Conversation No. 711-1

Date: April 18, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 9:18 am and 9:20 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.  

William P. Rogers  
-Location

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 9:20 am.

Conversation No. 711-2

Date: April 18, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 9:18 am and 9:20 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.  

[See Conversation No. 23-13]

Conversation No. 711-3

Date: April 18, 1972  
Time: 9:20 am - unknown before 10:02 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with William P. Rogers between 9:20 and 9:23 am.  

[Conversation No. 711-3A]  
[See Conversation No. 23-14]
Henry A. Kissinger entered at 9:22 am.

[End of telephone conversation]

**Vietnam**
- Rogers's testimony
  - Julie Nixon Eisenhower
  - Calls from staff
- Respect for the President
- Press
  - Reports on Melvin R. Laird
    - Opposition to air strikes
  - Story from Saigon
    - Air strikes
      - Laird’s position
- US policies
  - Show of strength
    - People’s Republic of China [PRC]

**PRC**
- Message to the President
  - Urgency
  - Call to Kissinger
- Actions on air strikes
- Message
  - Warning on territorial violation
    - Bombing of Haiphong
  - Significance
    - Hugh Scott and Michael J. Mansfield
- Hainan Island
  - Geographic location

**Vietnam**
- Laird
  - Release of story
      - Staff
    - The President’s call to Laird
      - Need for unity

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 9:23 and 9:27.
am.

[Conversation No. 711-3B]
[See Conversation No. 23-15]
[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam
  -Laird
  -Release of story
  -Motives
  -Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
  -Kissinger’s trip
  -American public opinion
  -Support
  -Lyndon B. Johnson
  -Comparisons to current administration
  -Air strikes
  -Call to Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
  -Number of sorties
  -Kissinger’s trip to Moscow

The White House operator talked with the President at 9:27 am.

[Conversation No. 711-3C]
[See Conversation No. 23-16]
[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam
  -Battle report
  -Military Region One
    -Army of the Republic of Vietnam [ARVN] action
      -Effectiveness
    -North Vietnamese casualties
  -Fire base near Hue
    -Encirclement
    -Protection
  -Military Region Two
    -B-52 strikes
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- An Loc
  - North Vietnamese movements
    - Direction
    - ARVN actions
  - North Vietnamese movements
    - Weaknesses
  - B-52 strikes
  - Phantoms

- Air strikes
  - Weather
    - South Vietnamese strikes
      - Moorer's comments
    - Need for study of US airpower
  - B-25s
    - World War II
      - Comparisons

- A-1s
  - Capabilities
  - US air tactics

Israel
  - Yitzhak Rabin
  - Use of Phantoms
    - Altitude

Vietnam
  - Air strikes
    - Pilots
  - Naval action
    - Destroyers
      - Numbers
      - Surface to air missiles [SAMs]
  - Destroyers
    - US casualties
  - Air strikes against North
    - Secondary fires
    - Haiphong
    - Hanoi

Manolo Sanchez [?] entered at an unknown time after 9:27 am.

Refreshment
Sanchez [?] left at an unknown time before 9:49 am.

Vietnam
- Air strikes
- Truck parks
- Senate Foreign Relations Committee
  - Bill
    - Aid cut-off
    - Timing
    - Prisoners of war [POWs] release
    - Mansfield
      - Amendment
- Battle reports
  - Further details
- Soviet note
  - Mild nature
  - US response
- Soviet ships
  - US response
- Indian protests
  - US response
  - US aid
    - Further discussions
- Friendly acts
  - Kenneth B. Keating
    - Cable
      - Possible dialog with India
        - Keating
          - Respect from Kissinger
- Rogers’s testimony
- Soviet ships
- Charles W. Colson's staff
  - Public relations work
  - Discussions with Kissinger
    - News summaries
  - Attack on Edmund S. Muskie
    - Muskie's statements
- Kissinger's attendance at Henry Brandon dinner
  - Charles D. Hamilton
    - Comments regarding the President
      - The Sunday Times
- Acquaintance with the President
  - Roy H. Thomson
    - Date
  - Francis D. L. Astor
    - *The Observer*
    - Interest in Africa
  - Benjamin C. Bradlee
    - *Washington Post*
    - Criticism of Democratic candidates
    - Comments
      - Feelings towards the administration
  - Mood
    - Elliot L. Richardson
      - Discussion with critics
      - Defense of Vietnamization
        - Arguments
          - Potential success
        - Bombing
          - Diplomatic act
  - Laird testimony
    - Vietnamization
  - Bombing
    - Administration intentions
      - Kissinger’s upcoming talk with Laird
      - Hanoi and Haiphong
    - Impact on Soviets
  - Critics of Kissinger
    - Defensiveness
    - Current offensive
      - Bradlee's comments
      - Duration
        - September
          - Possible end to hostilities
  - Laird
    - Testimony
      - Line of argument
  - Troop withdrawals
    - Goals
    - Abrams's assessment
      - Agreement with the President
    - Level in 1969
      - Ceiling
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- Rate
  - Ceiling levels
    - Decline
      - Reasons
  - The President's schedule
    - Trip to Moscow
    - Troop reduction
    - Trip to Moscow
      - Kissinger's upcoming meeting
        - Timing

