Conversation No. 719-1

Date: May 4, 1972
Time: 8:43-unknown before 8:45 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Greetings

Bull left at an unknown time before 8:45 am.

Conversation No. 719-2

Date: May 4, 1972
Time: 8:45 am - 8:57 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Greetings

Vietnam
   -Morning report
      -North Vietnam offensive
         -Maj. Gen. Ngo Quang Truong
         -IV corps
         -Shakeup of command
      -News reports
         -United Press International [UPI] reporter
            -Sydney Schanberg
      -Air strikes
         -Effectiveness
            -Damage assessment
               -Duong Hoi
               -Quang Tri
               -Details
      -Merger of divisions
      -Losses
      -Hue area
- South Vietnam perimeter
- Consolidation of forces
  - Effects
  - Cavalry squadron
  - South Vietnam marines
  - Mobile reserve
    - 2nd Army of the Republic of Vietnam [ARVN] division
  - Airborne division
- ARVN counterattack
  - A South Vietnamese general
    - Brigade in Kontum
      - Problems
      - B-52 strikes
- III corps
  - ARVN movements
    - An loc
  - Fighting
    - Phouc Long (sp?)
  - US retaliation
  - Air strikes
    - North Vietnam losses
- Naval gunfire
  - Effectiveness
- Air operations
  - Damage in North Vietnam
  - Reports on air action
- A news report
  - Public information officer [PIO] problems
  - Source
  - Anti-Americanism in South Vietnam
  - Washington Star
    - Article
    - UPI
    - [Forename unknown] Ward (?)
- I Corps
  - Military action
  - Hue area
    - Symbolism
      - Comparison with Verdun, Stalingrad
      - Importance
      - Haig's conversation with Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
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- Compared with Kontum
- Firepower to be used
- South Vietnam counteroffensive
  - Real problems
- Hue
  - Importance
- Air strikes
  - Tactical air [TACAIR]
    - Night attacks
- PIO problems
- Reports
  - "Hawks"
    - Henry A. Kissinger
- Haig's previous meeting
  - Samuel L. Devine's group
  - Edward J. Derwinski
    - Haig's view
    - Statements
    - Need for support
    - Criticism

Haig left at 8:57 am.

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Conversation No. 719-3

Date: May 4, 1972
Time: 8:58 am - 9:02 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

Dictation-Eulogy for J. Edgar Hoover
- Hoover's legend
- Hoover's career
  - Support of presidents
    - Dwight D. Eisenhower
    - Lyndon B. Johnson
  - Performance as Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] director
An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 8:58 am.

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 9:02 am.

Woods's suggestion

Manolo Sanchez
  -Health
  -Knee operation
    -Payment

Woods left at 9:02 am.

Date: May 4, 1972
Time: 9:06 am – 9:59 am
Location: Oval Office

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

Some carpenters

President's meeting with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
  -Instructions to Haldeman
  -Melvin R. Laird
    -Responsibility in public relations
      -Burning of US building in South Vietnam
      -News story

Ronald L. Ziegler entered at 9:07 am.

J. Edgar Hoover
  -President's eulogy
    -Review
    -Nature of statement
    -Press coverage
    -Distribution time

L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III’s previous meeting at the Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]
-Press coverage of FBI
-Congressional criticism

Hoover eulogy
-Distribution

Ziegler left at 9:09 am.

Vietnam
-Press reports
 -Haig
 -Ziegler
 -Department of Defense interviews
 -Briefing for John B. Connally
  -Henry A. Kissinger's attendance

Advice on response to North Vietnam offensive
 -Connally
 -National Security Council [NSC]
 -William P. Rogers, Laird
  -The President’s view
 -Charles W. Colson, Clark MacGregor
 -Connally
 -John N. Mitchell
 -Kissinger
  -Poll
   -Results
 -Soviet Summit
  -Kissinger's advice
   -Timing of North Vietnam offensive
    -Appearance of US weakness
  -Briefing with Connally
   -Haldeman and Kissinger
    -Timing
 -Connally
 -Call from Haldeman
 -Briefing with Haldeman, Kissinger
  -Time
   -President's meeting with Kissinger
    -Importance
     -Forthcoming Soviet response
  -Mitchell
Kissinger's previous speech at the Metropolitan Club
   -Reception
   -Speaking ability
   -Importance
      -Gordon Gray

