Conversation No. 844-1

Date: January 30, 1973
Time: Between 8:55 am and 9:05 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

Funeral services
- Capitol
- Cathedral
  - William F. (“Billy”) Graham

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

Memo from James D. (“Don”) Hughes to H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman

Woods left at 9:05 am.

Conversation No. 844-2

Date: January 30, 1973
Time: Unknown between 9:05 am and 9:24 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule

Bull left at an unknown time before 9:24 am.
The President met with H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman at 9:24 am.

Press relations
- Henry A. Kissinger
  -Jerrold L. ("Jerry") Schecter
    -Time
  -Kissinger relations with White House
  -India–Pakistan
  -The President's relationship
    -White House staff
    -Kissinger
  -"Man of the Year" cover
  -Schecter
    -Relationship with Kissinger
    -Conversation
  -Charles W. Colson
  -Herbert G. Klein
  -"Johnny Carson Show"
  -Kissinger "Man of the Year" cover story
  -Media
  -Elections of 1970
  -Kissinger’s response to press on bombing
  -Television [TV]
  -David Kraslow
  -Crosby S. Noyes
  -Kissinger and Jews
  -Smith Hempstone, Jr
  -Ronald L. Ziegler
  -Media perceptions
  -News summary
    -Time
    -Newsweek
  -Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
  -John A. Scali
Kissinger entered at 9:41 am.

Haldeman left at 9:42 am.

Kissinger's schedule
   -Joseph W. Alsop
   -Rowland Evans

*Newsweek*
   -Coverage of the President and Vietnam
   -Kissinger’s conversations
     -Henry Hubbard
     -Mel Elfin

Press relations
   -Vietnam War

Kissinger's schedule
   -Robert S. McNamara
     -Economic development
   -Press relations
   -Mail

Press attitude
   -Haldeman
   -TV
   -*Time*

Vietnam settlement
Conversation No. 844-3 (cont’d)

The President's relations with unnamed person [Tran Van Lam]
-Paris
-US relations with South Vietnam
-Schedule for unnamed person [Tran Van Lam]
-Spiro T. Agnew

Agnew's schedule
-Kissinger
-Brent G. Scowcroft
-Itinerary
-Philippines
-The President's schedule
-Philippines
-Report to the Cabinet
-Kissinger's schedule
-North Vietnam
-People's Republic of China [PRC]
-The President's schedule
-Cabinet meeting

Press relations
-Counterattack
-White House attitudes
-Alsops
-List
-Haldeman
-Alsops

Kissinger's schedule
-Hanoi
-Public relations

Agnew
-Meeting with Cabinet

Egyptians
-Meeting with Kissinger
Tran Van Lam and Tran Kim Phuong entered at 9:52 am; Members of the press and the White House photographer were present at the beginning of the meeting.

Introductions

Photo session

Foreign relations
  -US and Vietnam
  -Cease-fire
  -Peace
  -Economic and military support for Vietnam
  -Friendship for Vietnam
  -South Vietnam government
    -Recognition
    -Assistance
    -Influence
  -US policy in Indochina
  -Agnew's visit to Vietnam
    -Areas of discussion
      -Possible recommendations to the US Cabinet
  -Negotiations
    -Congress
      -Economic and military support for South Vietnam
  -Paris negotiations
  -The President's trips to Vietnam
  -Friendship with Vietnamese people
    -Independence
  -US press
    -Nguyen Van Thieu
  -Congress
    -Aid
      -Peace investment
  -International relations with South Vietnam
  -North Vietnam
Vietnam settlement
- Cease-fire
- North Vietnam
  - Communists
- Kissinger
- War and peace
- US policy toward South Vietnamese government
  - Agnew
- Demonstrations
  - Timing
    - Madame Nguyen Binh
  - Paris
- Geneva
- Copenhagen
- Scandinavians
- French
  - Maurice Schumann
  - Demonstration
  - Georges J. R. Pompidou
  - Paris
  - Impact of demonstrations on negotiations
  - Charles A. J. M. DeGaulle
    - The President's state visit
    - Funeral
- Police
- Iceland
- Demonstrations
- France
  - Pompidou
  - Schumann
- William P. Rogers
- Paris
- Copenhagen
- Pompidou
- Finland
  - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
    - Geneva
    - Salzburg
    - Vienna
- Vienna
-Demonstrators
-Geneva
  -North Vietnamese
  -Chinese
-Paris
  -Pompidou
  -Schumann
  -Demonstrations
  -South Vietnamese
  -Hanoi
  -South Vietnam
-US relations with USSR
  -Chinese
  -Hanoi
  -Saigon
  -Schumann
  -Jean Sainteny
-North Vietnam
  -Agreement
    -Souvanna Phouma
    -Nguyen Van Thieu
    -US aid
-South Vietnam
  -Air Force
  -People
  -US relations
    -USSR
    -PRC
    -North Vietnam
  -Laos
  -Cambodia
  -Cease-fire
  -Press relations
  -Congress
  -Communism
-North Vietnam
  -US strategy
  -USSR
  -PRC
-US relations with South Vietnam
Conversation No. 844-3 (cont’d)