PRC
  - John A. Scali's concern
  - Table tennis team
    - Moscow

Vietnam
  - Air strikes
    - Haiphong
      - Kissinger's Moscow trip
        - US intentions
          - Kissinger's previous conversation with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
        - Laird and Abrams
  - USSR
    - Benefits from war
      - Hanoi's dependence
    - Kissinger's trip
      - US position
        - Haiphong
        - Air strikes
    - Pressure on Hanoi
      - 1972 election
    - Summit
      - Benefit for US
    - US pressure
      - Stance toward Hanoi
        - US pressure on Moscow and Peking
        - Concessions
        - Options
    - Continuing relations
    - Kissinger's trip
      - Results
-Further actions
  -Summit
    -Advantages
    -Conditions
    -Attacks on North Vietnam
      -Options
        -Strikes
        -Blockade
        -Soviet response
          -Timing of US position
  -Kissinger’s trip
    -Blockade
    -Implementation
    -Problems
    -Soviet summit
      -Possible response from Hanoi
  -Blockade
    -Duration
      -USSR
    -Public support
      -Administration’s demands to USSR
    -Possible results
      -POWs

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at 9:49 am.

PRC
  -Table tennis game
    -Scheduling
    -Team
      -Meeting with the President
        -Possible photograph opportunity
      -The President’s remarks
        -US-PRC relations
        -Soviets

Butterfield left at 9:51 am.

  -Rogers’s attendance at table tennis match, April 17, 1972
    -Protesters
      -Types
Vietnam
-Bombing
  -Protests at University of Wisconsin
    -Size
    -Television coverage
-Blockade
  -US capabilities
  -Laird
  -Ships to Haiphong
    -Interception
      -Possible confrontation
      -The President’s previous conversation with Moorer
-Mining
  -Moorer’s opinion
  -Mining over blockade
  -Problems
    -Soviet minesweepers
  -Advantages
  -Preparations
    -Heavy raids
-Bombing
  -Effectiveness
-Laird
  -Complaints
  -Release of story
    -Reaction of Hanoi
-Negotiations
  -Le Duc Tho
    -Trip to Paris
    -Significance
      -Possible sign of weakness
-Soviets
  -Further actions
    -Cautiousness
  -Kissinger’s trip
    -Dobrynin
  -Summit
    -Kissinger’s position
      -Conditions from the President

The President talked with Laird between 9:55 and 9:56 am.
[Conversation No. 711-3D]

[See Conversation No. 23-17]

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam
- Bombing
- Laird’s statement
- Military operations
  - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.’s cable
  - Abrams’s assurances
  - Air strikes
    - Morale

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 9:56 am.

PRC
- Table tennis team
  - Arrangements
    - A platform
  - Press coverage

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:00 am.

Vietnam
- Military operations
  - Haig cable
    - Thailand
      - Encouragement
      - Reassurances
    - Battlefield situation
      - North Vietnamese units
      - Saigon area
    - Abrams
      - North Vietnamese capabilities
        - Weaknesses
  - Negotiations
    - May meeting

Kissinger
-Washington Special Actions Group [WSAG] meeting

Vietnam
- North Vietnamese capabilities

Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 9:56 am.

-Nikita S. Khruschev memoirs [?]
-Dien Bien Phu
-French

Kissinger left at 10:00 am.

Retention of something

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 10:02 am.

Date: April 18, 1972
Time: 10:02 am - 10:58 am
Location: Oval Office

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

News summary

Vietnam
-Capitol Hill
-News coverage
-George D. Aiken
-Charge against North Vietnam
-Support for administration’s policies
-Unknown people

National economy
-Canada [?]
-Marina von N. Whitman
-Interview in U.S. News and World Report
- Inflation
  - Food prices
    - Spiro T. Agnew’s statement
      - Government action against supermarkets
        - Supermarket Institute
  - Prices
    - John B. Connally's statement

Busing
- Time's criticism of the President's policies

Revenue-sharing
- Vote in Ways and Means Committee
  - Passage in Congress
    - George P. Shultz

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 49s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[National security]
[Duration: 1m 48s]

News summary

Vietnam
  - Student strikes
    - Protest of bombing
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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

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Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 10:02 am.

The President's schedule
- Meeting with his barber

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:58 am.

