

NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF**Tape Subject Log***(rev. 10/06)*

Transcript #1: Part of a conversation between President Nixon and Henry A. Kissinger in the Oval Office between 11:52 am and 12:07 pm on April 26, 1971.

Conversation No. 489-5#1

President: My point is, you've got to show 'em right after these demonstrations that we're not gonna be affected by them. I don't want them to --.

Kissinger: I'm going [unintelligible].

President: See, why don't they just stop?

Kissinger: Uh --.

President: I want ya to stop indicating we're going to be affected by 'em.

Kissinger: I'm for it.

President: The only thing to do is demand --

Kissinger: I agree.

President: -- so, oh, you tell them to just go in protective reaction. Call it protective reaction --

Kissinger: Well --.

President: -- and let 'em have it.

Kissinger: Right.

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President: Understand?

Kissinger: Absolutely.

President: This is the time to do it.

Kissinger: Absolutely.

President: So, uh, they, uh, the, they kill seven American just, that is, by, uh, by random shelling, right?

Kissinger: Yes, well, that's the only thing they'll understand.

President: Yeah. Also it'll, I mainly wanted to know if we could more effectively demonstrations.

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Transcript #2: Part of a conversation between President Nixon and Henry A. Kissinger in the Oval Office between 11:52 am and 12:07 pm on April 26, 1971.

Conversation No. 489-5#2

President: You're gonna give 'em a date, and he's not gonna give 'em a date.

Kissinger: No, if he, however, says we're prepared to give a date deadline, that's exactly what I plan to tell them.

President: Well --.

Kissinger: And then if you want, you can go this route, but it would, that would really look like yielding to the demonstration. Then you should do it. Why let him do it?

President: Uh, no. I'm not gonna [unintelligible] the thing. We're, we, look, we've gotta discuss it.

Kissinger: But that they'll accept.

President: Hmm?

Kissinger: They'll accept a --.

President: No way in hell they will.

Kissinger: Certainly.

President: Cease fire?

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Kissinger: Well, I think, Mr. President, that's such a big step to take that at an ordinary session, in the middle of demonstrations.

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Transcript #3: Part of a conversation among President Nixon, Henry A. Kissinger, and Stephen B. Bull in the Oval Office between 11:52 am and 12:07 pm on April 26, 1971.

Conversation No. 489-5#3

President: Make it a comprehensive offer: we turn over the ten thousand thousand people, we do all these, the [unintelligible] things.

Kissinger: Right.

President: You see?

Kissinger: Right, right.

President: That's what we have to do. That's the only thing we have to wor-, the re-, I don't give a damn about the Congress, demonstrations, or anything else, but I've got to keep the POW wives from takin' off.

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Conversation No. 489-5#4

Kissinger: I just, well, you know my view. We have to keep the package so that we haven't, particularly while these demonstrations are going on, because Hanoi is misreading these damn demonstrations --

President: Yeah, sure.

Kissinger: -- as they always have.