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[Conversation No. 246-039](#)

Date: April 7, 1971
Time: Unknown between 10:50 am and 10:55 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

Robert J. Dole

The President's schedule

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:55 am

[Conversation No. 246-001](#)



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The President met with Stephen B. Bull

President's schedule

President's relatives' schedule

High school class tour

-Rose Garden

-Oval Office

-Location

-Time

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:55 am

[Conversation No. 246-002](#)

Date: April 7, 1971
Time: Unknown between 10:50 am and 10:55 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person

Request for call back

[Conversation No. 246-003](#)

Date: April 7, 1971
Time: Unknown between 10:50 am and 10:55 am
Location: Executive Office Building



The President talked with an unknown person

Request for call back

[Conversation No. 246-004](#)

Date: April 7, 1971
Time: Unknown between 10:50 am and 10:55 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez

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[246-004-w001]
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Request
-Coffee

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 10:55 am

[Conversation No. 246-005](#)

Date: April 7, 1971
Time: 10:55 am - 12:15 am



Location: Executive Office Building

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

Weather

Wood left at an unknown time before 10:59 am

Sergeant Karl Taylor

- Older son Karl ("Skipper") Taylor, Jr.
- Family

[Haldeman talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 10:55 am and 10:59 am]

[Conversation No. 246-5A]

Congressional Medal of Honor

- Sergeant Taylor
- Sons "Skipper" and Kevin Taylor

Taylor's son

[End of telephone conversation]

Lieutenant William L Calley, Jr.

- Prosecutor, Captain Aubrey M. Daniel, III
 - President's possible conversation with John D. Ehrlichman
 - Robert A. Taft, Jr.'s press conference April 7, 1971
 - President's responsibilities regarding final review
- Stanley R. Resor
 - Haldeman's possible call to Melvin R. Laird
 - Tenure in office
 - Prosecutor
- White House comments
 - Ehrlichman
 - Ronald L. Ziegler
 - Ehrlichman
 - New York Times, Washington Post*



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- Prosecutor
 - Calley case
 - Review
 - President's call to Ehrlichman's secretary

News stories

- Ziegler
- White House handling

[Rose Mary Woods talked with the President between 10:59 am and 11:00 am]

[Conversation No. 246-5B]

President's forthcoming speech April 7, 1971

- Changes
- Unknown man

[End of telephone conversation]

Revenue sharing

[The President talked with Ehrlichman between 11:01 am and 11:07 am]

[Conversation No. 246-5C]

Calley

- Prosecutor's letter
 - President's conversation with Haldeman
 - Resor's tenure in office
 - Inaccuracies
- Prosecutor
- Robert Goralski
- President's review
- Ziegler
 - Background

Woods entered at 11:05 am

- Ziegler



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- President's review
- Robert B. Semple, Jr., *Christian Science Monitor, Wall Street Journal*
- Press coverage
- White House comments
 - Ziegler
- Ehrlichman's possible briefing
 - George Herman

[End of telephone conversation]

President's forthcoming Vietnam speech April 7, 1971

- Changes
- Distribution of copies
 - Henry A. Kissinger
 - Ziegler
- Woods' forthcoming conversation with Kissinger

Ziegler entered at 11:15 am

- Changes

Weather

Woods left at 11:16 am

President's forthcoming speech, April 7, 1971

- Length
- Text
 - Kissinger
- Distribution

Ziegler's forthcoming press briefing

- President's schedule
 - William P. Rogers, Laird
 - Admiral Thomas H. Moorer
 - Kissinger
 - Bipartisan meeting
- Congressional leaders
 - Michael J. ("Mike") Mansfield



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- Schedule
- Senate Whips
- Messages to President
 - President's conversations
- President's forthcoming speech
 - Possible statements
- South Vietnam

Calley

- President's conversation with Ehrlichman
- President's policy
 - Judicial process
 - Appeal
- Prosecutor's letter
- President's policy
- Review
 - Ehrlichman's press briefing
 - Ziegler's forthcoming press briefing
 - Prosecutor
 - Possible White House comments

Ziegler left at 11:25 am

Ziegler

- Handling of press
- Ehrlichman

Calley

- Judicial process
- Possible White House involvement
- Daniel

President's forthcoming Vietnam speech April 7, 1971

- Television
- Camera work

[Pause]

Calley



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- Taft's forthcoming press conference
- Haldeman's forthcoming call to Laird
- Resor's tenure in office

Resor

- My Lai Massacre
- President's schedule

[Pause]

President's forthcoming Vietnam speech April 7, 1971

- Preparation
 - Final copy
 - Kissinger
 - Patrick J. Buchanan
 - Vice President Spiro T. Agnew's style
 - Raymond K. Price, Jr.
 - William L. Safire
 - Thomas Jefferson
 - Kissinger
 - Editing
 - Draft
 - Winston Lord