Vietnam
   -Press reports
   -North Vietnam offensive
      -South Vietnam response
      -Shakeup of command
   -US command
      -President's discussion with Kissinger
   -Soviet Summit
      -Cancellation
      -Blockade
   -Military targets
      -Coordination with blockade
   -Blockade
      -Cessation
      -Conditions
         -Prisoners of war [POWs] release
         -Ceasefire
      -Criticisms
         -Conflict with Soviets
   -US military evaluations
   -Navy
   -Haig
   -The President’s view
      -Army
   -Connally
   -Briefing
      -Time
   -President's schedule
      -Kissinger

FBI
   -Hoover
   -Gray
Vietnam
- End-the-war amendment
  - John C. Stennis amendment
- Delay on vote
- Clifford P. Case-Frank F. Church amendment
- Robert C. Byrd-Michael J. Mansfield amendment
- Presentation to Senate
  - Mansfield
  - Byrd
- Content
- Mobilization of supporters
- President's response
- John A. Scali
  - Leak at State Department
  - Contacts with press
- Kenneth W. Clawson
- Richard A. Moore
- Rogers
  - The President's view

Haldeman's meeting with John R. (“Tex”) McCrary, Scali, Moore
- Soviet trip
  - Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon
    - Cancellation of her trip
  - Analogy to People's Republic of China [PRC] trip
    - Itinerary
  - McCrary
    - Haldeman’s view

White House staff
- Instructions for Haldeman
- Colson

Connally
- Meeting

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 3m 2s ]
END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6

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Forthcoming election
  -National conventions
    -Plans for security
      -Organization

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 9:07 am.

Kissinger
  -Meeting with the President

Bull left at an unknown time before 9:30 am.

Forthcoming election
  -Republican National Convention
    -Plans for security
      -Term of service
      -Advantages over National Guard and police
      -Personnel
      -Training

Democratic convention
  -Plans for security
    -Reubin O. Askew
    -Miami Beach mayor
    -White House help
      -John D. Ehrlichman
      -Egil (“Bud”) Krogh, Jr.

Vietnam
  -"Hawks"
    -Fears of secret administration plans
    -Knowledge of public support for the President
    -Poll

Kissinger entered at 9:30 pm.
Vietnam
  - Kissinger's talk with Connally
    - Time of meeting
      - Haldeman
    - Arrangements

Haldeman talked with Connally at an unknown time between 9:30 and 9:35 am.

[Conversation No. 719-4A]

Meeting
  - Time
  - Place

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam
  - Advice
    - Mitchell
      - Value
  - Meeting
    - Time
    - Kissinger's schedule
      - Meeting with Mitchell
    - Time

Haldeman left at 9:35 am.

Soviet Summit
  - Forthcoming briefing of Connally
    - Haldeman's role
    - Kissinger's role
    - Connally's judgment

Vietnam
  - Kissinger's reception at The Metropolitan Club
  - Administration efforts
    - The President's view
  - North Vietnam offensive
    - Failure
    - Comparison with Dien Bien Phu
- An Loc
  - Importance
- Kontum
- An Loc
  - Artillery
  - Haig
- South Vietnam response
  - Hue
- Kontum
  - Prospect of loss
    - Quality of South Vietnam division
    - An Khe

