

Date: January 25, 1972  
Time: 9:18 am - 9:19 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Charles W. Colson.

Conv. No. 655-5 (cont.)

The President's schedule

- The President's Vietnam peace proposal speech, January 25, 1972
- Meeting with Richard M. Scammon
  - Postponement
  - Rescheduling
    - Colson and H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- Books written with Benjamin J. Wattenberg, *The New Majority* (1970)
- The President's reading

Conversation No. 655-2

Date: January 25, 1972  
Time: Unknown after 9:19 am until 9:53 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

Speech draft [?]

Butterfield left at 9:53 am.

Conversation No. 655-3

Date: January 25, 1972  
Time: Unknown before 9:55 am and 12:32 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

India-Pakistan

- Unknown person's conversation with Haldeman
- Questions

Butterfield left and H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman entered at 9:55 am.

The President's Vietnam peace proposal speech, January 25, 1972

- Scheduling

- Networks
  - National Broadcasting Company [NBC] special
  - Ronald L. Ziegler
- Problem
- Ziegler's knowledge of content
  - Kissinger's informing
  - Contact with Haldeman

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John A. Scali

- Henry A. Kissinger's assessment
  - State Department
- Opinion of William P. Rogers
  - State Department
- Kissinger's conflict with Rogers
- Haldeman's reluctance to inform about Kissinger-Rogers conflict
  - Scali's possible book
  - Kissinger
- Kissinger's view
  - Haldeman's view

Kissinger

- Handling
  - Clark MacGregor
    - Problems with Congress
- Relations with White House staff
  - Disagreements
- Patrick J. Buchanan [?]
- The President's talk with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 9:55 am.

Unknown object

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 10:36 am.

Scali

- Knowledge of content of US peace proposal for Vietnam
  - Timing of release
    - White House staff
- Leaks
  - Kissinger
  - Background information
    - Networks
    - Credibility
  - Previous actions
  - People's Republic of China [PRC] trip preparations
    - Kissinger
      - Talk with the President
      - Newsmen in PRC
  - PRC
    - Release of information

US peace proposal for Vietnam

- Edward W. Brooke
  - Speech before Republicans, January 24, 1972
    - Troop withdrawals
      - Prisoners of war [POWs]
  - Possible leaks from administration
    - Kissinger
    - The President
    - Defense Department
      - Brooke's administrative assistant
    - Relation to Murrey Marder story
      - Melvin R. Laird's concern
        - Kissinger's view
        - Speculation
  - Speech
    - Importance
    - Effect on the President's address
    - Publicity
    - Effect on the President's address
      - Speculation
      - Possible lessening of impact
      - Administration strategy
    - Perception of the President's forthcoming speech
      - Secret talks
      - Nguyen Van Thieu's resignation
    - Publicity
      - Public perception of senators' speeches
      - Haldeman's talk with Kissinger
  - Kissinger's briefing, January 26, 1972
    - Preparation
  - The President's schedule, January 24, 1972
    - Talk with Kissinger
  - Preparation for television set-up
    - The President's schedule

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The President's schedule

- Richard M. Scammon
  - The President's recent call to Charles W. Colson
- Robert H. Finch

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The President's schedule

- Robert H. Finch
  - California trip
    - Decision on possible congressional race
      - John G. Schmitz
      - Reflection on the President

California politics

Conv. No. 655-5 (cont.)

- Redistricting
  - John G. Schmitz
  - Legislature's proposal
    - Court decision
  - 1972 election
    - Time limitation
  - New congressional seats
    - Republican vs. Democrat chances
  - Renew after 1972
  - Primary
    - Court decision
- Robert H. Finch
  - John G. Schmitz's seat
  - The President's campaign strategy
    - Pennsylvania
    - New York
    - California
    - Primaries
  - Campaigning
    - Splitting time
    - Schedule
  - Possible congressional race
    - Compared to John G. Schmitz [?]
  - Career prospects
    - House of Representatives
    - Senate
    - Campaigning
    - Benefits to the President's election
      - As a congressman
  - Current position
    - Speechmaking
  - California trip
    - Forthcoming January 26, 1972 conversation with Ronald W. Reagan
      - Ronald W. Reagan's possible political future
      - Robert H. Finch's career prospects
        - Senate seat
          - Alan Cranston
          - John V. Tunney
      - Telephone call from the President
  - Political prospects
    - House of Representatives
      - Personal attitude
    - Finances
      - Carol (Crothers) Finch

