

NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF

**Tape Subject Log**

*(rev. 2/24)*

Conversation No. 701-1

Date: April 4, 1972

Time: Unknown between 8:31 am and 9:05 am

Location: Oval Office

The President talked with an unknown person.

Meeting with the President

Conversation No. 701-2

Date: April 4, 1972

Time: 9:05 am - 9:43 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

The President's schedule

- Meeting with John H. Chafee
- Melvin R. Laird
- Timing
- The President's previous talk with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- Candidacy for Senate

The President talked with Haldeman at an unknown time between 9:05 and 9:08 am.

[Conversation no. 701-2A]

The President's meeting with Chafee

- Purpose
- Laird
- Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft
- Secretary of the Navy
- Candidacy for Senate
- Presence of others
- Laird

[End of telephone conversation]

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The President's meeting with Chafee

- Laird's presence
- Purpose

Butterfield left at 9:09 am.

- Press conference
- Possible location

Vietnam

- Laird
  - Criticism
    - Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
    - Laird's reaction
  - Reports
  - Meeting with the President
    - Purpose
- Air strikes
  - Authority
    - Possible criticism
    - Kissinger
      - Moorer's opinion
      - Laird
  - Weather
    - Impact
      - Number of sorties
  - Damage
    - Bridge
    - Convoy
      - Secondary explosions
    - Tanks
  - B-52s
    - Increase
      - Number
        - From the US
  - Naval Gunfire
    - Increase
  - North Vietnamese offensive
    - US intentions

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- Amount of preparation
- Soviet Union and People's Republic of China [PRC]
  - Possible impact on the upcoming election
- Blockade
  - Preparation of the Navy
  - President's instructions
- Seriousness
  - Slow nature of mining
- Blockade
  - Selective nature
  - Food and medical supplies
- Air strikes
  - Weather
  - Impact
  - Months of activity
- Laird
  - Department of State
  - New ideas
  - Upcoming meeting
- Public relations
  - Demilitarized Zone [DMZ] crossing
  - New York Times*
  - Characterization of invasion
  - Impact
- Threefold US reaction
  - Protection of US forces
  - Withdrawal program
  - South Vietnamese resistance
- White House, Defense and State Department statements
  - Inadequacies
  - Correction
  - The President's displeasure
  - Sources
- Press coverage
  - Statement by Gen. Nguyen Van Thieu
  - New York Times* coverage
  - Quality
  - News summary
- II Corps-B-3 area
  - US actions
  - Reports
  - Answer to Kissinger's question

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- Moorer
  - Gen. John A. Vogt, Jr.
  - President's instructions to Kissinger
- Problems
- Surface to Air Missiles [SAMs]
- Press reports
- Public relations
- US actions
  - Compared with Laos
    - Low profile
  - Laird's press conference
  - Press reports
    - Ronald L. Ziegler
    - Atmosphere in White House
      - Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS] story
        - Source
- US foreign policy
  - Soviet Union, PRC
  - Impact of current offensive
    - The President's November 3, 1969 speech
    - Cambodia
- North Vietnamese offensive
  - Success
    - Encouragement to domestic critics
      - Nuclear weapons
  - Blockade
    - Soviet Reaction
      - Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
- Soviets
  - The President's forthcoming trip
    - Poland
      - Dobrynin
    - Message from Leonid I. Brezhnev
- North Vietnamese offensive
  - US military
    - Possible obstacle

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 9:08 and 9:24 am.

[Conversation no. 701-2B]

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[See Conversation no. 22-72]

[End of telephone conversation]

## Vietnam

- North Vietnamese offensive
- US reaction
  - Weather
  - Naval gunfire
    - Orders
    - Cessation
  - Location of targets
    - Accuracy
  - Bombing halt
- B-3 area

The president talked with Thomas H. Moorer between 9:24 and 9:28 am.

[Conversation No. 701-2C]

[See Conversation No. 22-73]

[End of telephone conversation]

## Vietnam

- Kissinger's forthcoming contact with Ziegler
  - Report
    - Timing
- North Vietnamese offensive
  - South Vietnamese countermeasures
    - Dangers
      - Quang Tri and Dong Ha
        - Kissinger's concern
    - Retreat
      - Effect on North Vietnamese supply lines
        - Anticipated results
  - Hue
    - Symbolism
  - Retreat
    - Counterattack
      - Laos operation

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- US Air Force [USAF]
  - Third division
    - Kissinger's opinion
  - Strength
    - Concentration
    - Effects of weather
  - Crossing of river
- Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.
  - South Vietnamese retreats
- Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
  - Trip to South Vietnam
    - Possible options
  - Laird's reaction
- Laird

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[Privacy]

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[Duration: 3s]

Vietnam

- Melvin R. Laird

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Vietnam

- Melvin R. Laird
  - Reaction to offensive
- North Vietnamese offensive
  - US counterattack
    - Restrictions on statements
      - Scali
      - Ziegler
    - Massive invasion
  - The President's Responsibilities
    - Protecting human lives
    - Ensuring withdrawal

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- South Vietnamese resistance
- Public Reaction
  - Refugees
  - Anticommunism
    - Statements
      - Rhetoric
        - Scali and Ziegler
        - President's instructions to Kissinger
- Soviet Reactions
  - Impact of US bombing
- Blockade
  - Ships required
    - Kissinger's opinion
  - Legality
  - Mining
    - Implementation
  - Problems
    - Compared with Cuban missile crisis
  - Mines
    - Delayed fuses
      - Time allotted
  - Selectivity
    - Problems
      - Food and medical supplies
      - PRC
- Prisoners of War [POWs]
- Critics
  - Edmund S. Muskie
  - George S. McGovern
    - Statements on escalation
  - Muskie
    - Kissinger's view
    - Charges of escalation
  - US position
    - Consequences of victory and defeat
      - Reaction of the press
        - Compared with Cambodian operation
- North Vietnamese offensive
  - Impact on election
- The President's view
  - Impact on US foreign policy
    - Communist powers

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- Confidence in US
  - Support
  - Europe and Asia
    - Seven points
    - Communists
- The President's possible course of action in 1969
  - Seriousness
- The President's policy
  - Compared with Gen. Charles A. J. M. De Gaulle
  - Resistance to defeat
- North Vietnamese Offensive
  - Moorer's location
  - B-52s
    - Attacks on North Vietnam
      - Target areas
        - DMZ
      - Limits to target areas
        - Possible escalation
          - 18<sup>th</sup> parallel
  - Criticism

## The President's meeting with Robert S. Ingersoll

- Instructions
- Kissinger's trip to Japan
- Length of meeting
- Meeting with Kissinger

## Vietnam

- Air strikes
  - Kissinger's trip to Japan
    - Delay
    - Decision
      - Delays
        - Possible duration
- Statements
  - Scali
  - Ziegler

Kissinger left at 9:43 am.



