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Tape Subject Log
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Conversation No. 814-1

Date: November 13, 1972
Time: 9:05 am - 9:06 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield and Manolo Sanchez.

John V. ("Jack") Brennan

Butterfield and Sanchez left at 9:06 am.

Conversation No. 814-2

Date: November 13, 1972
Time: Unknown between 9:06 am and 9:09 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown woman.

The President's schedule
-Meeting with Henry A. Kissinger
-Time

The unknown woman left at an unknown time before 9:09 am.

Conversation No. 814-3

Date: November 13, 1972
Time: 9:09 am - 9:57 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

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Wood's schedule

- [Key Biscayne]
 - Unknown woman
 - [Tricia Nixon Cox and Julie Nixon Eisenhower]
 - Robert H. Abplanalp
 - Walker's Cay

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- Accommodations
 - Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon, Tricia Nixon Cox, Julie Nixon Eisenhower
 - The President's previous stay

1972 election

- Telegrams
- Telephone calls
- Letters
 - Helen Clay Frick
 - Dictation
 - Camp David

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The President's schedule

- Trip to Camp David
 - Activities
 - Woods' schedule
 - White House
- Telephone calls
 - Meetings

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1972 election

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- Letters
 - Mail offices
 - Letters of special interest
 - Woods' schedule

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Rita de Santis

- Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
 - Payment
 - Charles G. (Bebe") Rebozo
- Meeting with Woods
 - Wages

Henry A. Kissinger entered at 9:15 a.m.

Greetings

De Santis

- Employment
 - The President's personal payroll
- Meeting with Woods
 - Wages
- Julie Nixon Eisenhower

1972 election

- Form letters

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Woods left at 9:16 am.

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Kissinger's schedule

- Florida
- New York

The President's schedule

- Trip to Camp David
- Meeting with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
 - Haig's return from Saigon
- William P. Rogers
- Kissinger's schedule
 - Haig
 - Andrews Air Force Base
 - Trip to New York

Vietnam negotiations

- Presidential leadership
- Rogers and State Department role
 - Compared to the People's Republic of China [PRC] and Soviet Union initiatives
 - Kissingers' trip
 - William H. Sullivan
 - Settlement agreement
 - Improvements
 - Haig
 - Photograph opportunity
 - Oliver F. ("Ollie") Atkins
 - Compared to PRC initiative
 - Lincoln sitting room episode
 - The President's PRC policy change claim
 - The President's trip to the PRC
 - Chou En-Lai
 - The President's trip to the Soviet Union
 - Kissinger's conversation with H.R. ("Bob") Haldeman

The President's first term

- Responsibilities as President-elect
- Cabinet selection

The President's second term

- Difficulty

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- Historical trend
 - Cabinet retention
- Advantage

Second term reorganization

- Cabinet
- White House staff
- Loyalty
- Peter G. Peterson
 - Kissinger's suggestion
 - European Economic [EEC] Community and North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO] ambassadorships
- Commerce Department
 - International economic negotiations
 - NATO and EEC ambassadorships
 - State Department reaction
- Tenure
- Commerce Department
 - International economic policy
 - White House direction
- White House relations with State and Defense Departments

Vietnam War

- Kissinger's conversation with Jerrold L. Schechter
- [*Time*] article on Melvin R. Laird
 - Vietnamization
 - Credit
 - Laird's 1969 trip to Vietnam
 - Timing
 - The President's policies
 - US troop withdrawals
 - The President's policies
 - The President's May [14, 1969] peace initiative
 - US troop withdrawal rates
 - Reports
 - Laird's memorandum
 - Recommendations
 - Compared to the President's actions
- Importing
- Previous administrations

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-Cabinet support for the President

- The President's policies
- Response of liberals

Public Relations

- Kissinger's trip to New York
 - Reception
 - Press relations
 - Washington, DC
 - Kissinger's schedule
 - New York Jets football game
 - Attendance at play
 - Compared to previous ones
 - Impact of 1972 election
 - Kissinger's schedule
 - Jets' game
 - Bernard J. ("Bunny") Lasker

Press relations

- Joseph C. Kraft
- James B. ("Scotty") Reston
- Change
- 1972 election
- "Exhausted volcano" metaphor
- Lyndon B. Johnson