- Congress
- Law firms
- Senate
- Possible run
- Political potential

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Robert H. Finch

- Speeches
  - Importance
  - Constituency
  - News coverage
    - Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
      - Attacks on opponents
    - Example
      - Dartmouth College
  - Schedule
  - News summary

Speeches

- News coverage
  - News summary
  - John B. Connally
  - John A. Volpe
  - George W. Romney
  - Elliot L. Richardson
    - Edward M. Kennedy
  - Volpe
    - New Hampshire
  - Rogers C. B. Morton
    - Julie Nixon Eisenhower

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Robert H. Finch

- Benefits to the President's campaign
- Local TV

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Budget message, January 24, 1972

- Buchanan's news analysis
  - Economy
  - Conservatives' reactions to budget proposal
    - Holmes Alexander
    - Unknown person
- News summary
  - Connally and George P. Shultz
    - Network appearances
- The President's refusal to comment
  - Ziegler's reaction
- Ziegler
  - Performance
- Quality as a news story
  - Connally's view
    - Compared to that of rest of Cabinet
    - Blame and credit for the President
      - Rogers's and Laird's reactions
  - Connally's actions
    - Shultz
- Deficits
  - Problem
  - Significance as issue
    - State of economy
- Democrats' suggestions
  - Human resources
  - Defense
  - Ceiling
  - Concrete alternatives
    - Press coverage

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## Economy

- Wage and price controls
  - Colson
  - Donald H. Rumsfeld
  - Connally's outline
  - Dan Rather's question during interview, January 2, 1972
    - Paul W. McCracken
    - The President's response
      - Duration of controls
      - Inflation
  - Connally's view
  - Shultz's view
  - Buchanan's comments
  - Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson
  - Reaction
    - Shultz's understanding
  - McCracken's assessment
    - Administration reaction
      - Herbert Stein
      - Shultz
      - Connally

- Result
- Rumsfeld and Shultz
- Connally's plan
  - Cabinet meeting
    - Need for Administration unity
  - Duration of controls
    - Inflation
      - Goal
- Press

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#### News summaries

- Buchanan
  - Work
    - Organization
    - Quality
- Frequency
  - Need for perspective
- Coverage of issues
- News coverage of administration policy issues
  - Forthcoming campaign
  - The President's annotations
  - Buchanan's outlook
  - Vietnam
  - PRC announcement
  - Economy
    - Inflation

#### Economy

- Economic writers
  - Buchanan's assessment
  - Left wing
  - Equivocation
    - McCracken's memoranda

#### News coverage of administration

- Hugh S. Sidey article
  - Criticism of the President's forthcoming trip to PRC
    - Expense of television coverage
    - Compared with John F. Kennedy's foreign travel
- Thesis
  - Democrats
    - Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson
      - Publicity
- The President's trips, 1961-69
  - Publicity
    - Time-Life Corporation
    - New Hampshire
      - Television networks
        - Primary
- Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson
  - Televised news conferences

- Double standard
- Sidey
  - Possible conversation with Haldeman
  - Possible conversation with Ziegler
  - Recent article
    - Fairness
    - Effect
  - Writing about underdogs
- Power of the presidency
- Sidey
  - Purpose of writing
- Frustration of the President's opponents
  - New Hampshire primary
    - PRC trip
- The President's Vietnam peace proposal speech
  - The President's talk with Kissinger, January 24, 1972
    - Kissinger's concerns
      - Criticism
      - Press anger, attacks
- Bias
  - Kissinger's backgrounders
- Television
  - Press conferences
  - Vietnam announcements
    - November 3, 1971
  - Cambodia announcement, April 30, 1970
    - Effect on polls
    - The President's efforts
      - Press conference, statement
      - California
  - Laos invasion
    - Handling
  - Budget
    - Connally
  - Laos
    - Handling
    - Kissinger's backgrounders
- The President's Vietnam peace proposal speech
  - Public reaction
  - POWs
    - Wives
  - Thieu resignation
    - Possible reaction
      - Intellectuals
      - Accusation of surrender
    - Initiation of offer
    - Election
- PRC trip
  - Jack N. Anderson [?]
  - Vietnam
    - Kissinger's view