- Hue
  - President's conversation with Haig
    - Quang Tri
  - Importance
    - Comparison to Verdun
  - Military action
    - Air Force reports
    - The President’s view
- Air strikes
  - Effectiveness
  - World War II
    - Strategic and Tactical air [TACAIR] bombing
    - Use of helicopter
- US military forces
  - Performance
  - Reorganization
- Styx missile
  - Use by Israeli destroyer
- US carriers
  - Vulnerability
- Negotiations
  - Le Duc Tho
  - Nguyen Van Thieu
  - Soviet Summit
    - Back-Up position
    - Relation to offensive
- Air strikes
  - Timing
  - Intensity
  - Location
-Recriminations
  -President's PRC trip
  -Laird's recommendations
-Previous air strikes
-US intelligence
  -The President’s view
  -North Vietnam intentions
-Previous offensive
  -US air strikes
    -Duration
    -Effects
    -Moorer's position
      -Quang Tri
      -Hanoi, Haiphong
  -Helicopter gunships
    -Hue
      -The President’s suggestion
-Impact on negotiations
  -North Vietnam stakes in offensive
-Reports
  -Saigon
  -Hue
    -Haig's assessment
  -Press coverage
    -Comparison with Tet offensive
-North Vietnam capabilities
-Evaluations
  -Sir Robert Thompson
  -Haig's mission
  -Abrams
  -Accuracy
-Kontum's future
-Pleiku
  -North Vietnam advances
  -Defensive withdrawals
    -An Khe
-Loss of territory
  -Duong Hoi, Quang Tri, Tannenberg
  -President's advice to unknown person and Moorer
-Blockade
-Implementation
  -Submarines
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- US policy
  - Major goal
    - Kissinger’s view
  - Possible invasion of North Vietnam
    - US troops
    - South Vietnam troops
    - US equipment

-Negotiations
  - William J. Porter
  - North Vietnam demands
    - Impending US walk-out
    - Thieu
    - Porter
    - Kissinger’s view

Middle East
  - Kissinger meeting with Yitzhak Rabin
    - Transfer of F-4s to Israel
      - Effect on Soviet Union
    - Israelis
      - Kissinger’s view
      - US influence

Soviet Summit
  - Possible cancellation
    - US response
      - Israelis
    - Reasons
      - PRC
    - President's message to Chou En-Lai
      - Assurances
    - President's speech
      - Public response
        - Resolutions in Congress
    - Soviet propaganda
      - Joseph C. Kraft
      - 1960 election
        - Nikita S. Khrushchev And John F. Kennedy
    - Soviet feeling about the President
      - Democratic challenge

-US bombing
  - Public support
Conv. No. 719-4 (cont.)

- PRC trip
  - US support
  - The President’s view
  - Vietnam negotiations
- Soviet Summit
  - Kissinger's draft for President's speech
  - Time of delivery to President
  - Time of Washington Special Actions Group [WSAG] meeting
- US conditions
  - North Vietnam offensive
  - Cessation period
- Cancellation
  - Risks
  - Record

Kissinger left at 9:59 am.

Conversation No. 719-5

Date: May 4, 1972
Time: 9:59 am
Location: Oval Office

The President rehearsed a portion of his "Eulogy Delivered at Funeral Services for J. Edgar Hoover".

[A transcript of the final eulogy appears in Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard M. Nixon, 1972, pp. 574-575]

Conversation No. 719-6

Date: May 4, 1972
Time: 9:59 am – unknown before 10:03 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.
H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- Location
  - Meeting with John D. Ehrlichman
  - Meeting with the President
- Time

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 10:03 am.

Date: May 4, 1972
Time: Unknown after 9:59 am and before 10:22 am
Location: Oval Office

The President rehearsed a portion of his "Eulogy Delivered at Funeral Services for J. Edgar Hoover"

[A transcript of the final eulogy appears in Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard M. Nixon, 1972, pp. 574-575]

[End of transcribed portion]

H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman entered at 10:13 am.

John B. Connally
- Departure from administration
- Timing
  - Support for the President
- Soviet Summit
- North Vietnam offensive
  - Conclusion
  - Continuation
    - Stalemate
- Meeting with the President
- Delay
  - President's speech

Soviet Summit
-Possible cancellation
  -Impact
  -Criticism
    -"Hawks"
    -Democrats
      -Hubert H. Humphrey
      -Effect on forthcoming election
        -Similarity to 1960 election
        -Soviet propaganda
  -North Vietnam offensive
    -US counteraction
    -Plans
  -Cancellation
  -People's Republic of China [PRC]
    -President’s previous trip
  -Postponement
    -Duration
  -Domestic reaction
    -Timing with forthcoming election
  -Negotiations with Soviets
    -Humphrey
    -George S. McGovern
    -Edward M. Kennedy
  -Cancellation
  -Risks

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 1m 36s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

-Soviet Summit
  -Postponement
    -Election issue
The President left at an unknown time before 10:22 am.

Date:  May 4, 1972
Time:  10:22 am - 10:31 am
Location:  Oval Office


Unknown woman's schedule

The President entered at an unknown time before 10:25 am.

