

## NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF



**Tape Subject Log**  
(rev. 10/06)

Conversation No. 309-1

Date: December 24, 1971  
Time: 12:00 pm - 1:37 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with John D. Ehrlichman.

- Yeoman Charles E. Radford incident
  - Robert O. Welander
  - Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
    - Talk with David R. Young, Jr.
      - Concern over quality of evidence
  - Ehrlichman
    - Meeting with Henry A. Kissinger and Haig
      - Tape of Welander interview
      - Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
        - Kissinger and Haig
          - Satisfaction with Moorer
        - Backchannels
      - Kissinger monologue to Ehrlichman
        - Timing
    - William P. Rogers
      - Moorer's possible replacement
        - Praise for Moorer
    - R. C. ("Hugh") Robinson interview
      - Haig
    - Melvin R. Laird
      - Previous conversation with the President
      - John F. Kennedy administration
      - Lyndon B. Johnson administration
      - Time on Appropriations Committee

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

[Personal Returnable]

[Duration: 12s ]

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Radford incident

- Moorer
- Kissinger
- Haig
- Kissinger
  - Reactions
  - State Department
    - Leaks
  - Kissinger
  - Rogers
    - John F. Kennedy
      - Pakistan
  - Kissinger's style
  - Rogers
    - Relationship with the President
  - India-Pakistan War
    - Situation compared to Cuba by State Department
  - Secretary of State
  - Joseph F. Kraft
    - Kissinger
      - Conflict with Rogers

Rogers's press conference

- Bombing of North Vietnam

Kissinger entered at 12:15 pm.

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Ehrlichman

- Water Quality Bill [?]
- Discussed at a later date

Radford incident

- Moorer
- [Unintelligible]
- Briefcases
  - Haig
- John N. Mitchell
- Moorer
  - Joint Chiefs of Staff [JCS] Liaison Office
    - Background
      - David [?] Ginsberg
    - Laird
    - Haig
- Robinson
  - Interrogation
    - Ehrlichman
  - President's displeasure with Radford incident
    - Amount of time
- JCS
- National Security Council [NSC]
  - McGeorge Bundy
    - Source
      - Use information
- Moorer resignation
  - Decision
    - Potential risks
- Laird
- [Unintelligible]
- US public opinion
  - Complexity of Radford incident
    - Difficult to understand
- Wall Street Journal* editorial
- Leaks within government
- Moorer
- Survival of military establishment
- Future for Radford

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

[Privacy]

[Duration: 5s ]

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- Pentagon
- Documents
  - Jack N. Anderson
  - Unknown name
- Briefcase
- Moorer resignation
  - Consideration
- Transfer of Radford
  - Under surveillance
  - Federal Bureau of Investigations [FBI]
    - Mitchell
      - Talk with Ehrlichman
    - Anderson
- Press coverage of Radford incident
  - Concern
- Surveillance of Radford
  - Length of time
- Moorer
  - Proposed talk with Kissinger
- [Unintelligible]
  - President's instructions to Ehrlichman
- John B. Connally's knowledge
- Spiro T. Agnew's knowledge
- Kissinger, Haig and Young
  - JCS
- Laird
  - Mitchell
    - President's instructions
      - Informing Laird

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- JCS
  - White House staff
    - Secretaries
    - Unknown person
  - Laird's General Counsel
  - Richard G. Kleindienst
  - Robert C. Mardian
  - Anderson
  - Laird
  - Effect on administration
  - Effect on the military
    - Potential damage
  - Ehrlichman's call to Mitchell
    - Laird's talk with Mitchell
    - Laird
  - Moorer
    - Kissinger's attitude
  - [Unintelligible]
  - JCS
    - Johnson Administration
      - Historical significance
  - Haig
  - People's Republic of China [PRC] trip
- Kissinger's schedule
- Timing
- PRC and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] trips
- Foreign policy
- Vietnam
    - North Vietnamese
      - Actions
      - Prisoners of War [POWs]
      - Leslie T. ("Bob") Hope
        - Negotiations
        - Release of POWs
- Busing (school cases)
- Justice and State Departments

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- Solicitor General
- Mitchell
- Erwin N. Griswold
  - President's forthcoming call to Griswold

Kissinger's schedule  
 -New York

The President's schedule  
 -Photo opportunities  
 -Phone calls  
 -Number

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

[Privacy]

[Duration: 1m 18s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

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Kissinger left at 12:45 pm.