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-Fear of US victory

The President's State of the Union Address

- Buchanan and Raymond K. Price, Jr.'s theses
- John D. Ehrlichman's view
- The President's view

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The President's interview with Rather

- The President's tactics
- Buchanan's view
- Alexander column
- Other officials' views
- Desire for fight

Buchanan thesis on the presidency

- Controversy in issues
- Desirability
- Compared with presidential stature
- Ehrlichman's view
- Incumbency
- Price's view
- Campaigning
- 1970 election
- Media reaction
- 1972 campaign
- Edith Efron's book [*The News Twisters*]
- Credibility
- [Forename unknown] Weiner [sp?]
- Ehrlichman
- Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1944
- World War II

Ziegler entered at 10:36 am.

The President's Vietnam peace proposal speech

- Scheduling
- American Broadcasting Corporation [ABC] and Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
- NBC
- Special, *The Search for the Nile*
- West Coast viewers
- ABC movie
- NBC special
- Audience make-up
- School children
- Size
- NBC
- Compared to ABC, CBS
- Scheduled network programs
- CBS
- Hawaii Five-O*

- Special, *I'm a Fan*
  - Dick Van Dyke
  - Carol Channing
- Ziegler's call to the networks
- ABC, CBS preference
- NBC preference
- Administration review and decision-making
- Audience
  - West Coast consideration
  - Advance announcement
- News build-up
  - Brooke
- Audience
- Replaying out-takes
  - West
  - Value
- Scheduling
  - Press briefing
    - Congress
  - A Day in the Life of the President*
  - NBC special on the Nile River
    - Serialization
    - Audience make-up
      - Compared with probable audience for CBS and ABC scheduled programs
        - Hawaii Five-O*
        - All in the Family*
          - Archie Bunker
          - Michael Stivick

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*All in the Family*

- ABC
- Writers
  - Background
    - Paul W. Keyes
  - Intentions and results
    - Bunker
      - Compared to Stivick
      - Prejudices
      - Possible changes to character
    - Changes
    - Social message
      - Compared to entertainment value
    - Compared with movie, *Joe*
- Ziegler's viewing
- Portrayal of blacks

The President's Vietnam peace proposal speech

- Scheduling

Kissinger entered at 10:48 am.

- Notification of Thieu
- West Coast consideration
- Networks' preferences
- Radio audience on West Coast
- NBC special
  - Compared with ABC movie and CBS special
  - Audiences
- Ziegler's briefing

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Ziegler left at 10:51 am.

- Connally's views
  - Lack of proposals in Johnson Administration
    - Johnson's possible reaction
    - Paris talks
      - “Shape of the table” phrase
    - Release of text
    - The President's May 14, 1969 announcement
  - Origins of wars
    - Study
    - Possible deletion
      - Public opinion
      - Private comment
      - Safire's view
    - Purpose for inclusion
- William L. Safire's work
  - Deletions
- Connally's views
  - Diction
  - Thieu's forthcoming statement
  - Quality of suggestions
    - Rogers
- Safire's work
  - Cute phrases
    - Deletion
- Kissinger's forthcoming briefing
  - Details of agreement
    - Complexity
      - Press reception
    - Residual force
    - POWs
      - Eight-point plan
  - Previous withdrawal and cease-fire for POWs offers
    - May 31, 1971
  - Kissinger's call to Ellsworth F. Bunker, January 24, 1972
    - South Vietnamese perception of plan
      - Complexity
  - Two stage plan, October 11, 1971
    - US flexibility
  - Residual force

- North Vietnamese reaction
  - POW for troop withdrawal proposal
    - Cease-fire
- Variations on terms
  - Public statements
  - Duration
- David Kraslow's call to Kissinger, January 25, 1972 Conv. No. 655-5 (cont.)
  - Brooke's speech
  - Kissinger's speech to Women's National Press Club in New York City, January 26, 1972

The President left at an unknown time before 11:07 am.