Butterfield left at 10:25 am.

Vietnam
- Poll questions
  - Prisoners of war [POWs]
    - Number
    - Length of imprisonment
- Naval blockade
  - Imposition
- Conditions for cessation
  - Return of POWs
  - Ceasefire
  - Presentation of terms
  - Public support
- Results
- Soviet ships
  - Interception by US warships

Decision-making process
- Effect of press reports
- Charles W. Colson, John D. Ehrlichman, Haldeman
- Lyndon B. Johnson
- Ronald L. Ziegler
The President rehearsed a portion of his "Eulogy Delivered at the Funeral Service of J. Edgar Hoover".

[A transcript of the final eulogy appears in Public Papers of the President, Richard M. Nixon, 1972, pp. 574-575]

[End of transcribed portion]

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 10:31 am.

President's schedule
   -Hoover funeral
- Television coverage
  - President's seating arrangements
  - Camera positions
  - President's eulogy
    - Rev. Edward L.R. Elson
    - Camera position
- Recessional order
  - Elson
  - President
  - Mamie G.D. Eisenhower
    - Secret Service agent
  - Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon
    - Military aide
  - Mrs. Eisenhower
    - Escort
    - Col. Vernon C. Coffey
- Seating
  - Mr. and Mrs. Gray
  - Mrs. Eisenhower
- Arrangements at arrival
  - Grays
  - Line-up

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:41 am.

The President resumed rehearsing his “Eulogy Delivered at the Funeral of J. Edgar Hoover”.

[End of transcribed portion]

The President left at 10:41 am.

Date: May 4, 1972
Time: Unknown after 10:41 am and before 12:01 pm
Location: Oval Office

Stephen B. Bull met with Alexander P. Butterfield.
Conversation No. 719-10

Text of Something
-Distribution
-Larry Robinson [?] 

Bull and Butterfield left at an unknown time before 12:01 pm.

Conversation No. 719-11

Date: May 4, 1972
Time: Unknown after 12:01 pm and before 12:03 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule
- Meeting with International Brotherhood of Teamsters
- Meeting with L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III
  - Mrs. Gray
  - Photographer

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:03 pm.

Conversation No. 719-12

Date: May 4, 1972
Time: 12:03 pm - 12:22 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Mr. and Mrs. L[ouis] Patrick Gray III.

J. Edgar Hoover
- Eulogy by the President
  - Gray’s view
Mrs. Gray
-Greetings

Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]
-Gray's nomination
  -John D. Ehrlichman's efforts
  -Announcement
    -Press coverage
    -President's support
    -Permanent nomination

The White House photographer entered at an unknown time after 12:03 pm.

-Statement for press
  -Mrs. Gray's statements

The photographer left at an unknown time before 12:22 pm.

-Gray's meeting with FBI officials
  -Location
  -Gray's remarks
    -Intentions
    -Hoover legacy
    -W. Mark Felt's report
-Gray's nomination
  -Timing
    -Forthcoming presidential election
  -Press questions
    -Political connections with the President
      -Response
      -Friendship between the President and Gray
      -Response
      -President's relationship with Hoover
-Gray's admiration of President
-Gray's work with the President
  -National Security Council [NSC]
    -Adm. Arthur W. Radford
  -Relationship with the President
    -Contrast with Hoover
-President's relationship with Hoover
  -Closeness
  -Comparison with Gray
-Professional relationship
  -NSC
  -Justice Department
  -Contrast with Hoover friendship
    -William P. Rogers
-Compared with the President’s relationship with Dwight D. Eisenhower
-First-name basis
-Statements for press
-Press
  -Attitude toward Hoover
  -Hoover’s attitude
    -Richard E. Berlin
-President’s advice for Gray
  -Proper attitude
  -Allen S. Drury
  -James Keogh
  -Edith Efron
-Hoover’s relations
  -Dealings with detractors
    -Judgment
-Gray’s relationship
-Directorship
  -Proper management style
    -The President’s view
-Confirmation hearings issues
  -Civil rights
  -Law and order
  -Repression
    -Hoover
  -Communism
-Directorship
  -Clyde A. Tolson
    -Resignation
-First steps
  -Press tour
  -Meetings with special agents
    -President's appearance
      -Time
    -Stephen B. Bull, Dwight L. Chapin
-Tour of FBI offices
  -Purpose
  -Time
-Meeting with police officer