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Conversation No. 701-3

Date: April 4, 1972

Time: 9:44 am - 10:08 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman.

## The President's schedule

- Meetings
  - John B. Connally
  - Russell A. Kirk
  - Concentration on foreign policy
  - Kirk
  - Connally
  - John N. Mitchell
  - Delays
  - Arthur F. Burns
  - Length
  - Purpose
- Connally
  - Possible call
  - Topics
  - Arrangements
  - The President's speech

## Education

- The President's speech to the National Catholic Education Association [NCEA]
  - Draft
    - Haldeman's opinion
    - Revisions
    - Parochial schools
    - Raymond K. Price, Jr.
    - Inadequacies
    - Revisions
- Parochial schools
  - Patrick J. Buchanan
  - Charles W. Colson
  - Domestic Council
    - Opposition to aid to non-public schools
  - John D. Ehrlichman

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- Convention in Philadelphia
  - Dr. Sidney P. Marland's, Jr. speech
    - Reception
    - Reasons
      - Enthusiasm towards administration
  - The President's appearance
    - Connally's view
      - Meeting with Ehrlichman
  - The President's speech
    - Price
      - Article for *U.S. News & World Report*
    - Revisions
      - Buchanan's and Colson's work on rhetoric
  - Connally's advice
    - Politeness

## Vietnam

- Public relations situation
  - Henry A. Kissinger
  - Confusion
  - Ronald L. Ziegler
    - Previous meeting with the President
- Kissinger
  - Current work
- North Vietnamese offensive
  - New York *Times* editorial
    - Characterization of offensive
      - Compared with Laos and Cambodia operations
      - Criticism of press
  - Crossing of Demilitarized Zone [DMZ]
  - Counter strategy
    - B-52s
    - Problems
    - Unknown South Vietnamese General
    - US military's tendency
    - Orderly Retreat
      - Psychological impact

## Ambassadors

- Assignments
- Confirmation

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- Frederic V. Malek
- President's instructions
- Unknown person
- Meeting with Richard S. Ingersoll

**Vietnam**

- Public relations
- Laos operation in 1971
- Kissinger's handling
  - Haldeman's view
- Weather
  - Pictures
    - Refugees
      - Ziegler's question
- US bombing
- State Department handling of diplomats
  - North Vietnamese violations
    - DMZ, Geneva Accords, 1968 bombing halt
  - News coverage
    - Clarity
- Muskie
  - Attacks on statements
    - John G. Tower
      - Charge of defeatism
        - Media involvement with story
- Haldeman's control of public relations efforts
  - Concern for GIs and Prisoners of War [POWs]
  - Protection of Americans
    - Number
      - News summary
  - Withdrawal program

**Vice-President Spiro T. Agnew's schedule**

**Voice of America**

- Bruce Herschensohn
  - Malek
    - [US Information Agency]
    - Richardson [First name unknown]
  - Resignation

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## Voice of America

- [First name unknown] Richardson
- Competence in television work
- Resignation
- Another job
  - 1972 campaign
- J. William Fulbright
- Message on behalf of the President

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## Big business

- Contributions to Democrats
  - The President's instructions
    - Colson
  - August A. Busch, Jr. [?]
  - Lyndon B. Johnson
  - Hubert H. Humphrey in 1968
  - Analysis

## International Telephone and Telegraph [ITT] case

- Johnson administration
  - Antitrust record
    - Haldeman's reaction

## Administration

- TV coverage
  - Reports of crisis in White House
    - Ziegler and John A. Scali
    - Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
    - Thomas E. Jarriell
      - American Broadcasting Company [ABC]
      - Ziegler

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-Unknown reporter

-Robert Pierpoint

-Counterattack

-Haldeman's upcoming conversation with Ziegler

-Washington Special Action Group [WSAG] meeting

-Kissinger

## Vietnam

-News reports

-White House handling

-Buchanan

-Richard A. Moore

## 1972 campaign

-Contributions

-Maurice H. Stans

-The President's campaign

-Disclosure

-John W. Gardner demands

-Other candidates

-Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson

-George C. Wallace

-Shirley Chisholm

-Eugene J. McCarthy

-Lists of donors before April 7

-The President's campaign

-Stans's position

-Jackson

-Refusal to disclose

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 9:44 am.

The President's schedule

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:06 am.

## 1972 campaign

-Contributions

-The President's campaign

-Stans's position

-Primary efforts

-Wisconsin

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- Television
- Problems
  - Amount of money
  - Reports to federal government
- Stans's position
  - Full reports
  - Compliance with law
- Sums of money
  - Importance
  - Amounts
    - Disclosure
    - Problems
  - Alternatives to reporting
  - Limits to disclosure
- Reports
  - Problems
  - E. Howard Hunt, Jr.

Henry A. Kissinger entered at 10:06 am.

Vietnam

- Air strikes
- Numbers
  - Kissinger's conversation with Adm. Thomas H. Moorer

Haldeman left At 10:06 am.

- Target areas
- Moorer's statement
  - Damage
    - Tanks and bridges
- Effectiveness
- Public relations efforts
  - Ziegler
  - Scali
  - Robert J. McCloskey
  - Daniel Z. Henkin

Kissinger left at 10:08 am.

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Conversation No. 701-4

Date: April 4, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 10:08 am and 10:09 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

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[Duration: 16s]

- Julie Nixon Eisenhower
- Eye on Nixon
- Cover photo
- Meeting with the President
- Time

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- The President's schedule
- The President's meeting with Robert S. Ingersoll
- Duration
- Interruption by Bull
- Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
- Location

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:09 am.

Conversation No. 701-5

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Date: April 4, 1972

Time: 10:09 am - 10:43 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Robert S. Ingersoll, Henry A. Kissinger and Stephen B. Bull[?].