- Brooke speech
  - Leak to Brooke
    - Laird
  - Possible effect
    - Speculation
    - Leaks
      - Laird's call to Kissinger, January 22, 1972
        - Vietnam bombing
        - Troop withdrawal for POWs proposal
- State Department reaction
  - Robert J. McCloskey
    - Compared with Dwight L. Chapin's probable reaction
      - Call to Haldeman or Ziegler
    - Ziegler
- Kraslow's call to Kissinger
  - Accusation
  - POW troop withdrawal for POWs proposal
    - North Vietnamese refusal
      - New York Times*
    - Kraslow's deadline

The President entered at an unknown time after 10:56 am.

- Troop withdrawal for POWs proposal
  - North Vietnamese reaction
    - Kraslow's call to Kissinger
  - Differentiation from previous proposal
    - Kraslow
  - Possible media reactions
    - Washington Post*
    - New York Times*
    - Time*
    - Newsweek*
    - Compared with reaction to Cambodia and November 3, 1969 statements
    - Agreement
    - Administration strategy
    - Reasons behind disagreement
    - Compared with criticism on PRC trip and India-Pakistan policy

India-Pakistan

- US policy
- Kurt Waldheim's views
- United Nations [UN] vote

Waldheim

- Compared to U Thant

Conv. No. 655-5 (cont.)

The President's trip to PRC

- Initial reactions
- Revised reactions
  - Possible success
  - Edward Kennedy's comments
  - PRC embassy in Ottawa

The President's Vietnam peace proposal speech

- Connally's view
  - Initial reaction, January 20, 1972
  - Current view
  - Suggestions
- Deletions
- Qualities

POW families

- Kissinger's forthcoming meeting
- Organizing for campaign
  - News summary
  - Sidey's [?] view
  - Primaries
  - Democrats
- Possible effect of the President's speech
- Previous talks with Kissinger
  - Plea for deadline
- Previous talks with the President
- Cease-fire and Thieu resignation
  - POWs

*Time's* scenario on Vietnam

- News summary
- The President's trip to PRC
  - Possible North Vietnamese offensive against South Vietnam
    - Possible effect
      - Likelihood
  - Effect of the President's speech

Ziegler entered at 11:07 am.

The President's Vietnam peace proposal speech

- Scheduling
  - ABC movie

- CBS interruption of *Hawaii Five-O*
- Ziegler's forthcoming press briefing
  - Length of speech
    - Complications of reporting approximate length
  - Address
    - Compared to statement
- Questions from reporters Conv. No. 655-5 (cont.)
  - Nature of speech
    - Ziegler's conversation with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
  - The President's possible meeting with William J. Porter
    - Photograph
  - Kissinger's meeting with Porter
    - Length
- Significance of address
- Caution to reporters about speculation
  - Fixed withdrawal date
  - Previous North Vietnamese refusal of proposal to *New York Times*, January 21
  - Ziegler's credibility
- Porter
- Schedule

Ziegler left at 11:14 am.

#### Thieu

- Speech, January 26, 1972
- Speech
  - Reference to reelection
    - US stance
- Possible resignation
  - Possible effect
- Laird
  - Kissinger's call, January 25, 1972
    - Briefing by Haig
  - Testimony before Congress
  - Bunker
  - Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.
  - Porter

#### Vietnam

- Laird
  - Bombing attacks
    - Call to Kissinger, January 22, 1972
  - Dealing with Haldeman
- Bombing
  - Washington Post* story by Mike Getler
    - Accuracy
  - Duration
    - The President's effort
    - Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
    - Defense Department

- Targets
  - Joint Chiefs of Staff [JCS]
  - Gen. Robert E. Pursley
  - Restrictions
- Haig's return from PRC
- Congressional schedule
- Weather
- Possible success
- Protest to French by Hanoi
- Damage
- Washington Post* story
  - Leaks
    - Possible call to Laird
    - Rogers
- Duration
  - Laird's view
  - JCS view

Conv. No. 655-5 (cont.)

Ziegler entered at 11:17 am.