Press

- The President’s view
- President's relationship with
  - Conflicts
- Attitude
  - Allusion in President's eulogy
- Gray
  - Ronald L. Ziegler
  - Dan Rather
    - Questions regarding Gray's speech
    - The President’s view
- Hoover's attitude toward Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
  - John W. Chancellor
    - The President’s view
  - Dan Rather
    - The President’s view
    - Dealings with CBS
- American Broadcasting Company [ABC]
  - Howard K. Smith
- CBS, Rather
  - Gray's dealings
- Gray's public appearances
  - Television appearances
    - The President’s advice
    - Ziegler's advice
- Speeches
- Dealings with press
  - Press conferences
    - Advice from Ziegler, Ehrlichman, H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
- Hoover attitude toward CBS
- *Time-Life, Newsweek*
  - Gray's dealings
    - The President’s advice
    - Hugh S. Sidey
    - Dislike of FBI
- *New York Times*
  - Pentagon Papers
  - President’s advice
- Mrs. Gray
  - Interview with Bonnie Angelo
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Gray's appreciation

Mr. and Mrs. Gray left at 12:22 pm.

Conversation No. 719-13

Date: May 4, 1972
Time: Unknown after 12:22 pm and before 12:28 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

President's schedule
- Meeting with Frank E. Fitzsimmons and Weldon L. Mathis
  - Location
  - Timing
  - Charles W. Colson
    - Schedule
    - Fitzsimmons
- Other meetings
  - Richard A. Moore

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 12:28 pm.
Date: May 4, 1972
Time: Unknown between 12:22 pm and 12:28 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with an unknown man.

John B. Connally's location
-Return call

Date: May 4, 1972
Time: Unknown after 12:22 pm until 12:47 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

Richard A. Moore
-Location
-Meeting with the President

Rose Mary Woods entered at 12:28 pm.

Butterfield left at an unknown time after 12:28 pm.

J. Edgar Hoover
-Funeral
-Rev. Edward L.R. Elson's attire
-Elson's actions

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 12:28 pm.

Food order
Sanchez
   - Hospital bill
   - Payment
   - Fina Sanchez

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 12:47 pm.

Hoover funeral
   - Elson
     - Actions
     - National television appearance
       - Meeting with the President
   - President's eulogy
     - Length
     - Robert L. King
     - Delivery
   - Lou Nichols
     - Health
     - Age
   - President's eulogy
     - Permissiveness
     - Criticism
   - Difficulty of eulogies
     - Dwight D. Eisenhower
     - Winston S. Churchill
     - Cabinet members
     - Others
       - Speaker of the House
       - Vice President
       - Hugh Scott
     - Necessity
     - President's favorite passages

Hoover
   - Death
     - Timing
     - Forthcoming election issue
   - Recommendations on resignation
     - President's meeting with Hoover
     - President's defense of at press conference
   - Critics
     - Jack N. Anderson
-Columns
- Woods’s view
- The President’s view
- Drew Pearson
- President's relationship
- Weaknesses
- Death
- Helen Gandy, Hoover's secretary
- President's call
- President's course of action

Garden
- Appearance

President's schedule
- Camp David
- Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon's schedule
- Woods's schedule
- The DeLuccas (sp?)
- Julie Nixon Eisenhower's schedule
- Charles G. (“Bebe”) Rebozo
  - Meeting with the President at Camp David

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 28s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

- Rebozo
  - Camp David trip
  - Work habits

Secretaries
- Quality of work
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 4m 1s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

-Camp David visit

President's eulogy
- Woods's assessment

Woods left at 12:47 p.m.

Date: May 4, 1972
Time: Unknown after 12:47 pm and before 12:49 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule
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-Meeting with Frank E. Fitzsimmons
-Meeting with Nellie L. Yates
-Meeting with Fitzsimmons
-Instructions for Charles W. Colson

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:49 pm.

Conversation No. 719-17

Date: May 4, 1972
Time: 12:49 pm - 12:51 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Nellie L. Yates.

