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Conversation No. 241-001

Date: February 2, 1973

Time: Unknown between 3:43 pm and 8:50 pm

Location: Camp David Hard Wire

Henry A. Kissinger met with Sir Burke Trend.

Nuclear negotiations

- United States [US]-Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] relations
- Commission
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] strategy
- Internal conflict
- Leonid I. Brezhnev

Kissinger talked with the Camp David Operator.

[Conversation No. 241-001A]

[End of telephone conversation]

Birthday

- Louis Kissinger

Nuclear negotiations

- Efforts

Kissinger talked with Louis Kissinger and Paula Kissinger.

[Conversation No. 241-001B]



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[See Conversation No. 186-003]

[End of telephone conversation]

Nuclear negotiations

- Strategy
  - Avoidance of, obligation
  - Commission
- United States [US]-Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] summit
- Delay

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*[Previous National Security (B) withdrawal reviewed under MDR guidelines case number LPRN-T-MDR-2014-008. Segment declassified on 09/15/2017. Archivist: DR]*

[National Security]

[241-001-w003]

[Duration: 1m 6s]

Union of Soviet Socialists Republics [USSR]

- Negotiations
- Leonid I. Brezhnev

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Nuclear negotiations

- Scientific changes
  - Harvard scientist
    - Peace community
    - Support for Great Britain
    - Nuclear deterrence
    - Germany



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- US-Great Britain policy planning
  - Cabinet disputes
    - Elliot L. Richardson
    - Defense Department
    - War office
    - State Department
    - Press relations
  - President's view
    - Agency support
  - Richardson
  - Kissinger's relations with Cabinet secretaries
  - Private groups' role
  - Whitehall
  - British representatives
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
  - Treaty
    - United States [US] reply
    - Timing
- United States [US]- Great Britain policy planning
  - North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO] summit
  - Working group
    - Kissinger's role
    - Defense Department

Kissinger's schedule

Conversation No. 241-002

Date: February 2, 1973

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Henry A. Kissinger talked with the Camp David Operator and an unknown woman.



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[See Conversation No. 186-004]

Conversation No. 241-003

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Location: Camp David Hard Wire

Henry A. Kissinger talked with the Camp David Operator and Cmdr. Jonathan T. Howe.

[See Conversation No. 186-005]

Conversation No. 241-004

Date: February 2, 1973

Time: Unknown between 3:43 pm and 8:50 pm

Location: Camp David Hard Wire

Charles C. Sumrell met with an unknown person.

Room check

-Frank A. Sisco

-Access

-President's materials

Sumrell talked with an unknown person.

[Conversation No. 241-004A]

[See Conversation No. 186-006]

[End of telephone conversation]



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Raymond K. Price, Jr. [?]

-Location

[Music]

William Hirsch

[Pause]

Sisco entered at an unknown time between 3:43 pm and 8:50 pm.

Tapes

-Inspection

-Content

-Music

-Tape recorder

-Boxes

[Music]

Tapes

-Inspection

-Recordings

Sisco talked with the Camp David Operator and Charles A. Grunden.

[Conversation No. 241-004B]

[See Conversation No. 186-007]

[End telephone conversation]

[Music]

Sisco talked with the White House Signal Office.



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[Conversation No. 241-004C]

[See Conversation No. 186-008]

Tapes

- Sgt. Farrell D. Morlan
- Boxes
- Inspection
- Length
- Number
- Content
- Recording

Sisco talked with Morlan.

Unknown man talked with the Camp David Operator and [first name unknown] Douglas.

[Conversation No. 241-004D]

[See Conversation No. 161-001]

[End telephone conversation]

President's preference

- Morlan
- Tapes
  - Sony C-120
  - Supply
  - Buzz [last name unknown]
  - Length
- Request to telephone Morlan
- Location

[Conversation No. 241-004E]

[See Conversation No. 186-009]



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[End telephone conversation]

Tapes

-Length

Sisco talked with Ruth L. Krell.

[Conversation No. 241-004F]

[See Conversation No. 161-002]

[End telephone conversation]

Sumrell, Sisco and an unknown man left at an unknown time between before 8:50 pm.

Conversation No. 241-005

Date: February 2 or February 3, 1973

Time: Unknown between 3:43 pm, February 2 and 3:30 pm, February 3, 1973

Location: Camp David Hard Wire

Unknown men met.

Room arrangement

-President

-Furniture

-View

-Beech tree

-Town

Unknown men left at an unknown time before 3:30 pm, February 3, 1973.



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Conversation No. 241-006

Date: February 2 or February 3, 1973

Time: Unknown between 3:43 pm, February 2 and 3:30 pm, February 3, 1973

Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President met with Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon and Manolo Sanchez.