- Vietnam peace proposal speech
  - Brooke speech
    - POWs for deadline
    - Viet Cong reaction
  - Ziegler's briefing
    - Caution to reporters about speculation
  - Viet Cong

Ziegler left at 11:18 am

- Vietnam
  - Bombing
    - Possible calls to Laird and Moorer
    - Duration
      - JCS
      - The President's order
        - Compared to JCS request
  - Targets
    - Restrictions
  - Record
    - Possible White House publication
  - Washington Post* story leak
    - JCS
      - Pursley
        - Clark M. Clifford
      - Doves
      - Air Force
  - Air Force
    - Weather
      - Visibility
    - Laos

- Restriction
- Weather
  - February, March 1971
- Duration
- Washington Post* story leak
  - Robert C. Seamans, Jr.
  - Knowledge of bombing
  - Laird
  - Defense Department and JCS
- Thomas H. Moorer
  - Kissinger's forthcoming meeting with the President
  - Possible White House action

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Vietnam

- Bombing
  - Thomas H. Moorer
  - Stolen documents
  - Position

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Vietnam

- Bombing
  - Thomas H. Moorer
  - Position
    - Recent meeting
    - Compared to Melvin R. Laird

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[Privacy]

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[Duration: 19s]

Vietnam

- Bombing
  - Thomas H. Moorer
  - Melvin R. Laird's possible action to Henry A. Kissinger



Vietnam

- Bombing
  - Melvin R. Laird
  - Targets
    - White House position
  - Haldeman's forthcoming talk with Laird
    - Selection of targets
      - Restrictions
      - JCS and Defense Department
    - Duration of bombing
    - Extension

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Leaks

- Laird
- State Department
  - Rogers
- Troop withdrawals
- Departments
- White House

Responsibility for issues and actions

- Connally
- Shultz
- John N. Mitchell
- Connally
  - Philosophy
    - The President's role
      - Compared to that of staff and Cabinet
      - Compared with John F. Dulles with Dwight D. Eisenhower
- Kissinger's experience during Kennedy administration
- Bureaucracy
  - Difficulty for Republican president
- Connally
- Bureaucracy
  - Leaks

U. Alexis Johnson

- Conversation with Kissinger, January 24, 1972
  - Views of political climate of Washington, DC
  - Difficulty of meetings
- Loyalty
- Foreign service
- Compared to John N. Irwin, II

Irwin

Ambassadorial position

- Richard M. Paget
  - Connally
  - Roy L. Ash Council
- William P. Clements
- Irwin
- [David] Kenneth Rush
  - Rogers

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State Department

- Reorganization
  - Schedule
  - 1972 election

The President's Vietnam peace proposal speech

- Kissinger's briefing of Congressmen and Senators
  - Carl B. Albert
  - [Thomas] Hale Boggs
  - Gerald R. Ford
  - Allen J. Ellender
  - John C. Stennis
  - Michael J. Mansfield
  - Hugh Scott
  - J. William Fulbright
  - George D. Aiken
  - Stennis
  - Margaret Chase Smith
  - Thomas E. Morgan
  - William S. Mailliard
  - F. Edward Hebert
  - Leslie C. Arends
  - Barry M. Goldwater
  - Stennis
  - Complexity of plan
  - Hebert
  - Possible meeting, January 26, 1972
  - Ronald W. Reagan
  - Nelson A. Rockefeller
  - Lyndon Johnson
  - Goldwater and Stennis
  - John G. Tower
  - Schedule
  - Attendance
    - The President
- Leadership meeting, January 25, 1972
  - The President's attendance
  - The President's comments
    - Haig
- Kissinger's briefing
  - TV press
  - Leaders
  - Writing press

- Complexity
  - Alteration
    - Kissinger's meeting with the President, January 24, 1971
  - Stages
    - Ceasefire and withdrawal
- Acceptance of terms
  - North Vietnamese and Viet Cong
    - Brooke speech
  - Alternate plans
    - Administration strategy
      - Seven points
      - Colson
      - Scali
      - Herbert G. Klein
      - MacGregor
      - Attack on opponents
      - List of US concessions
        - Reading by Kissinger, January 26, 1972
        - Summer 1971
  - Thieu's offer to resign

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Ziegler entered at 11:30 am.

- Ziegler's briefing
  - Brooke speech
  - Release of nature of speech
    - Speculation
    - Effect
      - Diplomacy

Ziegler left at 11:31 am.