Introductions and greetings

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

Ingersoll's assignment

-Preparations

-Departure

-Timing

US-Japan relations

-Current status

-Possible problems

-Ingersoll's role as ambassador

-Importance

-Compared to West Germany

-Berlin agreements

-[David] Kenneth Rush

-Compared to the Soviet Union

-Ingersoll's method of handling

-Relations with Eisaku Sato, Takeo Fukuda and power elite

-Identification of potential leaders

-No need for limitation

-Japan's leadership

-Fukuda

-Mitsujiro Ishii

-Ingersoll's role

-Relationship with the President

-Importance

-Armin H. Meyer

-Personal confidence

-Representative to the government

-Use of special channels to communicate with the President

-Ingersoll's staff

-Ingersoll's relationship with the Japanese business community

-The President's knowledge of Japan

-Importance of US-Japanese alliance



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- The President's visits to Japan
  - Number
- The President's relationship with Japanese leaders
- Potential power
  - Economic, political and military
- Eastern Pacific
  - US-Japanese alliance and friendship
    - Strong emphasis from the President
- Economic competition
  - US respect
    - Avoidance of protectionism, isolationism and Japanese counter reaction
- Ingersoll's dealings with Japanese leaders
- John B. Connally's theory
  - US relationship with Japan, Latin America and Canada
- Ingersoll's approach
  - Closer relations
    - Mutual respect
- People's Republic of China [PRC] issue
  - US-PRC opening of relations
    - US and Japanese interests
      - PRC nuclear capability
    - Possibilities of influence
    - Possibility for conflict
      - Similarities to Korea and Vietnam
  - Reasons
    - Soviet Union
  - Effect on US-Japan ties
  - Difference in relationships
    - Social, economic, political ties
    - Trade ties between US and Japan
      - PRC, Soviet Union, and Canada
  - Mutual security interests
  - US intentions
    - Viable policy in the Pacific
    - Japan's role
      - Frequent dialogue
  - Joint communique
    - Development of US-Japan ties
      - Support For Clause

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[National Security]

[701-005-w001]

[Duration: 23s]

US-Japan relations

- Japanese leaders
- Compared to French leaders
- Philippines

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Nixon Doctrine

- The President's conversation with Chou En-Lai and Mao Tse-Tung
  - State Department view
- Purpose
  - US role in world and the Pacific
    - Low profile
    - Commitment to South Vietnam
  - Continued US presence in Asia
    - PRC
- Japan
  - Neutrality
    - Rearmament
      - Likelihood
      - Economic power
      - World War II

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[National Security]

[701-005-w003]

[Duration: 21s]

Nixon Doctrine

- Japan

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## Tape Subject Log

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-Lee Kuan Yew's view

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## Nixon doctrine

- Japan
  - Choices in future
    - Nuclear guarantee
    - Firm US alliance
    - Possible Japanese rearmament
- Development of US ties

## US-Japan relations

- Competition in PRC
  - Possible Japanese role
- US Success
  - Possible discussions
    - Potential Japanese actions
- The President's Meeting With Chou en-Lai
  - Mao Tse-Tung
- Need for US-Japan cooperation
  - Dangers of competition
    - Soviet Union
- Kissinger's trip to Japan
  - Kissinger's work with Ingersoll
  - Translator
    - Use
- Ingersoll's dealings with Sato and Fukuda
  - Use of channels
  - Other channels
    - Danger of leaks in Tokyo
      - State Department
        - Arthur K. Watson
        - Georges J. R. Pompidou
- Private dinner
- Sato
  - Meeting with Kissinger
    - Privacy
  - Meeting with Ingersoll
    - Fukuda

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- Arrangements
- Scheduling
  - Timing
    - North Vietnamese offensive
    - The President's upcoming visit to the Soviet Union
- President's instructions to Ingersoll
  - Letters to Sato and Fukuda
    - President's signature
    - Drafts
    - Content
    - Dispatch
      - Arrangements
        - State Department files
        - Contact with the Japanese ambassador
        - Meyer
- US Asian policy
  - Message to Japan
    - Quotation of the President
    - Shanghai communique
    - US presence in Asia
  - US-Japan alliance
    - Importance
      - Peace
  - Taiwan, Republic of China
    - US policy
  - Korea
    - The President's message for Ingersoll to the Japanese
- Ingersoll's assignment
- Visits
  - Kissinger
  - The President
    - Upcoming trip to Soviet Union
      - Timing
        - Dwight D. Eisenhower's visit
  - [Emperor of Japan] Hirohito's visit
    - Timing
  - The President
    - Election
      - Respect for the Japanese
      - Problems
        - Economic
- The President's message to Japanese leaders

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- Europe and Pacific
- Ingersoll's assignment
  - Conversations with Fukuda, Sato and Ishii
  - Dealings with Japanese
    - Toughness
    - Eisenhower's comments on British as allies
      - Suez crisis
      - Contrasts in war and peace
- Cameras
  - Kodak
  - Film
  - Cost

Presidential gifts

- Golf balls

Kissinger left and Stephen B. Bull entered at 10:39 am.

Golf balls and tie clips

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:43 am.

The President's foreign policy

- Ingersoll's admiration

Ingersoll's family

- Visit to Lincoln Memorial
  - Abraham Lincoln
  - Compared with the President

Presidential gifts

- Golf balls
  - Donald McI. Kendall
- Money clip
- Presidential seal

Bull entered at an unknown time after 10:39 am.

Photograph session

- Standing pictures

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Presidential gifts

- Bronze compacts

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:43 am.

Photographs

- Copies

George P. Shultz

- Qualities
  - Previous relationship with Ingersoll
- Dedication
- Eisenhower

The White House photographer entered at an unknown time after 10:39 am.

Photographs

- The President's instructions

The White House photographer left at an unknown time before 10:43 am.

Gifts

- Bronze compacts
- Cuff links
- Tie clasps
  - Presidential seal
- Money clips
- Kendall
- "Bowser" [doggie] bags

Ingersoll's assignment

- Ingersoll's father, Roy C. Ingersoll
- Message to Japanese
  - State Department
  - The President's initials

Ingersoll left at 10:43 am.

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Date: April 4, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 10:43 am and 10:45 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule  
-Meeting with Julie Nixon Eisenhower  
-Timing

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:45 am.

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Date: April 4, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 10:43 am and 10:45 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation no. 22-74]

Conversation No. 701-8

Date: April 4, 1972  
Time: 10:45 am - 10:46 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with George P. Shultz.

[See Conversation no. 22-75]

Conversation No. 701-9

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Date: April 4, 1972

Time: 10:46 am - 11:46 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman.

Robert S. Ingersoll

- Praise from the President
- Comments on the President's foreign policy
- Lincoln Memorial
  - Abraham Lincoln
  - Compared with the President

Political support for the President

- General public
- Gallup poll
- Press

Press

- Ronald L. Ziegler's list of names
  - Number
  - Hugh S. Sidey
  - John F. Osborne
- Friends of the President
  - Return calls
    - Peter C. Andrews of *Buffalo Courier Express*
    - New Republic* and *Life*
- News summary
  - References to Sidey and Osborne
  - Importance
- Friendly journalists
  - Potential importance
  - Andrews
    - Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
- Unfriendly journalists
  - Dwight D. Eisenhower
  - Ziegler
    - Osborne
      - Possible influence
      - Sidey
      - Henry A. Kissinger



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- Avoidance
- Haldeman's enforcement

Julie Nixon Eisenhower entered at 10:49 am.