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*[Previous PRMPA Personal Returnable (G) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift during chronological review 2007-2013]*

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[Personal Returnable]

[241-006-w001]

[Duration: 1m 3s]

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Room decoration

-Package

-Wall hangings

-Prints

-Closet

-Winston M. Churchill

-Marrakesh





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The President *et. al.* left at an unknown time before 3:30 pm, February 3, 1973.

Conversation No. 241-007

Date: February 2 or February 3, 1973

Time: Unknown between 3:43 pm, February 2 and 3:30 pm, February 3, 1973

Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President [?] met with an unknown man.

Future meeting

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 3:43 pm, February 2, 1973.

Locating something

President [?] *et. Al.* left at an unknown time before 3:30 pm, February 3, 1973.

Conversation No. 241-008

Date: February 3, 1973

Time: 3:30 pm

Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 161-003]



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Conversation No. 241-009

Date: February 3, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 3:30 pm and 5:18 pm  
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The Camp David operator talked with the President.

[See Conversation No. 161-004]

Conversation No. 241-010

Date: February 3, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 3:30 pm and 6:15 pm  
Location: Camp David Hard Wire

The President dictated a memorandum for the file.

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- President's critics
  - Divisiveness
  - Patrick J. Buchanan
  - William P. Rogers
    - Cabinet meeting
  - Ronald L. Ziegler
    - Press relations



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Eisaku Sato

- Welcoming

Camp David

- Date, time

Vietnam settlement

- Cease-fire agreement
- Paris

Dictabelt tape

Sato's dinner

Edward R. G. Heath's visit

- Background material
  - Henry A. Kissinger's office
  - Detail
  - Arthur F. Burns, George P. Shultz, Peter M. Flanigan's contributions

Prayer breakfast

- President's conversation with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- President's statement
  - Notes
  - Mark O. Hatfield
  - John C. Stennis

Hatfield

- Hypocrisy
  - Haldeman
  - Honorariums
- Behavior
- Wife

President's Inaugural speech



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- Applause
- Respect
- Prayer breakfast
- Press coverage

### Mail to the President

- Lyrics
- Prayer breakfast

### President's schedule

### Henry A. Kissinger

- Personality
  - Vietnam settlement
    - “Peace is at hand” statement
    - 1972 election
    - Effects
    - Negotiations
      - United States [US] bargaining position
    - December 1972 bombing
  - Press briefing
    - Negotiations
      - North Vietnam
      - Motivations
      - Kissinger's viewpoint
  - New York Times*
    - Harry Reasoner
    - Nobel Prize
      - Irony
      - Negotiations
      - December 1972 bombing
  - President's role
  - Effect on negotiations
- Mood
- Public perceptions
    - Kissinger's cable



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-Files

-Interview with Marvin L. Kalb

-President's conversation with Ziegler

-Television [TV] ratings

-Public interest after cease-fire

Joseph C. Kraft's meeting with Charles W. Colson

-Kissinger

-Conversation with Colson

-Colson's knowledge of Kissinger's call to Kraft

-Kissinger's viewpoint

Kissinger

-Contradictory remarks

-Helmut ("Hal") Sonnenfeldt's conversation with Colson

Kissinger's interview with Kalb

-Questions

-Colson and others' viewpoints

-Answers

-People's Republic of China [PRC]

-Bombing

-Role of advisors in decision making

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 3:30 pm.

Call from Tricia Nixon Cox

The President talked with Tricia Nixon Cox between 5:18 pm and 5:22 pm.

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[Personal Returnable]

[241-010-w001]



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[Duration: 2m 11s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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[Conversation No. 241-010A]

[See Conversation No. 161-005]

[End of telephone conversation]

Kissinger

- Morale
- Schedule
  - New York
    - Hockey game
- Colson's opinion
  - Kissinger's personality
- Role of advisors in decision making
  - Historical records
- Press relations
  - H.R. ("Bob") Haldeman, Colson
  - Writers
  - Speeches, articles

Nobel Prize

- Paul Miller
- Hugh Scott, Robert J. Dole
- Walter Annenberg
  - Personality

Press relations

- Editorials



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-Haldeman

White House staff

- Stephen B. Bull
- Alexander P. Butterfield

President's meeting with Heath

- Heath's demeanor
  - Support for bombing
  - Toast
    - President's role in Vietnam settlement
    - Courage

-Discussions

-Content

-Former United States [US] Presidents

-Lyndon B. Johnson

-Death

-Vietnam

-Psychological toll

-Press relations

-Departure from Washington, DC

-Dwight D. Eisenhower

-Retirement

-Gettysburg

-Travel and leisure activities

-Golf

-Augusta

-Palm Springs

-Bridge

-Memories

-Herbert C. Hoover

-New York

-Gen. Douglas MacArthur

-World Capital

-Johnson

-Ranch



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- Visibility compared to Eisenhower
  - President's visit
  - 1972 Democratic candidates
  - George S. McGovern's visit
    - Johnson's endorsement
- President's call to Claudia A. ("Taylor") ("Lady Bird") Johnson
  - Letter
  - United Nations [UN] position
  - Claudia Johnson's reply