- Public interest
- Brooke speech
  - Benefits
    - North Vietnam's turndown of proposal of withdrawal for POWs
      - Kissinger's forthcoming briefing
        - US compliance with nine points
        - Resignation of Thieu
        - Installation of communist government in South Vietnam
- Liberals
- Administration opponents
- Analogy to May 14, 1969 statement
- Probable media reaction
  - Withdrawal date
    - POWs
  - North Vietnam's turndown of proposal
    - Publicity
      - New York Times* proposal
        - Laotian military victories
        - Porter

- Possible rejection of Administration proposals
- Secret talks
- Compared with reaction if the President did not make speech
  - Senate
  - Military victory
    - Negotiations
  - POWs wives
- Rather's interview with the President
  - The President's responses
  - Rather
- Public reaction
  - Negotiations
    - Vietnamization
    - Possible military action
- Fulfillment of the President's promises
  - Criticism
- Administration line
  - News summaries
  - Colson's efforts
  - Obstacles facing Administration
    - Historical perspective

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#### PRC trip

- Press
  - Number of invitees
  - Robert B. Consideine
    - Influence
    - Previous trip to Soviet Union
    - Credibility
- Number
  - Trade-off
    - Secret Service
    - Communications staff
    - PRC's views
    - Ziegler
      - Conversation with Haig
      - Technical staff
  - Writer

#### The President's Vietnam peace proposal speech

- Final draft
  - Timing
  - Typing problems
  - Safire
    - Schedule
  - Connally's changes
  - Deletion
    - Conference table shape

#### PRC trip

- Invitations

- Safire
- Buchanan
  - Soviet Union trip
  - Conservatives
- Safire
- Klein
  - Benefits after return
  - Scali
  - Previous Administration inaction
- Mark I. Goode and William H. Carruthers
- Television coverage
  - Importance
- Goode and Carruthers
- Appearance of public relations presence
  - PRC
  - Press
- Television experts
  - Goode and Carruthers
  - Chapin
    - Ability
    - Recognition of photograph opportunities
      - Great Wall, Forbidden Palace
      - Hawaiian opportunity with astronauts
    - Goode
  - Goode
- Klein
  - Press staff
    - Scali, Buchanan, Ziegler
  - Official party status
  - Ability
    - Salesmanship
    - Contact with the President
- Emil ("Bus") Mosbacher, Jr.
  - Ambassadorship to Spain
    - Acceptance
  - Value
    - Gifts
  - Gifts
    - Chapin
  - Value
  - Klein
- Alvin Snyder
  - Benefits
    - TV transmission
  - Incorporation of duties
    - Klein, Scali, Ziegler
- Klein
  - Benefits
    - Value
      - Return from trip
  - Briefing

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The President's Vietnam peace proposal speech

- Release to Ziegler
  - Timing
- Kissinger
  - Check with Rose Mary Woods
  - Preparation for briefing
- Complexity
  - Improvements in text
    - Kissinger's previous meeting with the President
- Kissinger's schedule
  - Relaxation
  - Study of previous record
  - Woods
- Probable reaction

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Kissinger left at 11:52 am.

PRC trip

- Invitations
  - Klein
  - Snyder
  - Goode and Carruthers
  - Chapin
  - Television experts
    - Compared with Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon's trip to Africa
    - Staff
  - Goode
    - Work with the President on State of the Union
  - Snyder
  - Klein
    - Soviet Union
  - Scali
  - Klein
    - Administration efforts
    - Value
    - Emphasis on domestic issues
      - Ehrlichman
      - Shultz
    - Public relations impact of PRC trip
    - Rank
  - Military aides
    - John V. Brennan
    - Vernon C. Coffey, Jr.
  - Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
    - Brennan
    - Michael Schrauth
    - Family
  - Schedule
  - Hangchow
  - Talks

- Length of stay
  - Kissinger's view
- Hangchow and Shanghai
  - Value
- Compared with Soviet Union trip
  - Moscow
  - Leningrad, Novosibirsk and Sverdlovsk
- Spontaneous events
  - Television

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Kissinger

- Health
  - Dr. W. Kenneth Riland
- Work on peace proposal speech
  - Effect
- Riland
  - Transportation to White House

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 20

*[Previous PRMPA Personal Returnable (G) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift 08/04/2022. Segment will remain closed.]*