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[Personal Returnable]  
 [701-009-w001]  
 [Duration: 3m 11s]

Greetings

*Eye on Nixon*

- Cover photo
- Pictures
  - White House photos
    - Selection
    - Best pictures
- Text

The President's schedule

- A meeting
  - Julie Nixon Eisenhower's and Tricia Nixon Cox's presence
    - Julie Nixon Eisenhower's schedule
      - April 6, 1972
- Dinner
  - Thelma C. (Ryan) ("Pat") Nixon and [Dwight] David Eisenhower, II

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Julie Nixon Eisenhower left at 10:53 am.

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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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White House Staff

- Parties
  - The President's concern
  - Movies
    - Paul Fisher

Photographs of the President

- Julie Nixon Eisenhower
- Problems
  - William L. Safire
  - Oliver F. ("Ollie") Atkins
  - Selection
- Frank Leonard
- John R. ("Tex") McCrary
- Leonard
  - Similarities of style
- Atkins
  - Photographs of the President
    - Image presentation
    - Eye on Nixon*

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[Personal Returnable]

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*Eye on Nixon*

- Sales
  - Bantam Books
  - 1968 campaign

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1972 election

- California primary
  - Democratic candidates
    - Order on ballot
      - George S. McGovern
      - Edmund S. Muskie
      - Shirley Chisholm
      - John V. Lindsay
      - Hubert H. Humphrey
      - Eugene J. McCarthy
      - Samuel W. Yorty
      - Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson

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News summary

- Comments on the President's personality
  - Source
    - Osborne
      - Spectrum*
      - Unknown journalist
- The President's trips
  - Human interest stories
    - Trip to People's Republic of China [PRC]
- Press reports
  - Trip to PRC
    - Impact
  - Presentation of the President as a person
    - The President's image

Julie Nixon Eisenhower entered at 10:58 am.

Photograph session

- Scheduling
  - Atkins
  - The President's availability
  - Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
    - Location

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**Tape Subject Log**

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[Personal Returnable]

[701-009-w003]

[Duration: 5s]

- Photograph session
  - Scheduling
    - Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon

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- Photograph session
  - Scheduling
    - Time and day
    - Family picture
      - Preparations
      - Timing

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[Personal Returnable]

[701-009-w004]

[Duration: 3s]

- Photograph session
  - Scheduling
    - Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon

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- Photograph session
  - Family picture
    - Preparations
      - Mrs. Nixon

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**Tape Subject Log**

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Julie Nixon Eisenhower left at 11:00 am.

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[Personal Returnable]

[701-009-w005]

[Duration: 16s]

Photograph session

-Family picture

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Press

-Attacks

-Press conferences

-Unknown White House staffer's suggestion

-Imitation of John F. Kennedy

-Kennedy's conferences

-Comparisons to current administration

-Reports in press

-Contents

-The President's conferences

-Handling by media

-Comparisons

-Osborne and Sidey

-Meeting with the President

-Timing

-Ziegler

-Osborne

-Journalists

-Cultivation of friends

-President's instructions

-1972 election

-Ziegler

Drug speech

-TV appearance

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Tape Subject Log

(rev. 2/24)

- John D. Ehrlichman's advice
- Other's view
- Need for reason
  - President's previous conversation with Ehrlichman
- Fireside chats
- Radio
  - Value
  - Photographs
    - Value
  - Florida trip
    - Timing
  - Hotline
  - Timing
  - Plans
  - TV coverage
    - Haldeman's opinion

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[Personal Returnable]

[701-009-w006]

[Duration: 6s]

- 1972 campaign
  - Wisconsin
    - Patrick J. Lucey's prediction
    - George S. McGovern

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- 1972 campaign
  - George S. McGovern
    - Statements
      - Denials
      - Corporate taxes
        - Amount
        - International Telephone and Telegraph [ITT] reports
        - Misrepresentation

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Tape Subject Log

(rev. 2/24)

- Media hostility to the President
- McGovern's reception by press

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[Personal Returnable]

[701-009-w007]

[Duration: 53s]

1972 campaign

- George S. McGovern
- California
  - John V. Lindsay, Samuel W. Yorty, and Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson
  - Efforts
- John V. Lindsay
  - George S. McGovern
  - Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson and Samuel W. Yorty
- Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson
  - Chances of success

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1972 campaign

- Contributions
  - Republicans
    - Maurice H. Stans's statement
    - Richard A. Moore
    - Legal requirements
    - John N. Mitchell
  - Amounts
    - Publicity
    - W. Clement Stone
    - John A. ("Jack") Mulcahy
    - Problems
- List of contributors
  - Publication of list
  - Problems
  - Current actions

## NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF

**Tape Subject Log***(rev. 2/24)*

- Jackson
  - List of contributors
    - Publication
- The President's contributors
  - List of names
  - Publication
    - Effect on primaries
  - A mailing
    - Results
  - List
    - Publication
- Publicity
- John W. Gardner's criticisms
  - Public reaction
- Criticisms of the President's campaign
  - Reaction
  - ITT
  - Democrats
    - Edward M. Kennedy

## William P. Rogers

- Trip
  - Announcement
    - Possible timing

## George H. Gallup group

- Call to Haldeman's office
  - PRC trip
  - Relations with White House
  - Louis P. Harris
  - Albert E. Sindlinger
  - Charles W. Colson
- Reports to the White House
  - Interest in the polls
- Figures
- Problems
  - Sampling techniques

## Media

- Writers
  - Appearances on Television
    - Credibility



## NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF

## Tape Subject Log

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- Neil MacNeil from *Time*
  - Spectrum* television show
  - ITT case
    - Harm to administration
  - Credibility
- Press relations
  - Peter Lisagor
  - Sidey
  - James Keogh
    - Osborne
      - Boycott
  - President Nixon and the Press*
    - Condensation in *Reader's Digest*
    - Readership
    - Comparisons

## Acupuncture

- Interest
  - Hobart D. ("Hobe") Lewis
    - Articles
- Gen. Walter R. Tkach
  - Article
- Interest
  - Fascination
- Age of technique
- PRC
  - Abolition and reinstatement by Mao Tse-tung
    - Cultural revolution
    - Article by James A. Michener

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[701-009-w008]

[Duration: 1m 11s]

## 1972 campaign

- Democrats
  - Edmund S. Muskie and Hubert H. Humphrey

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Tape Subject Log

(rev. 2/24)

- Press coverage of the President
  - People's Republic of China [PRC] trip
  - Tricia Nixon Cox's wedding
  - John B. Connally
  - Trips to country
  - Reassurance of supporters

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An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 11:00 am.