Demonstrators
- Canada
  - Anti-US group
    - Positioning
    - Control
    - US Secret Service
    - Royal Canadian Mounted Police
    - Leader
    - Counteraction
      - Release of story
        - Kissinger
        - Knowledge of story
        - Method
        - Patrick J. Buchanan
    - Pierre E. Trudeau
  - Release of story
    - Method
    - Aldo B. ("Elbow") Beckman
    - Jack N. Anderson
    - Confidentiality
      - Uses for Anderson
  - Anti-US group
    - Retaliation
      - Method
      - Buchanan release
      - Anderson
- Credibility
  - Herbert G. Klein

International Telephone and Telegraph [ITT] case
  - Executive privilege
    - Klein
  - Peter M. Flanigan testimony
    - Guidelines
    - Limitations
      - Advice to the President
  - William E. Timmons
    - Testimony
      - Republican convention
        - Klein
  - White House aides
    - Timmons
  - Jack Gleason
    - Testimony
    - Timmons as witness

Senate Judicial Committee
  - Memorial service for Hugo L. Black
    - Attendance
  - Schedule
    - Harry D. Steward testimony
    - Flanigan letter

ITT case
  - Witnesses
    - Gleason
      - Scheduling
    - Problems of scheduling
    - Roman L. Hruska
    - John N. Mitchell
    - Timmons
      - Testimony on convention
        - Samuel J. Ervin, Jr.
        - The President's involvement
  - Republican convention
    - Robert H. Finch testimony
      - Discussion with the President
    - Site selection
-San Diego
-Chicago
-Mitchell
-The President's role
-Robert J. Dole statement
-Midwest sites
-ITT contribution
-Significance
-Chicago site
-White House staff
-Testimony
-Gleason
-Hearings
-Vote
-Flanigan

People's Republic of China [PRC]
-Table tennis event
-Pandas
-Scheduling of event
-Day
-Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
-Publicity
-Exploitation
-Names
-Age
-Mating successes
-Process and difficulties
-Housing
-Crowds
-Zoo director
-News conference
-Ceremonies
-Mrs. Nixon
-Names
-Eating habits
-Publicity
-Public interest

Vietnam
-William P. Rogers's testimony
-Kissinger's opinion
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-Tone
- Rogers's assessment

Rogers
- Table tennis match
  - Tricia Nixon Cox's attendance

Vietnam
- Melvin R. Laird
- Agnew
  - Attack on Edmund S. Muskie
  - Vietnam statement
- Location
  - Fundraiser
- American Society of Newspaper Editors [ASNE] speech
  - Timing
- Connally
  - Statement
- Agnew
  - Speech to ASNE
    - Buchanan
      - Agnew’s speechwriter
    - Attack on Muskie
      - Vietnam developments
    - Line of attack
      - Proposed administration response
- Democrats
  - Challenge
    - Criticism of North Vietnam
    - Charge of anti-Americanism
- Muskie
  - Attacks
- Hubert H. Humphrey
  - Attacks by others

The President's schedule
- Meeting with Earl L. Butz
- Report on Soviet trip
- Leonid I. Brezhnev
  - Relationship with the President
    - Kissinger
    - Meeting with Butz
- Jacob D. Beam’s presence
  - The President’s “Kitchen Debate” with Nikita S. Khruschev
- Value of meeting
  - Brezhnev
- Administration officials
  - Trips abroad
  - Reports to the President
  - Opinions of Brezhnev
  - Reports to Kissinger
- Donald H. Rumsfeld’s trip to Latin America
- Procedures
- Problems
  - President’s view
- Written reports
- Trips abroad
  - Reports to the President
    - Allen J. Ellender
    - Written reports
    - Kissinger
- Senators
  - Hugh Scott and Michael J. Mansfield
- Butz
  - Meeting with the President
    - Subjects of discussion
    - Meeting with Brezhnev
    - Beam
    - Kissinger’s report
    - Kissinger’s view
- Trips abroad
  - Robert H. Finch and Rumsfeld
  - George P. Shultz and John D. Ehrlichman
    - Importance
  - Agnew
    - Importance
    - Experience
    - Value to the President
- The President’s reports to John Foster Dulles
- Reports to the President
  - The President’s experience
- Donald McI. Kendall
  - Trips to Japan
- John A. Volpe
- Meetings with the President
  - Kissinger’s role
- Butz
  - Meeting with the President
    - Kissinger's presence
- Trip to Camp David
  - Timing
- ASNE reception
  - The President's remarks
  - Arrangements
    - Rose Mary Woods and Alexander P. Butterfield
  - The President's position in room
    - Receiving line
  - Use of upstairs
    - Lincoln Room, Queen’s Room [?]
- Number of people
- Upstairs tour
  - The President's trip to Camp David
- Value of party
- Upstairs tour

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 1m 47s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

Canada
  - Trudeau
  - Canadian nationalism question
  - Demonstrations against the President
    - Organizer
  - The President’s trip
-Canadian Press Secretary
  -Cooperation

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5
[National security]
[Duration: 1m 53s]

CANADA

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

-Parliament rooms
  -The President’s trip

The President's schedule
  -A toast

Press
  -Richard A. Moore and John A. Scali
  -Ronald L. Ziegler's treatment
    -The President's schedule
  -Hard line
  -Press pool
    -Stories about White House
      -Blind girl in Chicago
        -Love of cookies
    -Future dealings by White House staff
  -Enemies
    -Hugh S. Sidey
    -John F. Osborne
  -Jerrold L. Schecter
    -Kissinger
      -Upcoming conversation with the President and Haldeman
  -Sidey
    -Ziegler and unknown person
-Conversations
-William L. Safire
-Leaking
-Boycott
-Schecter