[Personal Returnable]

[655-003-w020]

[Duration: 40s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 20

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People's Republic of China [PRC] trip

- Invitations
  - Klein
    - Domestic work
  - Ehrlichman
  - Shultz
  - Possible misinterpretation
  - Colson
  - Ehrlichman
  - Cabinet officers
  - Klein
    - Performance
    - Domestic work
    - Soviet trip
      - Previous trip
- Soviet trip
  - White House staff

- Official party status
  - Woods and Buchanan
  - Social functions
    - Receiving line
- Secretaries
  - Kissinger's office
  - Nellie L. Yates
  - Marjorie P. Acker
  - Acker
    - Qualifications
  - Rogers's office
- Security concerns
  - Secret Service
  - Press coverage
  - Car
  - PRC airplane
  - Taiwan, Republic of China [ROC] story

Conv. No. 655-5 (cont.)

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*[Previous National Security (B) withdrawal reviewed under MDR guidelines case number LPRN-T-MDR-2014-033. Segment declassified on 05/28/2019. Archivist: MM]*

[National Security]

[655-003-w021]

[Duration: 16s]

People's Republic of China [PRC] trip

- Security concerns
  - Taiwan, Republic of China [ROC] story
  - Lin Piao
  - Attempt to affect trip

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People's Republic of China [PRC] trip

- Security concerns
  - Car

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 29

*[Previous PRMPA Federal Statute (A) withdrawal reviewed 08/02/2022. Segment will remain closed.]*

[Federal Statute]

[655-003-w029]

[Duration: 1m 45s]



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People's Republic of China [PRC] trip –Staff

Conv. No. 655-5 (cont.)

- Shortages
  - Communications
    - Kissinger and Rogers
      - Telephones
    - Schedule reminders
    - Advancement
  - Marshall Green and Alfred Le S. Jenkins
  - Kissinger
    - Staff
    - Anticipated work
  - Staff
    - Follow-up upon return home
      - Exhaustion
  - Advance staff
    - Health
      - Time change
      - Food
      - Ehrlichman
      - Weather
      - Work level
  - Doctors
    - Riland
    - Gen. Walter R. Tkach
    - Need
      - Number of people
      - Press
    - Advance staff
    - Riland
      - Rockefeller's trip
      - Duties
    - Tkach
      - The President
    - Staff illness
  - Mrs. Nixon
    - Constance M. (Cornell) Stuart
    - Ziegler
    - Schedule
      - Schrauth
      - Television coverage
      - Events
        - Petroleum factory
        - Art museum
        - The President's schedule
    - Stuart
      - Independent activity

-Television coverage

- Mosbacher
  - Ambassadorship to Spain
  - Haldeman's conversation with Chapin and Haig
  - Need
- Haldeman
  - Rank
  - Role
- Klein

Conv. No. 655-5 (cont.)

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 11:52 am.

The President's schedule

- Finch

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:15 pm.

PRC trip

- Staff
  - Duties
- Klein, Mosbacher, Goode and Carruthers
- TV coverage
  - Snyder
  - Scali
  - Buchanan
- Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
  - Buchanan
- Kissinger's staff
- Price
- Lee W. Huebner
- Safire
- Buchanan
  - Soviet trip

Soviet trip

- Price and Safire
- Press corps
  - Admission to the Soviet Union

Vietnam

- Washington Post* story
- Haldeman's forthcoming conversation with Laird

Finch entered at 12:15 pm.

Finch's schedule

Kissinger

- Riland's schedule
- [Unintelligible name]
- Riland's and Tkach's schedule

Haldeman left at 12:16 pm.

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[*Previous PRMPA Personal Returnable (G) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift 08/04/2022.* Conv. No. 655-5 (cont.)  
Segment cleared for release.]

[Personal Returnable]

[655-003-w025]

[Duration: 36s]

The President's schedule

Refreshment

-Coffee and tea

The President left at an unknown time before 12:18 pm.

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 12:16 pm.

Refreshment request

-Coffee and tea

Alexander P. Butterfield entered and Sanchez left at 12:18 pm.

The President's schedule

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Finch's health

-Charlotte M. Butterfield's health

The President entered at an unknown time after 12:18 pm.