Clark MacGregor

- Kissinger's views
- Bryce N. Harlow
- William E. Timmons
- Role with administration
 - Gerald R. Ford
 - Peter H. Dominick
- Southern strategy
- Kissinger's views
 - Conversation with White House staff members

White House staff views

- Cambodia and Laos
- President's church attendance
- Vietnam



George Meany
-Attitude

Staff

Vietnam

- Negotiations
 - North Vietnam
- Troop withdrawals
- President's policy
 - Ehrlichman's comments April 7, 1971
 - President's forthcoming speech
- Troop withdrawals
 - George D. Aiken
 - Laird
- President's policy

White House staff

- Review
- Peter G. Peterson
 - Ehrlichman
 - President's policies
 - Opposition
 - Kissinger
- George P. Shultz
 - Draftees

Pending legislation

- Education bill
 - Possible veto

President's forthcoming speech April 7, 1971

- Phone calls to President
 - Cabinet
 - Kissinger, Woods, Haldeman, and Charles W. Colson
 - John B. Connally
- Preparation
 - Kissinger's forthcoming backgrounder



- President's efforts
 - Consultation with Cabinet
 - Laird
 - Rogers
 - Moorer

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 11:25 am

- President's schedule
- Shultz, Ehrlichman

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:49 am

- National economy
- Stock market

- President's schedule
- Franco Maria Malfatti
 - Council on International Economic Policy
 - European Economic Community
 - Connally

- National economy
- Stock market
 - Economic indicators
 - Automobile sales
 - Views of Haldeman's friend from J. Walter Thompson Co.
 - Sears, Roebuck & Co.
 - Industrial production
 - Construction
 - Retail sales

- President's forthcoming speech April 7, 1971
- Possible effect
 - War weariness

Shultz and Ehrlichman entered at 11:49 am

- President's schedule



The President and Haldeman left at 11:49 am

[Pause]

[Previous archivists categorized this section as unintelligible. It has been rereviewed and released 04/08/2019.]

[Unintelligible]

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[Duration: 2m 24s]

Sensitivity of unknown person

Harris polling

The President entered at an unknown time after 11:49 am

Congress

Pending legislation

- Education bill
- Possible veto
- Cost
- William D. Hathaway
 - Possible amendment
 - Possible White House response
- Military pay
 - House vote
 - Cost
- Education bill
 - Possible veto



Kissinger entered at an unknown time after 11:50 am

President's schedule

- Laird, Rogers, Kissinger
 - Talking points
 - Vietnam withdrawal

Kissinger left at an unknown time before 12:15 pm

Pending legislation

- Education bill
 - Possible veto
 - Military pay
 - Transportation
 - Urban renewal
 - Revenue sharing
 - Possible veto
 - Budget
 - President's program

National economy

- Status
 - Stock market
 - Economic indicators
 - Automobile sales
 - Department store sales
 - Home furnishings
 - New York
 - Southern California
- Stock market
- People's actions
 - Confidence
 - Business magazines
 - Washington Post*, *Washington Star*, *New York Times*
- Stock market
 - Administration's economic policies
- Business writers
 - Staff, *Time*, *Life*
- Southern California



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- Status
 - Federal Reserve
 - Federal budget
 - Steadiness
 - Public confidence

Pending legislation

- Education bill
 - Effect on budget
 - Possible veto
 - Instruction for Ford
 - Education lobby
 - Possible veto
 - Elliot L. Richardson's forthcoming speech
 - Instructions for Ford
 - Possible motion to re-commit
 - Tactics
 - Hathaway's amendment
 - Provisions
 - President's policies
- Authorization
 - Levels
 - Possible amendments

J. Edgar Hoover

- Tenure in office
- Alger Hiss case
 - Tom C. Clark, Harry S Truman
 - Taps on President's phone
- Surveillance of Congressmen
- [Thomas] Hale Boggs
 - Charges
 - Compared with Joseph McCarthy

McCarthy

- Allegations regarding State Department
- Communists

Hoover



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- Boggs
 - Health
 - Possible Congressional hearing
 - Ehrlichman's possible conversation with John N. Mitchell
 - Possible hearings

Boggs

- Carl B. Albert's conversation with MacGregor, April 6, 1971
- Health
- Wife
- President's conversation with Lyndon B. Johnson
- Relationship with Wilbur D. Mills

Pending legislation

- Education bill
 - Possible veto
- Military pay

Ehrlichman and Shultz left at 12:15 pm

[Conversation No. 246-007](#)

Date: April 7, 1971

Time: 12:16 pm - 2:00 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Melvin R. Laird, William P. Rogers, and Henry A. Kissinger