The President's schedule
-Meeting with Butz
-Kissinger
-Wednesday
-Tuesday afternoon
-Photograph session with Julie Nixon Eisenhower
-Meeting with Butz
-Drug abuse officials
-Meeting with regional directors
-Value of meeting with the President
-Meeting with Ehrlichman
-Busing issue
-ITT case

ITT case
-Ehrlichman
-Clark MacGregor, John W. Dean, III and Wallace H. Johnson
-Maneuvering

White House staff
-Division of issues
-Charles W. Colson
-War
-Ehrlichman
-Busing
-Responsibilities

Crime
-Ehrlichman's work
-Washington, DC
-Decline
-Publicity
-Washington Star
-Washington Post
-Wire services
-Ehrlichman
-Washington establishment summit, 1969  
-Katharine L. Graham, Joseph A. Califano, Jr., John H. Kauffmann and Edward Bennett Williams  
-Ehrlichman's criticism  
- Lack of publicity  
- Washington Post and Washington Star  
-Graham  
- Lack of support  
- Suppression of favorable news  
- Washington Post  
-Wire services  
-Washington Star  
- Publicity for decline  
- The President's activities  
- Value  
- Meetings with DC officials  
- Ehrlichman  
- Showcase value  
- Example for country

Busing  
- Press support  
- Time  
- Impact on public  
- Public hostility

The President's schedule  
- Meeting with PRC table tennis team  
- Scali  
- The President's remarks  
- White House tour  
- Receiving line  
- Chou En-lai  
- Meeting with US table tennis team

PRC  
- Table tennis team  
- Demonstrators

Vietnam  
- Agnew  
- Appearance before Congress
The President talked with Kissinger at an unknown time between 10:02 and 10:58 am.

[Conversation No. 711-4A]

Kissinger's meeting with the President
   -The President's meeting with PRC table tennis team

[End of telephone conversation]

Kissinger
   -Trips abroad
      -Conditions
The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

Vietnam
- Kissinger’s staff
- Soviets
  - Strikes against Hanoi and Haiphong areas
    - Kissinger’s conversation with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
  - Domestic situation
- Bombing
  - Intensity
  - Lyndon B. Johnson
  - Orders
    - Kissinger’s trip to Moscow
    - Massive attacks
- Number of sorties
  - Possible cutbacks
- Intensity
  - Concentration of bombing
    - Press stories
  - Current number in north
    - Melvin R. Laird
  - Number in south
    - Distribution
-Military Region Three
  -Impact
  -Increases
    -B-52s
  -The President’s previous conversation with Moorer
    -Enemy retreat
    -Increases
  -Naval action
    -Destroyers
  -Bombing
    -Resumption
      -North Vietnam
    -Haiphong
      -Soviets

Soviets
  -H.R. (“Bob”) Haldeman’s previous conversation with the President
  -Earl L. Butz’s meeting with Kissinger
    -Scheduling
  -Butz’s meeting with the President
    -Trips abroad
      -Haldeman
    -Problems
      -George W. Romney, Butz, and John A. Volpe
        -Reporting
  -Meeting with Leonid I. Brezhnev
    -Evaluations of Jacob D. Beam and Butz
      -The President’s past conduct
      -The President’s view

-Brezhnev
  -The President’s view
  -Meeting with Butz
    -Butz’s knowledge of Soviets
      -Grain deal
    -Relevance to US-Soviet relations
      -Dobrynin
      -US bombing of North Vietnam

Vietnam
  -Bombing
    -People’s Republic of China [PRC] reactions
    -US overflights of PRC
-Channels of protest

PRC
-Visit by Hugh Scott and Michael J. Mansfield
-Possible Mansfield statement

Vietnam
-Bombing
-Supporters
  -Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson
  -Statement
  -Significance
  -The President’s previous conversation with Haldeman
  -Charles W. Colson
  -Timing
-Provocation
  -North Vietnamese mistakes
-Impact on Kissinger’s trip to Moscow
-Soviets
-US-Soviet relationship
  -Kissinger’s trip
  -Possible results
  -Summit
-Bombing
-Impact on North Vietnam
-Blockade
-Risks to summit
  -Kissinger’s view
-Laird
-Statements
  -Aggressiveness
-Statements
  -J. William Fulbright
  -Questioned by Laird
-US policies
-Supporters
  -Barry M. Goldwater
  -Soviets
-War in south
  -Moorer and unknown person [?]
-Halt in action
Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 11:00 am.

Barber
  - The President’s appointment

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:24 am.

Vietnam
  - Past offensives
    - Llewellyn E. (“Tommy”) Thompson, Jr.’s report
    - Laos and Cambodia
  - North Vietnamese strength
    - III Corps
    - The President’s opinion
  - An Loc
    - Army of Republic of Vietnam [ARVN] divisions
    - North Vietnamese loss of momentum
  - B-52 strikes
    - Sir Robert Thompson
      - Impact of bombing on enemy
        - The President’s experience in Bougainville
        - Japanese planes
  - Impact
    - Latest report
  - Naval action
    - USS New Jersey
      - Impact
      - Use
        - Kissinger’s previous conversation with Moorer
    - USS Newport News
      - Employment
    - USS New Jersey
      - Inadequacies
    - North Vietnamese reaction
    - North Vietnamese small boats
      - Torpedo boats
  - Military operations
    - Moorer
      - Previous telephone conversation with Kissinger
    - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
Kissinger left at 11:24 am.