The President's schedule

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 11:46 am.

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[701-009-w009]

[Duration: 1m 15s]

- 1972 campaign
  - The President
    - Reassurance of supporters
    - Necessity
    - Level of support

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- Polling Presidential popularity
  - Thomas W. Benham's analysis and numbers
  - Major issues
    - Reversals in public opposition
      - November 3, 1969 speech on Vietnam
      - Cambodia
      - Economic discussions of Phases I and II
      - PRC trip

## NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF

**Tape Subject Log***(rev. 2/24)*

- High points
- Attrition
  - Reasons
- Beginning of term
  - Successes
    - High approval
- Compared with Lyndon B. Johnson and Harry S. Truman
  - Unsolvable problems
  - Approval downturn
- Vietnam
  - Impact
- Republican minority
- Public support
  - Depth
  - Expectations
- Current strategy
  - Problems
    - Inflation
- Food prices
- Labor
- Food prices
  - Food chains
    - Reduction of prices
      - Safeway stores
      - Advertisements
      - Possible price freeze
- Weak areas
  - Groups
    - Independents
      - Reasons for voting
- Party loyalty
  - Importance
    - Mitchell
- New voters
  - Party affiliation
  - Independence
  - The President's inroads
    - Vietnam
    - PRC opening
    - End of draft
- Women
  - High prices

## NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF

**Tape Subject Log***(rev. 2/24)*

- Administration record
  - Equal opportunity
  - Appointments
- Nixon family
- Concerns
  - Status of women
    - Patricia R. Hitt
    - Young women
- Liberal leanings and idealism
  - ITT
- Budget consciousness
  - Cost of goods
    - The President and Muskie
    - Comparisons
- The President's personality
  - Projection
    - Importance
    - Press
- Awards
- Presentation of awards
  - Timing
    - Image as President rather than as candidate
- Course of the President's popularity over first term
  - High and low points discussed
    - Moon landing
    - November 3, 1969 speech on Vietnam
    - Withdrawal from Cambodia
    - Laos
    - Pentagon papers
    - Phase I and Phase II discussions
    - PRC trip
- Gallup poll
- Range
  - John F. Kennedy
  - Johnson

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## NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF

## Tape Subject Log

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[701-009-w010]

[Duration: 1m 48s]

## 1972 campaign

- Republican Party
  - Level of registration
- Democrats
  - Level of registration
- Independents
  - Level of registration
- Democrats
  - South
    - Conservatism
    - Support for the President
    - Nixon Democrats
    - Number

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## Media

- Radio speech on drugs

## Education

- Forthcoming speech to the National Catholic Education Association [NCEA]
  - Ehrlichman
  - Draft
    - Timing
  - Problems
  - Non-public schools
    - Aid
      - Colson
      - Administration's position
      - Division within White House
      - Harris polls
        - Results
        - Catholic attitudes
          - George P. Shultz's study
          - Ehrlichman
  - Financing
    - Tuition
    - Parish funds

## NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF

**Tape Subject Log***(rev. 2/24)*

- Contributions
  - Tax deductibility
- Problems
  - Non-Catholic students
  - Percentage
- Shultz and Ehrlichman
  - Opposition to aid
  - Shultz
    - Support for private schools
- Ehrlichman
  - Busing issue
- Busing
  - Forum for handling
  - Television press conferences

## Media relations

- The President's recent press conference
  - Press reports on the President's tone and physical condition
    - Osborne
    - Sidey
    - Lisagor
    - Sidey
      - The President's aging
      - Description from Sidey
  - Osborne
  - Comments
    - Difference of opinion
  - The President's press conferences
    - Reports
    - The President's tenseness
      - Dan Rather
      - Inaccuracies
- Press conferences
  - President's dislike
- Keogh's book
  - Osborne's review
    - Possible press corps view of the President
- Press boycotts
  - Osborne
    - Ziegler's role
  - Sidey
  - Osborne

## NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF

**Tape Subject Log***(rev. 2/24)*Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 11:00 am.

The President's meeting with Prisoner of War/Missing in Action [POW-MIA] lawyers

- Press picture
  - Advantages
  - American Bar Association [ABA]
  - Format
- Number
  - [Louis] Patrick Gray, III
  - Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:45 am.

John B. Connally

- Illness
  - Return home
  - Postponement of meeting with Arthur F. Burns

Haldeman left at 11:45 am.

Conversation No. 701-10

Date: April 4, 1972

Time: 11:46 am - 11:58 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Robert P. Murray, Harry Hathaway, Walter S. McLin III, John Mitchell Eger, L. Patrick Gray III and Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft; members of the press and the White House photographer were present at the beginning of the meeting.

Greetings and introductions

- Murray

Photograph session

Introductions

- Hathaway
- McLin

## NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF

**Tape Subject Log***(rev. 2/24)*

- Eger
- Gray

Unknown person's visit to White House

- Law Enforcement Assistance Act [LEAA] grant

Press picture

Meeting with the President

- Appreciation
- American Bar Association [ABA] program for Prisoners of War [POWs] and Missing in Action [MIAs]
  - Purposes
    - Contacts with families
      - Civil problems
        - Judge Advocate General [JAG]
    - Remedial legislation
      - Power of attorney
      - State legislatures
        - California
  - Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act
    - Problems
      - Department of Defense [DoD]
      - Jurisdiction
    - US Air Force [USAF] Reserve lawyers
      - Possible amendments
    - Hearings in California
  - Coordination with military
    - Contacts with families
  - The President's help
    - Endorsement
    - Contact person at White House
      - Scowcroft

POWs

- Efforts at release
- Importance of subject
- US bargaining power
  - Maintenance
    - Reasoning
- North Vietnamese offensive
  - Air strikes



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**Tape Subject Log**

*(rev. 2/24)*

- Possible resolution
- Conclusion of war
  - Critics
    - Withdrawal
      - Problems for POWs
  - The President's January 25, 1972 speech
  - US bargaining power
- POW group
  - Position on war
    - Commitment from the President
- Legal problems
  - Titles

Photographs

- Copies

POWs

- Attorney group

Gray

- Appearance

Murray et al left at 11:58 am.

Conversation No. 701-11

Date: April 4, 1972

Time: Unknown after 11:58 am until 12:11 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull and Alexander P. Butterfield.