Cabinet

- Resignations
 - Laird's response
 - Associates
- Defense Department
 - Size
 - Robert S. McNamara
 - Assistant secretaries
 - Elliot L. Richardson
 - The President's direct communications with Joint Chiefs of Staff [JCS]
 - The President's direct communications with the JCS
 - Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
 - Discussions with service chiefs
 - Secretary of Defense

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Military

- Moorer
 - Replacement
- Adm. Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr.
 - Racial policies
- Race relations
 - Blacks
 - Navy and other
 - Football
 - Command positions
 - Navy
 - Mutiny

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1972 election

- Foreign reaction
- Telegrams
- 1968 election
 - Reaction of establishment
 - Democrats divided
 - Vietnam War
 - The President's victory
 - Mandate
 - Reaction
 - George S. McGovern
 - New York Yankees
 - Samuel Lubell
 - The Presidents May 8, 1972 speech
 - Edmund S. Muskie
 - Prospects as nominated
 - Dwight D. Eisenhower
 - South, Ohio, Illinois
 - New York
 - New Majority
 - The President's November 3, 1969 speech
 - Telegrams

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-Congratulations

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Vietnam negotiations

- Nguyen Van Thieu's political tactics
 - Haig's view
 - Compared to Kissinger's view
 - Delay
 - Kissinger's schedule
 - Thieu's November 11, 1972 letter to the President
 - Reply
 - New negotiating position
 - Possible ultimatum from the possible
 - Thieu's tenure
 - South Vietnam's survival
 - Delay
 - Conclusion of war
 - Timing
 - Congressional schedule
 - Haig's view
 - Continuation of talks
 - The President's November 8, 1972 letter to Thieu
 - John B. Connally
 - Possible emissary to Thieu
 - Kissinger's trip to Paris
 - Connally's schedule
 - Hanoi's position
 - PR
 - Hanoi's position
 - Xuan Thuy
 - Coalition government
 - People's Republic of China [PRC] view
 - Kissinger's forthcoming dinner [with Qiao Guanhua]
 - Telephone calls to Kissinger
 - Haig
 - Next round of talks
 - Appearance of US

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- Bargaining with the President
- Possible separate peace
 - US and North Vietnam
- Changes
 - US proposals to North Vietnam
- Thieu's military operations
 - June 1972
 - North Vietnamese troops withdrawals
 - US bombing
- Ending the war
 - US public opinion
 - Hawks, honor
 - Congressional funding
 - Thieu
- Forthcoming letter from the President to Thieu

The President's schedule

- Meetings with Kissinger
 - Publicity
 - Camp David
- Camp David
 - Meetings with Cabinet, White House staff

Defense Department

- Richardson
- Nelson A. Rockefeller
 - Future
 - Age
 - Compared to the President

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Rockefeller

- Political Future
 - 1976 election
 - Primaries
 - Spiro T. Agnew
- Prospects

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- Age
- South
- Weakness
- Comparison with the President and Agnew

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Rockefeller

- Cabinet post
- Current terms as governor
 - Conclusion
- Cabinet post
 - Independence
 - The President's previous conversation with Rockefeller
 - State Department
 - Defense Department
 - Management abilities
- Control by White House

Defense Department

- Rockefeller, Richardson appointee's age
- Problems
 - Soviet Union strength
 - The President's second term
 - Soviet Union
 - Possible military action
 - PRC
- Conceptual control
- Richardson
 - Loyalty
 - Political orientation
 - State Department
 - Georgetown

State Department

- David Kenneth Rush
- Reform
 - Foreign service officers [FSOs]

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- Disloyalty
- Rush
 - Loyalty
 - Appearance
 - Negotiating abilities
 - State Department
 - Reform
 - [Under Secretary]
 - Comparison to H.R. ("Bob") Haldeman
 - Berlin negotiations
 - Intellect
- Vietnamese negotiations
 - Haig's schedule
 - Return from Saigon
 - Rogers
 - Kissinger's trip to New York
 - [Dinner with Qiao Guanhua]
 - Cambodia
 - Role of PRC
 - Assistance
 - End of War
 - 1972 election
 - Domestic and foreign impact
 - Timing
 - Thieu
 - Demands
 - South Vietnam's survival
 - Settlement agreement
 - Words compared to will
 - Settlement agreement
 - Briefing
 - Victory
 - Joseph W. Alsop column
 - New Statesman*
 - North Vietnamese concessions
 - Control of North Vietnam
 - Role of Soviet Union, PRC
 - PRC Role
 - [Kissinger's dinner with Qiao Guanhua]