-Nixon
-Story

-Kissinger
-Agnew
-Thieu
-North Vietnam
-Effect of bombing
-South Vietnam
-May offensive
-Strength of forces
-Government
-Effect of Communism
-Death statistics
-Cease-fire
-Strategy
-Thieu
-Press relations
-Paris
-Kissinger
-Copenhagen
-Danish Prime Minister
-Danes, Swedes, Norwegians
-Paris
-Vienna
-Geneva
-Pompidou
-Thieu
-Demonstrations
-France
-Cultural influences on Vietnam
-Role in negotiations
-Pompidou
-Relations with US
-Thieu
-Schumann
-Elections
-Socialists
-Communists
-Pierre Mendes-France
-Pompidou
-Copenhagen
-Geneva
Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 9:52 am.

The President's schedule

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:37 am.

Tran Van Lam and Tran Kim Phuong left at 10:37 am.

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 10:37 am.

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 10:39 am.

Bull entered at an unknown time after 10:37 am.

The President's schedule

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 10:39 am.

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:39 am.

Vietnam settlement

Ziegler entered at 10:39 am.

-Ziegler

-North Vietnam
Conversation No. 844-3 (cont’d)

-The President's conversation with Tran Van Lam
-Kissinger's schedule
  -William E. Timmons
  -Trip to Hanoi
  -Time

Press relations
  -Soviet Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
  -Timing of negotiations

Kissinger's suits

Kissinger left at 10:41 am.

Photographers
  -South Vietnamese meeting with the President
  -Bull
  -Gerald L. Warren
  -Haldeman

Kissinger's schedule
  -Haldeman

Ziegler left at an unknown time before 11:05 am.

Conversation No. 844-4

Date: January 30, 1973
Time: Unknown between 10:41 am and 12:02 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Contact with Jerrold L. (“Jerry”) Schacter, (Time)
  -H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
  -Ziegler
  -Henry A. Kissinger
  -John B. Connally
-John D. Ehrlichman

Public interest
- Kissinger
- Vietnam settlement

Haldeman entered at 11:05 am.

Kissinger
- Vietnam
  - Briefing
    - Term "peace with honor"
      - John A. Scali
- Press relations
- North Vietnamese
- Schecter
- Stephen B. Bull
- Press relations
  - Peter Lisagor
    - "Agronsky Show"
  - Awareness

Kissinger
- Messages of December 18, 1972
  - Release
- Briefing Congress
- Press relations
  - Marvin L. Kalb
    - Effect on Nixon and the presidency
- Charles W. Colson and Haldeman
- Press briefing
  - Five points
  - Kalb
- Foreign policy briefing
  - Pre-Vietnam to Vietnam perspective
  - People's Republic of China [PRC]
  - Russia
  - Vietnam
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Conversation No. 844-4 (cont’d)

-Kennedys
  -Public relations value
  -Henry Fairlie book
-Jack J. Valenti
-Schecter
  -Kissinger's role in foreign policy
  -PRC
-PRC
-The President’s PRC policy
-The President's travel accomplishments
  -Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
  -PRC
-William L. Safire
-The President's PRC initiative
  -Kissinger's role
-Meeting with Kalb
  -The President’s policies
-Barbara Walters
-Howard K. Smith
  -Interview with Kissinger
-American Broadcast Corporation [ABC] Special
-Television [TV]
  -Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Press relations
-Scali
-Herbert G. Klein
-Effect on foreign policy
-Effect on presidency
  -Richmond newspaper
  -Joseph W. Alsop
    -William Randolph Hearst, Jr.’s article
      -Bombing
      -Gallup poll
-Scali
-Charles W. Colson
-William P. Rogers
-Melvin R. Laird
-Rogers
-William H. Sullivan
-Haig
Conversation No. 844-4 (cont’d)

- List for Haldeman
  - Nicolas P. (“Nick”) Thimmesch
  - Smith Hempstone, Jr.
  - Crosby S. Noyes
  - David Kraslow
  - Joseph W. and Stewart J. O. Alsop
  - Rowland Evans
  - Roscoe Drummond

- Vietnam War
  - Herman Kahn
    - Article in "Readers Digest"
    - Colson and Patrick J. Buchanan

- Chester Lott
  - Inaugural speeches
  - Vietnam speeches
  - Raymond K. Price, Jr.
    - Lee W. Huebner