The President's schedule

- Meeting with Prisoner of War/Missing in Action [POW/MIA] lawyers
- Gifts
  - Pens

John B. Connally

- Idanell (Brill) ("Nellie") Connally

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Tape Subject Log

(rev. 2/24)

-Use of Camp David

Bull and Butterfield left and Oscar Dystel, Markus Jaffe, Samuel Schulman, Richard L. Wilson and Herbert G. Klein entered at 12:00 pm; the White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

Greetings

Introductions

- Klein
- Dystel
- Jaffe
- Schulman
- Wilson

Photograph session

Presentation of *The President's Trip to China*

- Copies
- Page of book
- Production quality
- Time
- Value

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[Personal Returnable]

[701-011-w001]

[Duration: 36s]

Book on the President's trip to People's Republic of China [PRC]

- Presentation to the Committee to Re-elect the President [CRP]
  - Discount
  - Aid to sales
  - Republican National Convention
- Text

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## NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF

**Tape Subject Log***(rev. 2/24)*

## The President's trip to the Soviet Union

- Possible book
- Leningrad
- Kremlin
- Iran And Poland
- Impact on world
  - Comparison to World War II
- Substance
- News stories
  - Pictures
    - Kremlin
    - Leningrad
    - Warsaw
    - Teheran
    - Crowds
  - Railroads and trains
- Size of press corps
  - Television
    - Compared to PRC trip

## Presidential gifts

- Cuff links
- Pens

## Book on the President's trip to Soviet Union

- Pending decision
- Raymond K. Price, Jr.
- Preface by the President
- Possible contents
- Arms control
- Middle East

## Middle East

- Ceasefire

*The President's Trip to China*

- Binding
- Cost
- Subsequent book on Soviet Union trip
  - Topics
    - Arms control

## NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF

**Tape Subject Log***(rev. 2/24)*

- Trade
- Space
- Wilson

## Gridiron Dinner

- The President's absence
- Women
- Henry A. Kissinger's attendance
- The President's schedule
- Florida
- Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo

## Unknown person's support

## San Diego Chargers

- Status
- Seattle Supersonics
- Season's record
- John Hadl

Dystel, et al left at 12:11 pm.

Conversation No. 701-12

Date: April 4, 1972

Time: Unknown between 12:11 pm and 12:12 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

## The President's schedule

- Meeting with Melvin R. Laird and John H. Chafee
- Meeting with LynRae McClintock
  - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
  - Gordon C. Strachan
  - McClintock's husband
  - Justice Department lawyer

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:12 pm.

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**Tape Subject Log***(rev. 2/24)*

Conversation No. 701-13

Date: April 4, 1972  
Time: 12:12 pm - 12:13 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull, LynRae McClintock and Gordon C. Strachan.

Introduction

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:13 pm.

Change of jobs

Photographs

Home

- New job
- Hometown
- College [University of Southern California]
- Major
- Hometown [Riverside]
- High School
- Gift

Gift

McClintock et al. left at 12:13 pm.

Conversation No. 701-14

Date: April 4, 1972  
Time: 12:13 pm - 1:15 pm  
Location: Oval Office

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**Tape Subject Log***(rev. 2/24)*The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

Kissinger's schedule

-Meeting

Vietnam

-Weather

-Naval gunfire

-Mining operations

-Kissinger's previous conversation with Adm. Thomas H. Moorer

-Plans

-Preparations

-Philippines

-Richard M. Helms

-Information

-Reaction

-[David] Kenneth Rush

-Conversation with Kissinger

-Dated statement

-Review of requests for bombing authority

-Melvin R. Laird's approval

-Surface to Air missiles [SAMs]

-Air strikes

-Increase

-Marine planes

-Location

-Support personnel

-US Air Force [USAF]

-Marine Aircraft

-Marines compared to USAF

-USAF pilots

-Aircraft

-Quality

-The President's view

-Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

-Haig's opinion

-Moorer

-Response to the President's orders

-The President's orders

-Politics

-US foreign policy

-Military's role and responsibilities

## NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF

## Tape Subject Log

*(rev. 2/24)*

- Ground troops
- Moorer
- B-52s
  - Increase
- F-4s
- Carriers
  - Number
- Destroyers
  - Number
  - The President's opinion
- Cruisers
- Naval gunfire
  - Targets
    - Dong Hoi airfield
    - Logistics
  - Lyndon B. Johnson
- Air strikes
  - Weather
    - Improvement
    - Possible delays
  - Moorer's plans
    - Kissinger's previous conversation with Moorer
    - Authority
      - 18<sup>th</sup> parallel
      - Extension
      - 48 hour strike
      - US position
- Mining
  - Impact
  - Delays
    - Impact
- North Vietnamese offensive
  - Challenge
  - South Vietnamese strategy
    - Retreat and consolidation
      - The President's theory
        - Winston S. Churchill on World War I
          - Comparisons to present situation
          - Lt. Gen. Sir Hubert de la Poer Gough
          - Allied victory
          - German losses and victories
          - Ypres

## NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF

**Tape Subject Log***(rev. 2/24)*

- Numbers
  - British retreat
    - Erich Ludendorff
    - Churchill's point
    - Necessity
  - Hue and Da Nang
  - Gen. Nguyen Van Thieu
    - Possible strategy
  - Formation of line
    - Exposure of North Vietnam
      - Demilitarized Zone [DMZ]
      - Impact on North Vietnam
        - Compared to Laos
        - Possible end to the war by year's end
  - Political impact
    - Election
      - Timing
        - Democratic National Convention
  - North Vietnamese Offensive
    - Need for decisive defeat
    - Break in weather
      - Negotiations
        - Probability before trip to Soviet Union
- Announcement on Warsaw
- Notification of State Department and Warsaw
  - Laird

The President talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 12:13 and 12:25 pm.

[Conversation No. 701-14A]

Message for Herbert G. Klein

- Message for Richard L. Wilson
  - Announcement on Warsaw
    - Delay
    - Diplomatic channels

[End of telephone conversation]

US-Soviet Union relations

- Kissinger's meeting with Leonid I. Brezhnev



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Tape Subject Log

(rev. 2/24)

- Note to the President
- Purpose

Laird and John H. Chafee entered at 12:25 pm; the White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

Greetings

Chafee

- Departure from administration

[Photograph session]

Seating

Cabinet officers

- Subcabinet officers
  - Importance
  - Gratitude for Chafee's work

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[Personal Returnable]

[701-014-w002]

[Duration: 7m 59s]

John H. Chafee

- Candidacy for Senate
  - Claiborne Pell
    - Intelligence
      - The President's opinion
  - Chances in Rhode Island
    - Experience
      - Governor and Secretary of the Navy
- Work with Administration
  - Appreciation for the President, Melvin R. Laird, and the Navy
  - Importance in Rhode Island
- Campaign

## NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF

**Tape Subject Log***(rev. 2/24)*

- Appeal of strong national defense and naval power
- Claiborne Pell
- Importance of Navy
  - Melvin R. Laird
  - Arms control
  - United States superiority on sea
    - Compared to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
      - Ground forces
    - Necessity
- Speech before Knights of Columbus