Date: April 18, 1972
Time: 11:24-unknown before 11:52 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with unknown persons.

The President's schedule
The President left at 11:25 am.

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Non-historical]
[Duration: 18s]
END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
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The conversation was cut off at an unknown time before 11:52 am.

Date: April 18, 1972
Time: Unknown between 11:52 am and 11:55 am
Location: Oval Office

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

John A. Scali
- The President's meeting with People's Republic of China [PRC] table tennis team

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at an unknown time after 11:52 am.

Tricia Nixon Cox
- The President's call

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

The President's schedule
- Meeting with PRC table tennis team
  - Scali
  - The President’s comments and the team’s comments
The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 11:52 and 11:55 am.

[Conversation No. 711-7A]

[See Conversation No. 23-18]

[End of telephone conversation]

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

Date: April 18, 1972
Time: Unknown after 11:52 am until 11:55 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown woman.
American table tennis team
   - Trip to People's Republic of China [PRC]
   - Date

The unknown woman left at 11:55 am.

Conversation No. 711-9

Date: April 18, 1972
Time: 11:55 am - 11:58 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Tricia Nixon Cox.

[See Conversation No. 23-19]

Conversation No. 711-10

Date: April 18, 1972
Time: 11:58 am - unknown before 12:04 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown woman.

Meeting with Stephen B. Bull

The unknown woman left at an unknown time before 12:04 pm.
Conversation No. 711-11

Date: April 18, 1972
Time: Unknown between 11:58 am and 12:04 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

People's Republic of China [PRC] table tennis team
  - Tour of White House
    - Tour guide
      - Tricia Nixon Cox
      - Michael J. Farrell
    - Arrangements
  - Meeting with the President
    - Handshakes
    - Translations
    - Number of players
    - Photographs
    - The President's remarks
      - Response
      - Translation
        - Charles W. Freeman, Jr.
        - Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters
    - John A. Scali's remarks
      - The President's remarks
  - Tour of White House
  - Meeting with the President
    - American table tennis team
    - Handshakes
      - Graham B. Steenhoven

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:04 pm.
Conversation No. 711-12

Date: April 18, 1972
Time: Unknown after 11:58 am until 12:04 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

People's Republic of China [PRC] table tennis team
-Meeting with the President

The President and Bull left at 12:04 pm.

Conversation No. 711-13

Date: April 18, 1972
Time: 12:04 pm - unknown before 12:21 pm
Location: Oval Office

Unknown persons met.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Non-historical]
[Duration: 21s.]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

The conversation was cut off at an unknown time before 12:21 pm.

Conversation No. 711-14
The President met with H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman.

The President’s schedule
- Meeting with People’s Republic of China [PRC] table tennis team

Tricia Nixon Cox
- Trip to University of Maryland
  - William P. Rogers
  - Advisability
  - Radicalism
- Trips
  - William and Mary College
  - Detroit
    - Cobo Hall
- Demonstrators
  - Avoidance
    - First Family
    - Purpose
- University of Maryland
  - Scheduling
    - Mistakes
      - Bombing in Vietnam
- Demonstrators
  - Purpose
- Violence
  - Arrests
- Public appearances
  - Demonstrations
- Campuses
  - Problems
  - Fieldhouse
    - Comparisons to other events
- Schedule
  - Haldeman's review
- Demonstrations
  - The President’s trip to Canada
  - Protests
Henry A. Kissinger entered at 12:28 pm.

Soviets
- Statements
  - Contents
    - Approval

PRC
- Statements
  - Relation to US bombing in Vietnam
    - Hanoi and Haiphong
    - Visit of table tennis team
      - Scali
  - Table tennis team
    - Press reactions
      - Sympathy for enemy
        - President’s view

Vietnam
- Melvin R. Laird testimony
  - Effectiveness
  - Exchange with J. William Fulbright
    - Interruptions
- Foreign Relations Committee
  - Caliborne Pell
- Public opinion
- Lack of support
- Press reports
  - Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS] News
    - Walter L. Cronkite, Jr.
      - Editorializing
    - Spiro T. Agnew
      - Comment by Charles D. Hamilton
    - Compared with British press
      - British Broadcasting Corporation [BBC]
  - Shanahan [sp?] [first name unknown] piece
- British
  - Kissinger’s meeting with George R.S. Baring [Earl of Cromer]
  - Support for the President and administration
- News stories
  - Soviets
Tricia Nixon Cox
- Trip to University of Maryland
- Demonstrations
- Scheduling
- Mistakes
- Catcalls
- Introduction
- Crowd reaction
  - The President's previous experience with crowds

People’s Republic of China [PRC]
- Meeting with Kissinger
- Report on Soviet trip
- Timing
- Discussion of Vietnam
  - Chou En-lai [?]
- The President’s trip to Moscow
- Reaction to Kissinger’s trip to Moscow
- Discussion of US-PRC relations
  - The President’s instructions to Kissinger
- Soviet summit
- Vietnam
  - PRC statements

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5
[National security]
[Duration: 29s.]