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- Presence of Haig
 - Reasons
 - Friendship with the PRC
 - Haig's promotion
 - Army vice Chief of Staff
 - National defense
 - Soviet Union
 - Haig's schedule
 - Return from Saigon

Kissinger's schedule

- Camp David
 - Departure
 - Hagerstown, Maryland
 - Jetstar
 - Time
 - Departure
 - Hagerstown
 - Jetstar
 - Julie Nixon Eisenhower
 - Tricia Nixon Cox

1972 election

- Reaction in New York

Vietnam negotiations

- The President's schedule
 - Public appearances in US, trip to Europe
- Ending the war
 - Timing
- Thieu
 - Relations with US
 - Concessions
 - The President's November 8, 1972 letter to Thieu
 - The President's forthcoming conversation with Haig
 - The President's forthcoming letter to Thieu
 - US foreign relations
 - Relations with the President
 - Risks
 - Concessions

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- 1972 election
- International system
- Possible North Vietnamese offensive
 - US response
 - Bombing
 - PRC, Soviet Union
 - US response
 - Thailand aircraft
 - Carriers
 - Message for Hanoi
 - Post-1972 election period
- Winston S. Churchill
- Comments on World War I
 - Germany
 - Schlieffen Plan
 - Marne River
 - East Prussia
 - [First Battle of the Marne and Battle of Tannenberg]
 - War
- Audacity and caution
 - Politics, life
 - North Vietnamese
 - Thieu
- Forthcoming meeting with North Vietnamese
 - Possible stonewalling
- Settlement agreement
 - Quality

Kissinger's schedule

- Camp David
 - Timing
 - Announcement
 - [Kissinger's trip to Paris]
 - Publicity
 - Photograph opportunity
 - Walk in woods

Vietnam negotiations

- Settlement agreement
 - Rogers

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- Speeches, credibility
- Ending the war
- Credit to the White House
- Departments
- Approach

Kissinger's schedule

- Camp David
- Arrangements
- Time
- The President's forthcoming conversation with Haldeman
- Helicopter, Jetstar
- The President's forthcoming conversation with Alexander P. Butterfield

Kissinger left and Woods and Butterfield entered at 9:50 am.

Rita de Santis

- Inquiry about possible conversation with Woods

Items for the President's signature

President's schedule

- Camp David
- Length of stay

Butterfield left at 9:53 am.

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De Santis

- Payment
- Mrs. Nixon
- Gift
- Taxes
- The President's papers
- Donation
- Employment

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-Social Security

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John V. ("Jack") Brennan entered at an unknown time after 9:53 am.

Briefcase

Brennan left at an unknown time before 9:57 am.

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De Santis

- Employment
- Mrs. Nixon
- Hair dresser, personal aide

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Frank T. Bow

- Death
- Memorandum
- Time
- Richard K. Cook's telephone call

Butterfield entered at an unknown time after 9:53 am.

-Statement

Kissinger's and Haig's schedules

- Transportation to Camp David and New York City
- Helicopter
- Jetstar
- Arrangements

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-Hagerstown

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 9:57 am.

Bow

-Health

-Heart attacks

-1972 election

-[Ralph S. Regula]

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De Santis

-Employment

-Social Security

-Mrs. Nixon

-The President's personal payroll

-Mrs. Nixon's staff

-Hair dresser

-Payment

-Hair dressers

-Lyndon B. Johnson

-Personal aide

-Payment

-Reimbursement

-Herbert W. Kalmbach

-Frank DeMarco, Jr.

-Assistant to Mrs. Nixon

-Taxes

-Business deduction

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The President's schedule
-Camp David
-Weather

Woods' schedule
Claudia Val's schedule
-New York

The President and Woods left at 9:57 am.