A plant
- Growth characteristics

Picture of secretaries
- A telephone call
  - Dwight L. Chapin

President's appearance

A trip to Florida
- Invitation to Yates
  - H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
  - President's appearance

Yates left at 12:51 pm.

Conversation No. 719-18

Date: May 4, 1972
Time: Unknown after 12:51 pm and before 12:56 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.
President's meeting with International Brotherhood of Teamsters
- Gifts
  - Money clips
  - Ash trays
- Charles W. Colson's schedule

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 12:56 pm.

Date: May 4, 1972
Time: 12:56pm - 1:21 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Frank E. Fitzsimmons, Raymond Schoessling, Joseph Trerotola, William J. McCarthy, Weldon L. Mathis, and Charles W. Colson; the White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

Greetings

Seating
- Arrangements
- Photographs
- A chair

Pay Board
- Meetings
- Work with International Brotherhood of Teamsters
  - President's appreciation
- Controls
  - Workability

Teamsters
- Contracts
  - Chicago
  - George P. Shultz
- Controversy
  - Retroactivity
- Contracts
An unknown person entered and left at an unknown time between 12:56 and 1:21 pm.

- Foreign policy support
  - President's gratitude
- Past support for the President
  - Dave Beck
  - The President’s view

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 31s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
-Trip to Hanoi
-Gibbons
-Coalition governments
  -Problems with Communists
    -Czechoslovakia

Organized labor
  -Effects of Communists in unions
  -International Labor Organization [ILO]
    -[Forename unknown] Charles
  -Activities in Europe
    -Caldwell
  -Discussion on plane
  -American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations [AFL-CIO]
  -Access to White House
    -Partisanship
  -Support of Democratic party
  -President's relationship
    -Fitzsimmons's relationship with the President

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 2m 15s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

-Terrotola
-Peter J. Brennan
  -The President’s view

-Construction trades
  -Association with Teamsters
  -Brennan
  -[Forename unknown] Van Horne
  -Rockefeller
  -Brennan
-Association with Teamsters

J. Edgar Hoover
- Age at death
- The President’s view
- Criticism
  - *Life* magazine
  - Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
  - Jack N. Anderson
    - Column
- Retention in office
  - President's defense
- Career
  - Criticism

Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]
- L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III
  - The President’s view
  - Career
    - Administrative assistant to Adm. Arthur W. Radford
  - Character
  - Tenure in office
  - Meeting with the President
  - Liaison with Colson
  - Background
  - Character

Demonstrators
- Position of Trerotola
  - Incident at St. Patrick's Cathedral
    - Mrs. Trerotola
    - Picketing nuns
      - Trerotola's conversation
  - Anita Trerotola
  - Nuns actions in cathedral

Vietnam
- Catholics in North Vietnam
  - Killings in 1954
  - North Vietnam victory in 1970s
  - Consequences
    - Lack of publicity
Support for the President

Gifts

Anecdote
- President's dinner for retired Congressmen
  - John Sherman Cooper
    - The President’s view
    - Joke

Gifts
- For wives
  - Ash trays
    - Described
- For men
  - Money clips
    - Described
- Golf balls
  - Golf
  - Jim [Surname unknown]

Goodbyes
- Support for the President
- Communists
- Appreciation

**Fitzsimmons, et al., left at 1:21 pm.**

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**Conversation No. 719-20**

Date: May 4, 1972
Time: 1:21 pm - unknown before 1:24 pm
Location: Oval Office

**The President met with Stephen B. Bull.**

Gifts
- Gratitude of International Brotherhood of Teamsters
Conversation No. 719-19 (cont.)

-Bull

President's schedule

Bull left at an unknown time before 1:24 pm.

Conversation No. 719-21

Date: May 4, 1972
Time: Unknown after 1:21 pm and before 1:24 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

President's schedule
- Meeting with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- Location
  - Executive Office Building [EOB]
- Louis Patrick Gray, III announcement
- Meeting with Ronald L. Ziegler

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 1:24 pm.

Conversation No. 719-22

Date: May 4, 1972
Time: 1:24-1:51 pm
Location: Oval Office

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

President's meeting with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters
- President's report

Haldeman's meeting with John B. Connally and Henry A. Kissinger
Alexander P. Butterfield entered at an unknown time after 1:24 pm.