- Bruce Herschensohn
  - Buchanan

Press coverage of White House
  - Hugh S. Sidey
  - Colson
  - Time
  - Ehrlichman
    - Sidey
  - James B. (“Scotty”) Reston
  - Schecter
  - Kissinger
    - Potential value
      - Vietnam
      - The President’s foreign policy

The President’s foreign policy
  - 1960s
  - Vietnamization
    - Laird
  - Korea and Vietnam
    - US actions
      - Troops, materials, arms and goods
-Russians
  -1966 and 1967
-PRC
  -Vietnam

Kissinger and the press
  -Metternich's policies in 1815
  -Buchanan
  -Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
  -Presentation
    -Live compared to taped
    -Kalb
    -Topics for emphasis
    -Schecter
  -CBS
  -Position on bombing in Vietnam
  -Upcoming trip
  -Public image
    -Initial secret trip to PRC
  -Evans and Robert D. Novak
  -Joseph W. Alsop
  -Character
    -Kissinger's daughter
    -The President's daughters
    -Schecter
    -Reston
    -Joseph C. Kraft
    -Schecter
    -Noyes
      -Washington Star
  -Kraslow
  -Noyes
  -Noyes

Press relations
  -White House press announcement
  -TV
    -Timing
    -Kissinger's trip to Hanoi
    -William E. Timmons
Ziegler left at 11:19 am.

Press relations
- Ziegler
- Noyes
- Kahn
- Colson
- Ziegler
- *Time*
  - Kissinger
  - Schecter
- *Newsweek*
- *Time's* coverage of the President in an article on Vietnam
- Ehrlichman
  - Schedule
  - San Clemente
  - Henry Hubbard and Henry Trewhitt
    - *Newsweek*
- Buchanan
- Colson
- Editorials supporting the President
  - Richmond, Virginia
  - Colson's response
- "Left-wing" press
- TV commentators

Kissinger
- Bombing

Office furniture
- New chair

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 11:19 am.

Refreshment order

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 12:02 pm.

Office furniture
The President’s other chair

Kissinger
- White House relations
- Scali
- Haldeman
- Colson
- Press relations
- Hanoi and Peking trip
- Soviet summit
  - Helmut (“Hal”) Sonnenfeldt
    - Knowledge
    - Qualities
- Intentions
- Schecter
  - Scali

Press relations
- News editorials
- Cease-fire
- Kissinger
  - Positive image
- Colson
  - Kissinger’s mail
    - Volume
  - Hypothetical letters about the President
    - William Moyers
  - Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

Government administration
- Post-election plans
  - Daniel P (“Pat”) Moynihan
    - Advice on internal public relations [PR] activities
    - Celebrations
  - Colson
- Post-election period
  - Appraised in long and short terms of actions
    - Celebrations
    - Cabinet
    - Florida vacation
Inaugural
Press relations
Dan Rather
Barbara Walters
The President’s relations with staff
Cabinet
Staff
Mood
Spirit
News summary
Hearst
Press relations
Celebration
Lyndon B. Johnson
Funeral
Church
Vietnam settlement

Press relations
Colson
Schecter
Kissinger
Barry M. Goldwater
Editors
Colson
Buchanan
Haig
Vietnam War
“Peace with honor”
Kennedy and Johnson
Gallup poll
Communists
Mortality statistics
Johnson’s policy
Prisoners of War [POWs]
Communism
Bombing
Public opinion
Amnesty
Media
-Deserters
  -Penalty
-POWs and POW wives
  -Mrs. William B. Nolde
  -Death of Lt. Col. William B. Nolde
  -Son's response

The President's schedule
  -Houston, Texas
  -Arkansas
  -Texas
  -Presentation of Medal of Freedom or Citizen's Medal
    -Mrs. Nolde
      -Medal of Honor
  -Possible visit to Arkansas
    -Wilbur D. Mills
    -Republican Committee congressional memorandum
      -Harris County, Texas
    -Timmons
    -Moynihan
  -Possible trip to Houston
    -Motorcade
    -Plane
    -Presentation of medal to Mrs. Nolde

Administration reorganization
  -David M. Kennedy
  -Moynihan
  -Public image
    -The President's travels
      -Florida
      -Need for advance work

Kissinger
  -Schecter

Scheduling
  -Spiro T. Agnew
  -California
  -Washington
-Kissinger's return
  -Cabinet meeting
  -Possible Agnew presentation
-Staff meeting
  -Anne L. Armstrong
    -Robert H. Finch and Donald H. Rumsfeld

Buchanan
  -Book

White House contacts with media
  -Kissinger
    -Stewart Alsop
    -Public relations concerns
      -Compared to campaign activities
  -Kissinger
    -Letters

Budget
  -Tim Harris
  -Press relations
  -Media and Congress
    -Tax issue
    -Office of Economic Opportunity [OEO]

Haldeman left at 12:02 pm.