PRC

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

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Agnew
- Statements
  - Previous conversation with Haldeman
The President's schedule
   - Meeting with Earl L. Butz and Kissinger
     - Timing
     - Picture
     - Termination

Kissinger left at 12:36 pm.

Tricia Nixon Cox's schedule
   - Attendance at sporting events
     - Introduction
       - Rogers
     - Public appearances
       - Experience
       - Comparisons

The President's schedule
   - Public appearances
     - Capitol visit, April 17, 1972
     - Protests
     - Agnew
       - Confrontation with protesters

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 51s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6

Vietnam
   - Protests
     - March in Washington, DC
       - Date
     - Event, April 15, 1972

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- Milton Pitts
- Organization
- Size
- Arrests
  - Pitts's comments
  - Appearance of protesters
- Events, April 22, 1972
  - Washington, DC
  - Other cities
  - Build-up
- National student strikes
  - Haldeman’s view
  - Public reactions
  - Interests
  - Teacher incitement

Certificates
  - Pictures
  - Preparations

Press
  - Meeting with reporters
    - Wilson [first name unknown], Herbert E. Kaplow and Helen A. Thomas
    - Arrangements

Vietnam
  - Protests
    - Campuses
    - Issues
    - Protesters
  - Rogers and Laird
    - Testimony
    - Questions
  - Cabinet officers
    - Appearance before Congressional committees
      - John B. Connally

Charles W. Colson
  - Meeting with the President
  - Timing

Haldeman talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 12:36 and 12:47 pm.
[Conversation No. 711-14A]

Request that Colson join them

[End of telephone conversation]

The President's meeting with table tennis teams
  -American team
    -Women
      -The President’s view
    -Korean
    -Blacks
    -Hippie
      -Absence
    -Handshakes
    -Trip to PRC
    -Match with PRC team
      -Losses
      -Compared with PRC players
  -PRC team
    -Physical condition
    -Compared with Americans
      -Physical appearance of American team
  -Sports teams
    -Tennis and basketball
      -Blacks

Colson entered at 12:47 pm.

Vietnam
  -Administration's counterattacks against critics
    -Agnew
      -Patrick J. Buchanan
        -Drafting of speech
          -Christine Jorgenson [?]
      -Houston speech
        -Food prices
        -Speechwriter
    -Speechwriters
      -Kenneth W. Clawson
      -Abilities
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-Laird and Rogers testimony
  -Transcripts
    -Readiness
-Rogers
  -Briefing of senators
  -Morale
    -Barry M. Goldwater
      -Resolution for Senate
      -North Vietnamese invasion
-Colson's role
-Critics' disadvantages
  -Victory of administration
  -Edmund S. Muskie statement
    -President’s view
    -Need to attack
  -Accusation to treason
  -Defense of enemy
-North Vietnamese offensive
  -Compared with Laos, Cambodia and Tet
  -Compared to Lyndon B. Johnson administration
    -US peace offers
    -Number of withdrawals
    -US determination to win
-Colson's role
  -Kissinger’s support
  -Attack on critics
    -Muskie
    -Hubert H. Humphrey
    -Edward M. Kennedy
    -George S. McGovern
      -President’s instructions
-Critics
  -Muskie
  -McGovern
    -Administration assistance
-Attacks
  -Humphrey
    -Agnew
  -United Nations [UN] suggestion
    -PRC and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
    -Membership in UN Security Council
    -Henry M. (“Scoop”) Jackson
-Democrats
  -Mood of nation
    -Misleading
    -Polls
  -The President's policies
    -Disregard of summit and election
    -Raymond K. Price, Jr.
    -Leonard Garment
-Peace
  -Superpowers
    -US motives
  -US deliberation
    -Stewart J.O. Alsop
-Rogers and Laird
  -Support for the President
    -Reevaluation
    -The President’s relationship with Rogers
    -New York Times article [?]
-Cabinet
  -The President's calls
    -Dwight D. Eisenhower
    -Charles E. Wilson
    -Conversation with the President
      -John Hannibal
      -Eisenhower
-Rogers
  -Initiative
-Polls
  -Albert E. Sindlinger
    -Hawkishness
    -Increase
-North Vietnamese offensive
  -Condemnation
    -Senate
    -Accusations against Senate
      -Clifford P. Case, Jacob K. Javits and J. William Fulbright
  -Use of rhetoric
  -Anticommunism
-The President’s instructions to Colson
  -The President's speeches
    -Kissinger
-Need for strong talk
  -William J. Porter
  -Rogers

-Press
  -Hostility for administration
  -Counter-rhetoric
  -Name calling and toughness
  -Speechwriters
    -Price and Lee W. Huebner
    -Buchanan
    -Kenneth L. Khachigian
      -Hawks
    -Noel Cook
      -Robert J. Dole
    -Clawson