- Criticism of Kissinger
- Kissinger's place in history
- Role in foreign policy
- Nelson A. Rockefeller
- Relations with Moorer
  - Suggested future cooperation
- John A. Scali
- Work relationship

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 16

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[Duration: 7s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 16

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- Kissinger's relationship with Rogers
- Ehrlichman's view
  - Rogers
    - Tensions with Kissinger
      - Differences
    - Press conference
      - Particular strengths and skill
  - State Department
    - Praise from the President
  - Kissinger's and Rogers's working relationship

## Environmental legislation

- Treasury Department
  - Connally
    - Tax impact
    - Ehrlichman to write to Connally
      - Need for Connally's assistance
      - Presidential support
- Water Bill
  - Progress in the House
  - Veto
  - Administration strategy
  - George P. Shultz
    - Budgetary implications
      - Potential problems
  - Conference committee
    - Possible reservations by the President

## Real estate taxation legislation

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- Charles W. Colson, Richard A. Moore and Scali
  - Edmund S. Muskie
- Connally
  - State of the Union Address
- Ehrlichman's talk with Connally
  - McElroy Commission
    - Ehrlichman's conversation with [Forename unknown] Walton
- Ehrlichman meeting with William Baroody and other conservatives in education field
  - Timing
- Interest groups
- John W. Byrnes
- Colson
  - Real estate tax
- Neil H. McElroy
  - Commission
- Real estate taxes
- Legislative proposal

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 12  
[Personal Returnable]  
[Duration: 32s ]

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Ehrlichman's schedule

- California
  - President's forthcoming meeting with Eisaku Sato

President's State of the Union Message

- To be worked on in California

Value added tax

- Connally's reaction to

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- Kenneth R. Cole, Jr. [?]
- President's view
  - Trade unions
  - President's instructions
  - White House's reaction to
  - Elliot L. Richardson's view
  - Connally to speak
    - Dick [Surname unknown]
  - President's State of the Union Message
  - Meeting with Connally
    - Apparent difficulties
    - Ehrlichman's schedule
  - President's State of the Union Message
    - Amount of time to be worked on

Defense budget

- President's telephone list
- Unknown man
- Laird
  - Support for budget
- Shultz
- Laird
- Shultz
- Kissinger

Kissinger and Rogers

- Kissinger
  - Value to the administration
  - Concerns
- Rogers
- India-Pakistan War
- Kissinger
  - Style and demeanor
  - Laos
  - India-Pakistan War
  - Laos
    - Effect on public opinion
  - Marquis Childs
  - Kraft
  - James B. ("Scotty") Reston
    - "Kissinger's world"

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- Family and personal life
- Style on the job
  - Connally
    - Compared to other White House staffers
    - Family life
- Rogers
  - Family life
  - Press conference on India-Pakistan War
    - News summary
    - New York Times*
    - John F. Kennedy
    - Apparent lack of focus
- President's personnel management abilities
  - Time* magazine
    - Previous interview with Ehrlichman
      - Shultz's phone calls
- Kissinger's relations with Laird and Rogers
- Kissinger
- Kissinger's response during crisis
  - Style
    - Various political and domestic problems
    - National Broadcasting Company [NBC]
      - Rogers
      - Aspects of the President's job
  - Israel
  - Middle East
  - Laos

Leslie T. ("Bob") Hope comments on release of POWs

- Haig
- Kissinger
  - Reactions

Moorer and incident with Radford

- Welander
  - Kissinger
- JCS

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[Privacy]

[Duration: 34s]

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## Kissinger

- Talk with the President
- Talk of leaving the Administration
- Intellectualism
  - Potential problems
  - President's view
- Religion
  - Universities
  - “Liberal intellectualism”
- Scientists
  - Universe
- Relationship with President
  - President's justification

## President's signing the National Cancer Act of 1971

- News stories
  - Newspaper and television
- Edward M. Kennedy
- Audience
- John G. Schmitz[?]
  - Individual receiving pen from the President
- E. Kennedy
- President's remarks
- Money

## Movie "Brian's Song"

- Channel 2
- American Broadcasting Corporation [ABC] show
- Gale E. Sayers and Brian Piccolo
  - Cancer
- Race relations

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- President's recommendation Ehrlichman and all White House staff see it
- Screening in the White House
  - Ehrlichman's role
  - Paul Fisher
    - Timing
  - Ehrlichman's schedule

Movie "French Connection"

- Police
- Drug traffic
- Compared to unknown movie
  - Realism

Kissinger's personality

Public reaction

- India-Pakistan War
- Georges J.R. Pompidou
- International monetary affairs
- Middle East
  - US Jewish population
  - Media coverage
- India