Ronald L. Ziegler
   - Meeting with the President

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 1:27 pm.

Meeting with Connally
   - Haldeman's discussion
     - Connally's discussion
     - Polls

Vietnam
   - Connally's advice
     - Necessity of victory
       - Kissinger
     - Military action
       - Bombing
       - Blockade
   - Soviet Summit
     - Cancellation
       - Responsibility
         - Soviet Union
     - Kissinger
   - Bombing of Hanoi and Haiphong
     - Intensity
     - Targets
     - Civilian casualties
       - Paul N. McCloskey's charges
       - Press coverage
       - Kissinger's position
   - Soviet Summit
     - Soviet intentions
     - Cancellation
     - Kissinger's position
   - Bombing
     - President's decision
       - President's speech

Ziegler entered at 1:27 pm.

J. Edgar Hoover building
- Announcement
- Release

President's eulogy
- Ziegler's opinion

Ziegler left at 1:31 pm.

Vietnam
- North Vietnam offensive
  - Soviet summit
    - Possible cancellation
      - President’s response
  - Blockade
    - Timing with summit
    - Advantages
      - Cancellation of summit
- Connally’s advice
  - Kissinger
  - Melvin R. Laird
- President’s policies
  - Public support
- South Vietnam performance
  - Morale
    - Kissinger’s opinion
    - Abrams’s opinion
  - Improvements
    - Effect of Kissinger’s trip to Moscow
- Bombing
  - Risks to summit
    - Kissinger’s view
  - Blockade
    - Kissinger’s position
    - President’s position
    - Alexander M. Haig, Jr’s position
      - The President’s view
- Bombing
  - Impact on North Vietnam
  - North Vietnam dikes
    - Kissinger’s opinion
- Soviet summit
-Possible cancellation
  -Connally’s advice
    -President’s opinion
  -Comparison to U-2 incident
    -Effect on Dwight D. Eisenhower
  -Connally’s view of public opinion
    -On Vietnam
    -On summit cancellation
    -On People's Republic of China [PRC] visit
  -President’s military response
  -Kissinger’s position on cancellation
  -Connally’s position on cancellation
    -Soviet initiative
    -US military action

-Blockade
  -Support from Kissinger, military
  -Problems
    -Future North Vietnam negotiations with Democratic President
    -Kissinger’s position

-Bombing
  -Civilian casualties
    -President’s assessment of Connally’s advice

-Soviet summit
  -Possible cancellation
    -Connally’s position
    -Kissinger’s position
    -Bombing
      -Effect on summit
    -Responsibility

-US military defeat
  -Political impact
    -Connally’s assessment of President's position
    -President’s standing with public

-Soviet summit
  -Possible cancellation

-US response
  -Bombing
    -Kissinger’s position
    -President’s attitude
    -Abrams
      -Position
    -Connally’s advice
-Compared with Laird and William P. Rogers

-Polls
  -Charles H. Percy's polls in Illinois
    -Statements on bombing
  -Necessity of blockade
  -Illinois attitudes
  -Effect of polls

-US military defeat
-Soviet summit
  -Possible cancellation
    -Kissinger’s position

-Bombing
  -Advantages
  -Timing
    -Kissinger’s advice
    -The President’s view
-Public opinion
  -Support for the president's actions
-Damage
  -Gen. John W. Vogt's report

Hoover funeral
-Presidents eulogy
  -Reception
  -Delivery
    -President's conversation with Rev. Edward L.R. Elson
-Photographs
  -Elson
  -President's arrival
-Presidents eulogy
  -Length
    -Number of words
    -Time
-References
  -Law and order
  -Patriotism
  -Critics
  -Biblical quotation
    -John K. Andrews, Jr.
-Honor guard
  -William F. Rhatican's idea
-US Army chorus
The President and Haldeman left at 1:51 pm.

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Date: May 4-unknown before May 5, 1972
Time: Unknown after 1:51 pm, May 4, 1972 and before 8:44 am, May 5, 1972
Location: Oval Office

Unknown persons [Secret Service agents] entered.

President's location

The conversation was cut off at an unknown time before 8:44 am, May 5, 1972.