-Rogers
  -Testimony
  -Reception
  -Table tennis match attendance with Tricia Nixon Cox
    -Reception
    -Television coverage

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 11
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 57s.]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 11

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Vietnam
  -The President's supporters
    -Joseph L. Vicites [?] of Veterans of Foreign Wars [VFW]
      -Statement
        -Herbert R. (“Chief”) Rainwater
        -Charge against Democrats
          -Desire for US loss
    -North Vietnamese offensive
      -Resolution by Goldwater
- Appeal for Democrats' support
- House Resolution [HR]
  - Condemnation of North Vietnam
  - Support for the President
  - Wording
    - Kennedy and McGovern
    - Entrapment
    - Language

- The President's critics
  - Attacks by administration
  - Condemnation
  - Ads
  - Draft with Colson
  - Networks
    - Harassment
    - Cronkite
  - Attacks by administration
    - Human Events
      - William F. Buckley, Jr.
  - Goldwater
    - Use of White House materials
      - Support for the President

- Public sentiment
  - Sindlinger poll
    - Sindlinger's attitude on foreign policy
      - Hawkishness
    - North Vietnamese invasion
  - Sympathy for the President
    - The President's peace offers and conditions
      - North Vietnamese violations
  - Sindlinger poll
    - Public anger at North Vietnam
      - Percentage

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 12
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 3m 29s]
Vietnam
- North Vietnamese invasion
- Critics of the President
  - Reticence
  - Administration response
  - Kennedy
- Public opinion
  - Hostility
  - Sindlinger
  - Timing of new poll
- Attacks by administration
  - Newsweek
  - Public support for the President
- [Arnold] Eric Severeid
  - Statement on the news
- Public opinion
  - Support for the President
  - Press hostility and fears
  - Cambodia invasion
  - Media reports
- War as issue
  - Lessening personal involvement
  - Draft calls and casualties
- Cambodia
  - Kent State University
- Laos
  - Photojournalism
- North Vietnamese invasion
  - South Vietnamese performance
    - Press reports and photography
    - Battlefield proficiency
  - North Vietnamese soldiers
    - Enchainment to seats of tanks
      - Julie Nixon Eisenhower's report to the President
    - Unknown Associated Press [AP] reporter
  - Press reports
  - Purpose
International Telephone and Telegraph [ITT] case
   - Latest news
   - Peter M. Flanigan letter
   - Executive session
   - Disputes in committee
     - Samuel J. Ervin, Jr.
   - Reaction of Kennedy and John V. Tunney
     - Lack of agreement
       - White House staff testimony
         - Herbert G. Klein, William E. Timmons, John D. Ehrlichman and Colson
   - Republican position in committee
     - John N. Mitchell
     - Advantages
     - Ervin
     - Robert C. Mardian
     - Edward J. Gurney, Roman L. Hruska and Marlow W. Cook
     - Statement
       - Kennedy
   - Democrats
     - Questions
       - Armco Steel
       - American Airlines
       - DC subway lines
       - Richard G. Kleindienst
     - Disadvantages of position
   - Ervin's position
     - Flanigan
     - Opposition to Kennedy and Tunney
     - Clark MacGregor
   - Testimony
     - Jack Gleason
       - Hugo L. Black memorial service
     - Harry D. Steward
       - C. Arnholt Smith
         - Recommendations for job of San Diego US attorney
         - Background
           - Link with Robert H. Finch
     - Gleason
       - Delays
-Flanigan
-Departure from town
-Latest options
-Delays
-Senate debate
-Timing
-Maneuvering
-Charles McC. Mathias, Jr.
-MacGregor
-Contacts with committee
-Flanigan testimony
-Benefits for administration

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 13
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 18m 50s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 13

War issue
-Appeals to patriotism
-Rogers

Haldeman and Colson left at 1:46 pm.

Conversation No. 711-15

Date: April 18, 1972
Time: 1:48 pm - 1:50 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.
The President's schedule

Butterfield left at 1:50 pm.

Conversation No. 711-16

Date: April 18, 1972
Time: Unknown between 1:50 pm and 2:45 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 23-20]

Conversation No. 711-17

Date: April 18, 1972
Time: Unknown between 1:50 pm and 2:45 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 3s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:45 pm.

Date: April 18, 1972
Time: 2:45 pm - 2:49 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Tricia Nixon Cox.

[See Conversation No. 23-21]

Date: April 18, 1972
Time: 3:02 pm - 3:03 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Julie Nixon Eisenhower.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 28s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

The President's schedule
-Photograph session
-Location
Julie Nixon Eisenhower left at 3:03 pm.

Date: April 18, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:03 pm and 3:09 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule
- Meeting with Earl L. Butz
- Timing
- Change
- Henry A. Kissinger
- Length

Bull left at an unknown time before 3:09 pm.