The President's schedule

-Congressional leadership meeting

-William E. Timmons

-Schedule

-Budget presentation

-Probable length

-Stein

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 12:23 pm.

Woods

[The President talked with Woods at an unknown time between 12:18 pm and 12:23 pm.]

[Conversation No. 655-3A]

Speech draft  
-Schedule

[End of telephone conversation]

The President's Vietnam peace proposal speech  
-Schedule  
-Liberals  
-North Vietnam

Conv. No. 655-5 (cont.)

Vietnam

-Secret negotiations  
-Paris  
-Xuan Thuy  
-Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters  
-Origin  
-Fall 1969  
-Le Duc Tho  
-Xuan Thuy  
-Georges J.R. Pompidou  
-Airport landings  
-Walters  
-Meetings with Xuan Thuy and Le Duc Tho

Woods entered at 12:23 pm.

The President's speech draft  
-Changes  
-Legibility  
-Grammar  
-Deletion  
-Kissinger  
-Addition  
-Connally

[The President talked with Kissinger at an unknown time between 12:23 pm and 12:32 pm.]

[Conversation No. 655-3B]

-Paris negotiations reference  
-Retention

[End of telephone conversation]

-Ziegler  
-Woods's work

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[Previous PRMPA Privacy (D) reviewed under deed of gift 08/04/2022. Segment cleared for release.]

[Privacy]

[655-003-w027]

[Duration: 17s]

Rose Mary Woods

Conv. No. 655-5 (cont.)

-Schedule

The President's telephone call January 24, 1972

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Woods left at an unknown time before 12:32 pm.

The President's schedule

-Executive Office Building [EOB] office

-Oval Office

-TV set-up for speech

-California

Finch

-Conversation with Maj. Gen. James D. ("Don") Hughes [?]

-POW's

-Finch's fundraising effort for Hughes's [?] activities

Lunch

The President and Finch left at 12:32 pm.

Conversation No. 655-4

Date: January 25, 1972

Time: Unknown between 12:32 pm and 8:19 pm

Location: Oval Office

Unknown men [Secret Service agents] met.

The President's location

-Executive Office Building [EOB]

[An unknown agent talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 12:32 pm and 8:19 pm.]

[Conversation No. 655-4A]

The President's location

-EOB

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[Previous PRMPA Federal Statute (A) withdrawal. This segment was rereviewed 08/02/2022 with new guidance. Segment cleared for release.]

[Federal Statute]

[655-004-w001]

Conv. No. 655-5 (cont.)

[Duration: 2s]

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[End of telephone conversation]

Recording was cut off at an unknown time before 8:19 pm.

Conversation No. 655-5

Date: January 25, 1972

Time: 8:19 pm - unknown before 11:59 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Mark I. Goode, William H. Carruthers, and unknown television technicians.

[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

Preparation for forthcoming speech

- Placement of lighting [?]
- Microphone
- Placement of speech pages
- Lighting
- Microphone
  - Placement of speech pages
- Camera angles
- Air time
- Temperature of room
- Air time
- Running time
- Earpiece
  - Connection
- Air time
- Outside camera shot
- Air time
- Outside shot
- Air time
- The President's hair
- Cue

The President delivered his *Address to the Nation Making Public a Plan for Peace in Vietnam* between 8:30 pm and an unknown time before 8:55 pm.]

[A transcript of the final version of this speech appears in Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard M. Nixon, 1972, pp. 100-105]

Conv. No. 655-5 (cont.)

Lights  
-Shadows

The President's gratitude

Christmas program, 1971

- Quality
- Compliments
  - Compared to other Columbia Broadcasting Corporation [CBS] programs
- The President's performance
- Film crew
- Unknown person's work

The President's interview with Dan Rather, January 2, 1972

-Set-up

Ronald L. Ziegler entered at an unknown time after 8:19 pm.

Gerald R. Ford's and Leslie C. Arends's schedule

- Flight
- Wives

Unknown person's [Goode's] schedule

The President and Ziegler left at 8:55 pm.

Production staff

Clean-up

- General Services Administration [GSA] crew

[General conversation]

- Gratitude
  - Wide angle camera shot
- Paper

Recording was cut off at an unknown time before 11:59 pm.