Congressional relations

- Michael J. Mansfield
  - Chou En-Lai
    - Foreign policy hardliners
    - Hugh Scott

Press relations

- President's news summary
  - Travel to Camp David
    - Press entourage
- Ronald L. Ziegler
  - Dan Rather's report
  - Press conference
- Washington Post*
- Vermont Royster's column
  - Coverage of Vietnam settlement
    - Television [TV]
- Ziegler
- Colson
- Television [TV]
  - Public opinion of news commentary
  - Presidential statements
- Need for national unity
  - Role of press
    - Critics of administration
    - Reconciliation





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- Mistakes in reporting
- Support for President

### Middle East

- Kissinger' delayed actions
  - Israeli elections, October 1973
- President's strategy
  - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
  - Arms
  - Kissinger's limited role
- Egypt
  - Hafiz Ismail's visit
- Israel's position
- United States [US] position as mediator
  - Interim settlement
    - Israeli compared with Egyptian, Arab positions
    - United States [US] assurances of future settlement

### North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO]

- President's discussions with Kissinger
- Defense budget cuts
  - Kissinger's lack of comprehensive strategy
    - Tactical compared with strategic approach
- Role of military planners
- United States [US] and European commitments
  - Credibility with Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]

### John B. Connally

- Weakness of dollar
- Trade bill
  - Trade sanctions
- Energy bill
  - Central Broadcasting Service [CBS]
    - Series on energy, environment
    - Crusade
    - Effect on President



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- Appointment of Richard M. Helms as Ambassador to Iran
- President's conversation with William D. Rogers

President's meeting with Heath, February 2, 1973

- Walk at Camp David
  - Weather
  - Laurel Lodge
    - Secret Service escort
- Dinner, February 2, 1973
  - Menu
  - Conversation
    - Blacks
    - Commonwealth
    - Relations with Asian populations
    - Asian emigration to Great Britain
      - Labor issues
    - Enoch Powell's statement
    - Black contributions to Great Britain

Blacks

- President's view
  - Abilities
    - Strength
    - Artistic talent
    - Public speaking
    - Hard science
      - George Washington Carver

President's conversation with Heath

- Heath's visit to United Nations [UN]

President's conversations with Lady Cromer

- Daughter of Viscount Rothermere
  - Publisher
- Supporter
- Views of social set



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-Attitudes toward Vietnam, United States [US] role

Alice Roosevelt Longworth

Rose Mary Woods

- Telephone call to Roy L. Ash
  - President's reaction to news summary
  - Telephone call compared with letter to supporters
- Telephone call to Coy Stennis
  - Health
  - Admiration for President

Telephone calls to supporters

- Woods
- Haldeman, John D. Ehrlichman
- Personal appeal
  - Woods compared with staff members

Press relations

- Tex McCrary
- Letter
- Max Feldman's article
- 1972 election victory
  - Camp David
  - Barry M. Goldwater [?]
  - Peter G. Peterson's leak to the press
  - Art Buckwald
  - Cabinet reorganization

Press conferences

- Press coverage
  - Timing
- Location
  - Television [TV]
- Effects of Watergate
- Washington, DC biases



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- Public opinion
- President's statements

### Press relations

- Kissinger's statements to *Newsweek*, *Time*
- Ziegler

### Vietnam settlement

- 1972 election
- Reactions
- Opponents of President's war policy
- Kissinger
  - Liberals

### State Dinners

- Woods
- Tables
- Seating

### Kissinger

- Press conference
  - Transcript
  - Press coverage
    - Elitist viewpoint
- Kissinger's interpersonal style
- Lady Cromer's viewpoint
  - Winston S. Churchill's character
- President's opinion about Churchill's leadership style
- Colson, Haldeman's opinion
- Kissinger's breadth of knowledge
- Public statements

### Vietnam settlement

- Cambodia, Laos
  - Cease-fire
  - Return of Prisoners of War [POWs]



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- Press reaction
  - United States [US] appreciation
  - Le Duc Tho
    - Kissinger's reception
    - People's Republic of China [PRC]
  - Propaganda
- Signing ceremony
- Hard-line approach
- Language
- Expert analysis

Bombing

- Opposition
- Kissinger

President's conversation with Haldeman

- Marion Smoak
- Staff functions
- Bull

Dictabelt tape

- Purpose

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The President played back tape of dictation at an unknown time between 5:18 pm and 6:15 pm; the tape was cut off at an unknown time before 6:15 pm.