John D. Ehrlichman and George P. Shultz

Vietnam

- Admiral Thomas H. Moorer
 - Conversation with Laird
- Richard M. Helms
- National Security Council [NSC]
 - Vice President Spiro T. Agnew



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- General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
- Jacob K. Javits
 - Story in *Washington Post*, April 7, 1971
 - Republicans
 - Withdrawal from Vietnam
- North Vietnamese
- Troop withdrawals
 - Military's reaction
 - President's position
- Negotiations
- Timing
 - Kissinger
- John Sherman Cooper's call to Kissinger, April 6, 1971
 - Troop withdrawal
 - Timing
 - Prisoners of War [POWs]
- Jack R. Miller's approach
- POWs
 - Negotiations
- Possible Congressional action
 - President's options
 - Draft bill
 - Status
 - John C. Stennis
 - Withdrawal date
 - Possible effects
 - Discussions
 - Options
 - Laird's forthcoming testimony
 - Military's reaction
- President's forthcoming speech April 7, 1971
- National mood
 - President's forthcoming speech
- Congress' role
 - Vietnamization program
 - Troop withdrawals
 - World Wars I & II, Civil War
- Troop withdrawals
 - Rate



- President's forthcoming announcement
 - Military operations
 - Message to Ellsworth F. Bunker
 - General Nguyen Van Thieu
 - Thieu's conversation with Bunker
 - Troop withdrawals
 - Rate
 - Thieu
 - President's message to Nguyen Cao Ky
 - NSC
- Withdrawal rate
 - Bunker
- Laird's conversation with Thieu, Bunker, General Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.
- Following announcement
- President's forthcoming announcement
 - Official comments
- North Vietnamese military capability
 - Laos
 - Cambodia
 - United States' military dispositions
 - Troop withdrawals

Latin people

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[Privacy]

[246-007-w001]

[Duration: 17s]

Mark [?] [Surname unknown]

- Comment made regarding ambassador to Barbados
- Women and happiness



Vietnam

- Troop withdrawals
 - Military's reaction
 - President's policies
 - Cambodia
 - Views of Cooper, Frank F. Church, Javits
- Moorer's comments regarding Edmund S. Muskie, Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy
- President's forthcoming speech
 - Television
 - Charts

Ronald L. Ziegler and members of the press entered at 12:49 pm

President's schedule

- Latin ambassadors
- Photo session

President's forthcoming speech

- Preparation of speeches

Ziegler and the members of the press left at 12:50 pm

Time magazine

Vietnam

- President's forthcoming speech
 - Chart
 - John F. Kennedy
 - US military presence
- Congress
 - Republicans
 - Democrats
 - Vietnamization
 - Comments
 - Carl B. Albert
 - Foreign policy making
 - Responsibility
 - Possible actions



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- Draft bill
- Dr. David K. E. Bruce
- Negotiations
- POWs
- President's responsibility
- Albert, Charles M. Teague, Gerald R. Ford

Congress

- Clark MacGregor's views
- Revenue sharing
- Government reorganization
- Laird's forthcoming conversation with Ehrlichman and Shultz

Vietnam

- Troop withdrawals
 - Agreement with President
 - Joint Chiefs of Staff
 - Lieutenant William L. Calley, Jr.

Rogers and Laird left at 1:00 pm

- President's forthcoming speech April 7, 1971
 - Charts
 - Additions
 - Troop withdrawals
 - Dates
 - Woods' revisions
 - Possible changes
 - Troop withdrawals
 - US casualties
 - Forthcoming enemy activity
 - Rogers' views
 - Possible changes
 - Kissinger's forthcoming briefing
 - Topics
 - Casualties
 - Air sorties
 - Possible press questions
 - POWs



- Laird's possible reaction
- Residual force
 - Laird's view
- POWs
 - United States' policy
- Possible Congressional action
 - President's comments to Laird
 - President's responsibilities
 - Donald H. Rumsfeld's comments in staff meeting, April 7, 1971
- Javits
- Charles H. Percy
 - Political ambitions
- Laird, Rogers

[H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman talked with the President between 1:15 pm and 1:16 pm]

[Conversation No. 246-7A]

President's schedule

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam

- Support of President's policies
- Laird and Rogers

Rogers

- Foreign Service

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[National Security]

[246-007-w004]

[Duration: 29s]

William P. Rogers



- Pakistan
- Support of Administration policies
 - Henry A. Kissinger's opinion
- Views on Biafra and Pakistan

- William P. Rogers
 - Views regarding Vietnam

Haldeman entered at 1:20 pm

- Vietnam
 - President's forthcoming speech April 7, 1971
 - Changes
 - Preparation
 - Woods

MacGregor

- Rumsfeld
 - Relations with the *New York Times* and *Washington Post*
 - Tenure in office
 - Forthcoming trip to Europe with Robert H. Finch
 - Role with administration
 - Comments in staff meeting April 7, 1971
 - Vietnam