## 1972 election

- Wisconsin
  - Liberalism
  - George S. McGovern
    - Hubert H. Humphrey
    - Reasons for victory
    - Organization Democrats
      - Hostility to Edmund S. Muskie
        - Hubert H. Humphrey
  - Patrick J. Lucey
    - Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy's supporter
    - Opposition to Edmund S. Muskie
    - Edmund S. Muskie television appearance
- California primary
  - List of candidates
    - Samuel W. Yorty
    - Edmund S. Muskie
    - George S. McGovern
    - Eugene J. McCarthy
    - Shirley Chisholm
    - George C. Wallace
    - Number
      - Compared with Wisconsin
    - Protest votes
  - Cross-over votes
    - George C. Wallace
  - Republicans
- Rhode Island
  - John H. Chafee's chances for Senate
    - Qualifications
- New Hampshire

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**Tape Subject Log**

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- Thomas J. McIntyre
- Wesley Powell
  - Wife
  - Record

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Kissinger's departure  
-Phone call

Kissinger left at 12:35 pm.

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[701-014-w003]

[Duration: 5m 43s]

1972 election

- Rhode Island
  - Primary
    - Gubernatorial candidate
      - Herbert F. Desimone
        - Qualifications
        - Ethnic background
      - Incumbent Governor
        - Frank Licht
          - Compared with Milton J. Shapp
            - The President's previous encounter
      - 1968 and 1970 race against John H. Chafee
        - Issues
          - Income tax
          - Change of position
  - Race for Senate and Governor's seat
  - Last Republican elected from Rhode Island
  - Claiborne Pell
    - Popularity
    - John O. Pastore

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Tape Subject Log

(rev. 2/24)

- John H. Chafee's campaign
  - Issues
  - John H. Chafee's reputation
  - John H. Chafee's qualifications
    - Compared to Claiborne Pell
  - Melvin R. Laird
  - Stand on national defense
- Maine
  - William D. Hathaway
    - Popularity
    - Race against Margaret Chase Smith
    - Strength
  - Margaret Chase Smith
    - Primary race
    - Age
      - Liability
    - Power in Senate
      - Naval shipyard
      - Value

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- Portsmouth Navy Yard
  - Decision to keep open
    - Described
  - Norris Cotton
  - Value
    - Laird
    - Cotton
  - Uses

Henry A. Kissinger entered at 12:42 pm.

- Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
  - Submarine-Launched Ballistic Missiles [SLBMs]
    - Passage
      - Submarine-Launched Ballistic Missiles [SLBMs]
  - Naval vessels
    - Submarines

NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF

Tape Subject Log

(rev. 2/24)

- Technical problems
- Keel laying

- Presidential gifts
- Money clip

- Chafee
- Laird

- 1972 election
- Chafee
- Campaign practices

Chafee left at 12:44 pm.

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[Personal Returnable]

[701-014-w005]

[Duration: 41s]

- 1972 election
- John H. Chafee
  - Chances of success
  - Claiborne Pell's weakness
- Liberalism
- Support on foreign policy
  - Claiborne Pell's record

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SALT

- SLBMs
- Laird's position
  - US negotiating position
  - Helsinki
- An agreement
  - Undersea Long-Range Missile System [ULMS]

## NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF

**Tape Subject Log***(rev. 2/24)*

- Keel laying
- Limitations
  - Appeal
    - Powered by the State Department and Joint Chief of Staff [JCS]
  - Problems
    - Public apprehensions
    - Soviet Union
- Submarine agreement
  - Political problems
    - Development of facilities
  - Soviet [Delta Class] submarines
    - Missiles
      - Range
      - Number
    - Facilities
- US facilities
  - Limitations

## Vietnam

- President's instructions to Laird
- North Vietnamese offensive
  - Stakes For US
    - US withdrawal
  - President's view
    - US defeat
      - Consequences
        - US foreign policy
        - Presidency
      - President's awareness of situation
- US counteraction
  - National Security Council [NSC]
    - William P. Rogers
    - State Department
  - Risks
    - Election
    - Necessity for strong action
      - Air and naval power
        - Increase
  - The President's meeting with Adm. Thomas H. Moorer and [David] Kenneth Rush
    - Washington Special Actions Group [WSAG] reports
  - Laird's Role

## NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF

**Tape Subject Log***(rev. 2/24)*

- Criticism
  - Assessing success and failure
- Laird's recommendation
  - Cancellation of bombing
    - Target areas
    - Geographical limit
    - US options
- Air strikes
  - Laird's recommendation
    - 18<sup>th</sup> parallel
    - No restrictions on authority
    - Timing
  - Authority
    - Extension
  - Time frame
    - US actions
  - Resources
  - Support role
  - Target areas
    - B-3 area
      - Activity
  - Weather
    - Forecasts
    - Timing
  - USAF reluctance
    - Battle of the Bulge
    - Comparisons
    - Risks
- Naval Gunfire
  - Ships
    - Number
  - Guns
    - Capacities
    - Accuracy
  - Shore batteries
  - Destroyers
- Targets
  - Tactical Air Support [TACAIR]
    - Performance
  - Tanks
  - Personnel
  - Sir Robert Thompson

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**Tape Subject Log***(rev. 2/24)*

- North Vietnamese vulnerability
- South Vietnam military
  - Hue
  - Thieu
  - Retreat
    - Advantages
    - Battle of Verdun
    - French
- Reports of battle
  - Criticism of Department of Defense [DoD]
    - Bombing requests
      - Possible problems coming from Laird's office
  - Blame on Laird for reluctance
    - JCS
      - Lack of forthcoming information to the President
- Air strikes
  - Laird's role
    - Loyalty to the President
    - Possibly questioned
- Press conference
  - Rogers
    - Timing
    - Demilitarized Zone [DMZ] violations
    - Schedule changes
      - Recognition of Bangladesh
        - Rogers's responsibilities
        - Laird's previous conversation with the President
          - Previous telephone conversation with Robert J. McCloskey
- Ronald L. Ziegler
  - Line for the press
    - Conversation with Laird's people
- President's instructions for Laird
  - Points to make
    - US purposes for air strikes
      - Protection of Americans
      - Vietnamization
        - Continuation
          - Aid to South Vietnam's defense
          - Prisoners of War [POWs] return
  - US actions
    - Ground troops



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**Tape Subject Log***(rev. 2/24)*