Indira Gandhi's visit to US

Kissinger and Rogers

- PRC and Soviet trips
  - William C. Sullivan
    - Sullivan's remark to Kissinger
      - State Department
- Conflict between Kissinger and Rogers
- Rogers's reaction to the PRC trip
- PRC and Soviet trips compared
  - Significance

State Department

- Department of Health, Education and Welfare [HEW]
- Leaks
- Staff during Democrat administrations

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Government bureaucracy

- Liberals
- Conservatives
- Jews

Kissinger

- San Clemente
- Ehrlichman's talks with Kissinger

President's relations with his staff

- Socializing
- Kissinger
  - Dinners
- Compared to Dwight D. Eisenhower's relations with his staff
  - Administration's effort to promote goodwill
  - Praise from the President

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 9

[Privacy]

[Duration: 37s ]

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F. Donald Nixon

- Ehrlichman's previous conversation with Donald Nixon
- Christmas plans
- Activities
- European business connections
  - Robert L. Vesco
    - Investors Overseas Services, Ltd. [IOS]
- Donald Nixon's boss
  - [Forename unknown] Straub
  - Meeting with Ehrlichman
  - Donald Nixon's move to Bahamas

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- Donald Nixon's appeal
- White House Connection
  - Efforts to see the President
- Vesco
  - Jail
  - Harry L. Sears
  - Mitchell

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 14

[Privacy]

[Duration: 26s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 14

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 10

[Personal Returnable]

[Duration: 4m 30s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 10

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- President's schedule
  - California
  - Florida
    - Eisaku Sato
    - Upcoming meeting

President's upcoming interview with Dan Rather

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Radio message  
-Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]  
-Story about Vietnam War  
-Soldier

Christmas and New Year greetings

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 15  
[Personal Returnable]  
[Duration: 2m 17s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 15

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Kissinger  
  
Cole  
-Oklahoma [?]  
  
President's State of the Union message  
-Raymond K. Price, Jr. and Ehrlichman

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 11  
[Personal Returnable]  
[Duration: 1m 40s ]

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Ehrlichman left at 1:37 pm.

Conversation No. 309-2

Date: December 24, 1971  
Time: 1:37 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 17-4]

Request for a call to George P. Shultz

Conversation No. 309-3

Date: December 24, 1971  
Time: 1:37 pm - 1:46 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with George P. Shultz.

[See Conversation No. 17-5; one item has been withdrawn from the conversation]

Conversation No. 309-4

Date: December 24, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 1:46 pm and 1:48 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Gen. James D. ("Don") Hughes's wish to talk to the President on the phone

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-Liberia

First Family Christmas photos

-Blue Room

-Ronald L. Ziegler and Constance M. Stuart

-Photo by wire services and Oliver F. ("Ollie") Atkins

President's instructions

-Gen. Walter R. Tkach

Bull left at an unknown time before 1:48 pm.

Conversation No. 309-5

Date: December 24, 1971

Time: Unknown between 1:46 pm and 1:48 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 17-6]

Request for a call to Gen. James D. ("Don") Hughes

Conversation No. 309-6

Date: December 24, 1971

Time: 1:48 pm - 1:49 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Gen. James D. ("Don") Hughes.

[See Conversation No. 17-7]

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Conversation No. 309-7

Date: December 24, 1971  
Time: 1:49 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 17-8]

Conversation No. 309-8

Date: December 24, 1971  
Time: 1:50 pm - 1:51 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Gen. James D. ("Don") Hughes.

[See Conversation No. 17-9]

Conversation No. 309-9

Date: December 24, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 1:51 pm and 1:56 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator

[See Conversation No. 17-10]

Request for a call to John W. Chancellor

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Conversation No. 309-10

Date: December 24, 1971  
Time: 1:56 pm - 2:01 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with John W. Chancellor.

[See Conversation No. 17-11]

Conversation No. 309-11

Date: December 24, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 2:01 pm and 2:06 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 17-12]

Request for a call to Nelson A. Rockefeller

Conversation No. 309-12

Date: December 24, 1971  
Time: 2:06 pm - 2:12 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Nelson A. Rockefeller.

[See Conversation No. 17-13; one item has been withdrawn from the conversation]

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Conversation No. 309-13

Date: December 24, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 2:12 pm and 2:16 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 17-14]

Request for a call to Ronald W. Reagan

Conversation No. 309-14

Date: December 24, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 2:12 pm and 2:16 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

Letters  
-Out box

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:16 pm.

Conversation No. 309-15

Date: December 24, 1971  
Time: 2:16 pm - 2:21 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Ronald W. Reagan.

[See Conversation No. 17-15; one item has been withdrawn from the conversation]