - Prolonging the war

Rose Mary Woods entered at 9:38 am.

- Typing
-Instructions
- Ziegler’s opinion

Woods left at 9:43 am.

-Draft
- POWs
  - Wording
  - Possible consequences
  - President’s view
- Teleprompter
  - Camera
    - President’s instructions
    - Distribution
- Newsmen
  - Number
- Location
  - Executive Office Building [EOB]
- Broadcast
  - Amount of time
- Preparation by the President
  - Schedule
- Press
  - Ziegler
  - Haldeman
  - News
    - Editorials

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: ___45s___]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5
-Haldeman
  -Call to Charles G. (“Bebe”) Rebozo
    -George C. Wallace
      -Cousin
        -Rebozo contact
        -Edmund S. Muskie
        -Hubert H. Humphrey
    -Lyndon B. Johnson
      -1968
    -Muskie
    -Florida primary
    -Agnew

Haldeman’s *Today* show interview
  -Press conference
    -Peter Lisagor
    -Dan Rather
      -Briefing
  -PRC
    -Story
  -Ziegler
  -Press
  -Barbara Walters’s point
    -National Broadcasting Company [NBC]
      -Transcript availability
        -Newspapers
        -Television news services
        -Timing
  -Press
    -Patriotic forces in US
      -Underestimation
    -Washington, DC
  -Reaction
    -*Nicholas and Alexandra*
      -Beale
      -Anna C. Chennault
        -PRC ambassador

Vietnam
  -Noyes
    -Story
- Surrender
- 1970 campaign
- Issue
  - Peace initiative
- Public opinion
  - US involvement
    - Possible movement to undermine the President’s efforts
- Critics
  - Haldeman’s statements
  - Possible administration response
- Reston
  - Kissinger
    - John W. Gardner
      - Visit to Reston’s home
  - Tone of columns
  - Kissinger
    - Popularity with the media
- Haldeman’s comments
  - Durability as story
    - PRC trip
    - Democrats
  - Future comments

The President’s forthcoming radio speech
  - Kissinger
    - Vietnam section
    - Note from Ziegler
- Woods
  - Typing
  - Teleprompter

[The President talked with Woods at an unknown time between 9:43 and 10:09 am.]

[Conversation No. 668-12A]

- Typing

[End of telephone conversation]

Jaycees
- US Jaycees Governmental Affairs Leadership Seminar
-Convention
  -Atlanta
    -Timing

The President’s schedule
- Haldeman’s upcoming conversation with Connally
  - Abilene, Texas
  - Unknown Houston publisher
  - San Antonio
    - Texas newspapers
  - Abilene Christian Conference
- Rotary
  - Timing
- Jaycees
  - Timing
- Campus Crusade
  - Timing
- Houston
  - Governors’ conference
    - Timing
      - President’s attitude

Kissinger’s location
- Ziegler’s office
  - Briefing
    - Foreign policy report

The President’s forthcoming radio speech
- Broadcast
  - Instructions for Ziegler, Haldeman
  - Coverage

1972 Environmental Program
- News coverage
- Tape
- Camera
  - Number
  - Mark I. Goode
  - Teleprompter
  - Executive Order
Woods entered at 10:09 am.

The President’s forthcoming radio speech
   -Copy
   -Typing

[No conversation]
   -Corrections
   -Subtleties
   -Gerald L. Warren
      -Pick-up
      -Press
      -Typing
         -Corrections

Woods and Ziegler left at an unknown time before 10:15 am.

The President’s schedule
   -Camp David
   -Timing

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 26s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7
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Woods entered at an unknown time after 10:09 am.

   Buzzer
      -Manolo Sanchez

   Camp David
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 1m 15s ]

Woods left at an unknown time before 10:15 am.
An unknown Navy steward and Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 10:09 am.

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8

The steward and Sanchez left at 10:15 am.
[The President talked with the White House operator at 10:15 am.]
[Conversation No. 668-12C]
[See Conversation No. 20-81]
[End of telephone conversation]

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 9
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 2m 4s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 9
The President’s schedule
   -Frank E. Fitzsimmons
     -Teamsters Union
   -Letters
     -Purpose
   -Notes and phone calls
     -Effect and advantages
     -Frequency of telephone calls
     -Notes
     -Publication
     -New York police

[The White House operator talked with the President at an unknown time between 10:15 am and 10:33 am.]

[Conversation No. 668-12D]

[See Conversation No. 20-82]

[End of telephone conversation]

-Notes
  -Widows, parents
  -Brevity
  -Writers
  -One-liners
  -Type
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 10
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 3m 2s]

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 10:15 am.

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:33 am.

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 10

Forthcoming press conference
- Briefing books
- PRC
- Timing
- Phraseology
  - Substance

Llewellyn E. (“Tommy”) Thompson, Jr.
- Funeral
  - Timing
  - Attendance
    - Wreath

Kissinger
- Safire
- Marilyn B. (“Missy”) Chandler
  - Support
Otis Chandler
- Robert H. Finch
- Economy in California
  - Unemployment
  - *Los Angeles Times*
  - Administration efforts

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 11
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 4m]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 11

Busing
- Dallas

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at an unknown time after 10:15 am.

Thompson funeral
- Signature for letters for Jane (Monroe Goelet) Thompson
  - Rogers
    - Attendance

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 10:33 am.

[No conversation]

The President’s forthcoming radio speech
  - Teleprompter
  - Rogers
  - Microphone
  - Desk
  - Cameras
  - Goode
-Ziegler
  -Press office
  -Teleprompter
-Messages
  -Dock strike

Woods entered at 10:33 am.

The President’s schedule

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 12
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 1m 45s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 12
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-Helicopter
  -Timing
-Speech
  -Typing
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 13
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 3m 45s]

Woods left at 10:35 am.

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 13

Attitude of White House staff
- National attitude

Speech
- Teleprompter

Haldeman left at 10:40 am.

Date: February 9, 1972
Time: Unknown between 10:40 am and 11:04 am
Location: Oval Office

The President practiced a radio address about the Third Annual Foreign Policy Report To The Congress.

[A transcript of the final version of this speech appears in Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard M. Nixon, 1972, pp. 191-193]
Date: February 9, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 10:40 am and 11:04 am  
Location: Oval Office  

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.  

President’s instructions  

Unknown men entered at an unknown time after 10:40 am.  

The President’s forthcoming radio speech  
   -Broadcast  
   -Preparation  
   -Henry A. Kissinger  

The President’s location  
   -Bathroom  

The President, Bull and the unknown men left at an unknown time before 11:04 am.  

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Date: February 9, 1972  
Time: 11:20 am - 11:21 am  
Location: Oval Office  

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger and Ronald L. Ziegler.  

The President’s recent radio speech  
   -Kissinger’s view  
   -Critics of Administration’ Vietnam policy  
   -Patriotism
The President and Kissinger left at 11:21 am.

Date: February 9, 1972
Time: Unknown between 11:21 am and 12:05 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President taped the Vietnam section of the radio address about the Third Annual Foreign Policy Report to the Congress; unknown technicians are in the Oval Office at the time of taping.

[A transcript of the final version of this speech appear in Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard M. Nixon, 1972, pp. 192-193]

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

The President left at an unknown time before 12:05 pm.

Recording was cut off at an unknown time before 12:05 pm.