- Air power
  - Target areas
- Violation of international law
  - Strong, hard line from Laird
- Rogers
  - Comparison to Laird
- Cambodia
- Changes in character of war
  - Compared with Korean Conflict
- Violations by North Vietnam
  - 1954 agreement, 1968 bombing halt
  - Rogers
- Air strikes
  - Targets
- Protection of Americans
  - Number
- Escalation of war
  - Edmund S. Muskie's charges
  - The President's response
- Hubert H. Humphrey
  - Demands for more aid to South Vietnam
- North Vietnamese offensive
  - Vietnamization
    - Impact
    - Laird's statement
      - Possible credibility problem
  - South Vietnamese strength
    - Chances of success
      - Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.
      - Thieu
  - US confidence in South Vietnamese Abilities
    - Abrams comment
      - Football analogy
    - Past retreats
      - Battle of the Bulge
      - World War I
        - Great Britain and Germany
- Public relations response
  - Laird's statements
    - Follow-up from the President
    - Timing

## NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF

**Tape Subject Log***(rev. 2/24)*

- Scheduling
  - Rogers and Laird
- Coordination of various agencies
- Authorities
- Ziegler
  - Report of meeting between Laird and the President
- Laird
  - Loyalty to the President
    - Questions
    - Laird's relationship with JCS
    - Hardline from Laird

The President talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 12:44 and 1:11 pm.

[Conversation No. 701-14B]

Request that Ziegler join them

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam

- North Vietnamese offensive
  - Laird
    - Loyalty to the President
      - Problems of communication within the DoD and between the DoD and the White House
  - Weather
    - Forecasts
    - Effect on air sorties
      - Number
      - B-3 Area
        - Possible psychological impact
        - Effect on air sorties
  - B-52s
    - Problems
    - Surface-To-Air Missiles [SAMs]
      - Countermeasures
    - Target Areas
      - DMZ
    - Effectiveness
      - SAMs
    - Target Areas

## NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF

**Tape Subject Log***(rev. 2/24)*

- Risks
  - DMZ
  - SAMs
- Losses
  - Florida
- US countermeasures
- Options

Ziegler entered At 1:11 pm.

- Impact on People's Republic of China [PRC] and Soviet Union
  - US credibility
- Impact on US allies
  - Asia, Europe and Latin America

Kissinger left at 1:12 pm.

- The President's meeting with Laird
  - Ziegler's report
    - Statement for press
    - Laird's press conference
      - Timing
        - Rogers
  - Presentation

Laird left at an unknown time before 1:15 pm.

- Weather
  - Impact on air strikes
    - Public reaction
- Air strikes
  - Muskie's criticism
- Escalation of war
  - Responsibility
- North Vietnamese offensive
  - McCloskey
  - Ziegler's report
    - Administration's stance
      - Ziegler's previous conversation with Haig
- Public relations
  - Strategy
  - Comments to press

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**Tape Subject Log**

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- Confidence
  - Possible outcome
- Press
  - Contradictory reports
    - Robert Pierpoint
    - Crisis in White House
      - Ziegler's previous conversatin with Bill Jarriel [?]
    - WSAG meetings
    - Templeton [first name unknown]

Ziegler left at 1:15 pm.

Conversation No. 701-15

Date: April 4, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 1:15 pm and 1:17 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger.

Unknown person's schedule  
-Meeting with the President

Conversation No. 701-16

Date: April 4, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 1:15 pm and 1:17 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 1:17 pm.

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**Tape Subject Log**  
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Conversation No. 701-17

Date: April 4, 1972  
Time: 1:17 pm - 1:32 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

Vietnam  
-Melvin R. Laird  
-Protestations of loyalty

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Vietnam  
-Melvin R. Laird  
-Henry A. Kissinger's opinion

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Vietnam  
-Melvin R. Laird  
-Public relations efforts  
-North Vietnamese offensive  
-Importance  
-Weather  
-Pessimism  
-Weather  
-US Air Force [USAF]  
-Reluctance in bad weather  
-B-52s

## NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF

**Tape Subject Log***(rev. 2/24)*

- Naval gunfire
  - Laird's evaluation
  - Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
    - Kissinger's trust
  - Range
  - Employment
- Laird's Pessimism
  - Gen. Robert E. Pursley
- [David] Kenneth Rush
  - Support for the President
  - Compared with David N. Packard
    - Loyalty
- Laird
  - Pessimism
    - Naval gunfire
    - B-52s
      - Possible psychological impact
- Soviet Union and People's Republic Of China [PRC] and Hanoi
  - India-Pakistan war
    - Similarities to present situation
- North Vietnamese offensive
  - Kissinger's view
    - US counteraction
      - Dong Hoi
        - Supply Depots
      - B-52s
      - Effectiveness
    - B-3 area
      - Air strikes
        - Effectiveness
- Weather
  - PRC and Soviet Union
  - Duration of bad weather
  - Limitations on air power
  - Current aircraft
  - Impact on aircraft
    - Comparisons to the Battle of the Bulge
    - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
      - Previous conversation with Kissinger
        - Comparison to the early stages of the Vietnam war
    - Commercial planes
- Richard M. Helms

## NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF

**Tape Subject Log***(rev. 2/24)*

- Support for administration's policy
  - Comments
- South Vietnamese resistance
  - Hue
    - Blockade of Haiphong
    - Strength of South Vietnam
- Compared with the Battle of the Bulge
  - Gen. George S. Patton, Jr.
- US equipment
- Laird and Rush
  - Comparisons
- Public relations
  - William P. Rogers
    - Press conference
      - Bangladesh
      - Vietnam
- Air strikes
  - Northern limits
  - Administration's stance
  - Options
  - Target areas
- Blockade of Haiphong
  - Mining
    - Preparations
    - Philippines

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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

## NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF

## Tape Subject Log

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## Vietnam

- North Vietnamese offensive
  - PRC and Soviet Union warnings against US interventions
  - US actions
    - Administration's stance
    - Appearance
      - Jordan
      - India-Pakistan war
      - Impact on PRC and Soviet Union
    - Impact on election
- Soviets
  - Interests
    - Berlin agreement
      - Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
      - Talk with Kissinger
  - Summit
    - Kissinger's previous conversations with the State Department
    - Likelihood of cancellation
  - Military mission in Hanoi
    - Analysis
      - Military equipment
        - Inclusion in Laird's statement
  - Equipment in Vietnam
    - Tanks, planes, trucks
  - Joseph W. Alsop
    - Forthcoming meeting with Kissinger
    - Social occasions
    - Kissinger's previous conversation with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
    - 1972 election
- North Vietnamese offensive
  - Air strikes in North
    - Demilitarized Zone [DMZ]
    - Effectiveness
  - South Vietnam
    - 1968 Tet offensive
      - Khe Sanh

The President and Kissinger left at 1:32 pm.