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.
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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END ITEM WITHDRAWN NO. 1

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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.
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
- Kissinger’s 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
-Historical trend
  -Cabinet retention
  -Advantage

Second term reorganization
  -Cabinet
  -White House staff
  -Loyalty
  -Peter G. Peterson
    -Kissinger’s suggestion
    -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. Schecter
  -[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
-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
Military
  -Moore
    -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
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
Conversation No. 814-3 (cont’d)

-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
Conversation No. 814-3 (cont’d)

-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]
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]
Conversation No. 814-3 (cont’d)

-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
-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
Conversion No. 814-3 (cont’d)

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

Briefcase

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

De Santis
- Employment
  - Mrs. Nixon
  - Hairdresser, personal aide

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

Bow
-Health
  -Heart attacks
  -1972 election
  -[Ralph S. Regula]
The President’s schedule
- Camp David
  - Weather

Woods’ schedule
Claudia Val’s schedule
  - New York

The President and Woods left at 9:57 am.