Date: April 18, 1972
Time: 3:09 pm - 3:37 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

US-Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] relations
- Kissinger’s conversation with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
- Kissinger’s trip to Moscow
- Senior Soviet official
  - Soviet intentions
  - Kissinger’s Soviet trip
    - Preliminary papers
      - The President’s perusal
  - Vietnam
    - Discussion
  - Vietnam
    - Soviet influence
  - Kissinger’s schedule
    - Kissinger’s opening statement
    - Secrecy
      - Involvement of the People’s Republic of China [PRC]
    - Assurances to Chou En-lai
  - North Vietnamese ambassador to Moscow
    - Return to Hanoi
    - Negotiations

The President’s meeting with Earl L. Butz
  - Grain deal
    - Length
    - Kissinger’s schedule
    - The President’s schedule
      - Photograph opportunity

US-USSR relations
  - Kissinger’s Moscow trip
    - Newsmen
      - David Craslow [?]

Butz entered at 3:12 pm.

Greetings

Butz’s trip to the USSR
  - Report
    - Length
    - US-USSR relations
      - Soviet interests
        - Support on German treaty
        - Middle East
        - Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
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-Trade
   -Agricultural agreements
-US interests
   -Agriculture agreements
   -Usefulness
-Posture
   -The President’s instructions to Butz
-Settlement in Vietnam
-Negotiations
   -US posture
   -Mining and blockade of North Vietnam
   -Haiphong
   -Leonid I. Brezhnev
-Trade with USSR
   -Need for cash
     -Peter G. Peterson’s work
     -Maurice H. Stans
   -Credit
   -Chromium
   -Comments by Brezhnev
-Butz’s role
   -Dealings with Dobrynin
   -Appearance on Capitol Hill
   -Statement on trip
     -Carl T. Curtis and George H. Mahon
   -Meeting with Brezhnev
     -Brezhnev’s meeting with Glenn T. Seaborg in 1963
     -Peculiarities
     -Mao Tse-tung
     -Head of state meetings with Brezhnev
   -Continuing relationship
     -Publicity
     -Logistics
-Butz’s press conference in Moscow
   -Transcripts
   -Taping by Claude W. Gifford
   -Statements for press
     -Pitfalls
     -Credits
     -Congress
-Butz’s statement
   -Future trade
- Improvement of relations
  - Existing conditions
    - Credits
      - Possible problems
    - Soviet expectations
    - Trade discussions
      - US and USSR terms of trade
- Butz’s meeting with Soviet officials
  - Mikhail R. Kuzmin
  - Credits
    - Terms of interests
      - Number of years
  - Deal with Soviets
    - Storage costs
      - Percentage
  - Brezhnev
    - Most Favored Nation [MFN] status
      - Ramifications
        - Other nations
        - Export-Import [Ex-Im] Bank [?]
  - Credits
    - Length
- Trade
  - Agriculture interests in US
  - Soviet interests
  - Credit problems
    - Resolution
  - Soviet payment
  - Hard currency countries
- Butz’s meeting with Brezhnev
  - Insight
  - Location
    - Kremlin
    - Party headquarters
      - Brezhnev’s availability
- Butz’s impressions
  - Self-confidence
  - Interpreters
  - Photograph
  - Arrangements
  - Minister of Agriculture, Vladimir Matskevich
    - Previous visit to the US
-Background
-Photograph
-Age
-Brezhnev’s previous meeting with the President
-“Kitchen Debate”
-Matskevich and Nikita S. Khruschev
-Interpretation of remarks
  -Criticism of the President
  -Jacob D. Beam
-Brezhnev’s remarks
-The President’s trip to USSR
-Brezhnev’s remarks
  -Seriousness of talks
-Topics
  -Soviet imports
    -Winter wheat crop failures
    -Soybeans
    -Trade
-Vietnam
  -Message to the President
    -Beam
    -US bombing
    -Brezhnev’s demeanor
    -Soviet understanding
  -Brezhnev
    -Knowledge of situation in Vietnam
    -Concern of the Soviet people
  -Message to the President
    -Vietnam
    -Response
    -Intelligence
-Brezhnev’s attire
-Brezhnev’s office
  -Size
  -Furniture
-The President’s trip
  -Courtesies at the Kremlin
  -Accommodations

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 3:12 pm.

The President’s meeting with Julie Nixon Eisenhower
Bull left at an unknown time before 3:37 pm.

Butz’s meeting with Brezhnev
  - The President’s Soviet trip
    - Transportation
    - Beam
    - Communication
  - Soviet Agriculture Minister [Matskevich]
    - Entertainment of Butz
    - Cognac
  - Trip to Yalta
    - Entertainment
    - Courteous behavior
  - Vietnam
    - Unknown Soviet reporter
      - Questions for Butz
    - Beam
      - Rebuttal
      - Responsibility
    - First meeting with Brezhnev
  - Brezhnev
    - Compared with Khrushchev
  - Grain sale
    - Terms
    - Arrangements
    - Conclusion
  - Butz’s press conference
    - Scheduling
    - Topics
      - Financing
    - Soviet imports
      - Livestock production
    - Further discussions
  - US-USSR relations

Agriculture
  - Situation in US
  - Food prices
  - Attacks on middlemen

Kissinger and Butz left at 3:37 pm.
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