- Vietnam
 - President's forthcoming speech April 7, 1971
 - Kissinger's forthcoming briefings
 - Robert B. Semple, Jr., Chalmers Roberts, Joseph W. Alsop

- President's schedule
 - Unknown newsman

- Karl ("Skipper") Taylor, Jr.
 - Nickname "Skipper"



[Pause]

Vietnam

- President's forthcoming speech April 7, 1971
 - Content
 - Shirley Taylor, sons Karl and Kevin
 - Possible effect
 - Laird, Rogers

Kissinger left at 1:30 pm

- Poll
- President's policy
 - Calley

[Pause]

-Opinion Research Corporation [ORC]

[The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 1:20 pm and 1:30 pm]

[Conversation No. 246-7B]

Call to Major General James D. ("Don") Hughes

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam

- Polls
 - President's policy
 - Calley

[The President talked with Hughes between 1:30 pm and 1:31 pm]

[Conversation No. 246-7C]

Sergeant Karl Taylor

- Medal of Honor citation



[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam

- Polls
 - Results
 - Calley
 - Elmo Roper
 - Claude Robbins [sp?]
 - George H. Gallup
 - Dwight L. Chapin
 - President's policy
 - Troop withdrawals
 - ORC
 - National Broadcasting Corporation [NBC]

[Hughes talked with the President between 1:36 pm and 1:37 pm]

[Conversation No. 246-7D]

Medal of Honor citation

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam

- Polls
 - ORC
 - Democratic caucus
 - President's policy
 - Gallup
 - Withdrawal issue
 - Forthcoming demonstrations
 - Forthcoming demonstrations
 - Possible administration response
- Polls
 - National mood
 - Laos, Cambodia
 - Calley
 - Possible effect of President's forthcoming speech April 7, 1971



- Calley
- Ehrlichman, Shultz
- Son Tay raid
- General Douglas MacArthur

Laird

- Conversation with President
 - Haldeman's forthcoming conversation with Ehrlichman
- Stanley R. Resor
 - Tenure in office
 - Possible replacement
 - Robert F. Froehlke
- Haldeman's forthcoming conversation with Laird, April 8, 1971

Vietnam

- Public opinion on withdrawal
- President's forthcoming speech April 7, 1971
 - Kissinger
- Calley

Revenue sharing

- President's conversation with Ehrlichman
 - Congress
- Program problems
- Presentations
 - Edwin L. Harper, Shultz
- Slogans
- Domestic Council
- Laird's possible meeting with Ehrlichman and Shultz
- Presentation

Vietnam

- Emmett Dedmon's comment
- Polls
 - Calley
 - Haldeman's conversation
 - [Forename unknown] Derge [sp?]
 - Haldeman's conversation with Thomas Veneman
- Calley



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- President's policy
- President's forthcoming speech, April 7, 1971
- Timing
- Polls
- Forthcoming call to unknown pollster
 - Chapin
 - Derge
 - Polls

Revenue sharing

- Ehrlichman and Shultz
- Selling administration's program

Briefings

- Length
 - Kissinger, Ehrlichman, Shultz
 - Points
 - John B. Connally
 - Paul W. McCracken

Vietnam

- Polls
- Disclosure

Rumsfeld

- Role with administration
- Finch
- Comments in staff meeting April 7, 1971

Peter G. Peterson

Vietnam

- Polls
 - Possible release
 - Timing
 - President's forthcoming speech April 7, 1971
 - Effect
 - Military services
 - Views of Douglas L. Hallett and Patrick J. Buchanan



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- Lyndon B. Johnson
- Calley

Domestic Council

- Shultz
- Public relations
 - Ehrlichman
 - Herbert G. Klein
 - Edward L. Morgan

Public relations

- President's personality
- Connally's views

Revenue sharing

- President's conversation with Laird
- Ehrlichman, Shultz

President's schedule

- Briefing April 8, 1971
- Media

Haldeman left at 2:00 pm

[Conversation No. 246-008](#)

Date: April 7, 1971

Time: Unknown between 2:00 pm and 2:07 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez



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Request
-Lunch

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:07 pm

[Conversation No. 246-009](#)

Date: April 7, 1971
Time: Unknown between 2:00 pm and 2:07 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez

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Refreshment

President's schedule



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Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:07 pm

[Conversation No. 246-010](#)

Date: April 7, 1971
Time: Unknown between 2:00 pm and 2:07 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator

Call to Ronald L. Ziegler

[Conversation No. 246-011](#)

Date: April 7, 1971
Time: 2:07 pm - 2:11 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Ronald L. Ziegler

Lieutenant William L. Calley, Jr.
-President's policy
-Prosecutor, Captain Aubrey M. Daniel, III

President's schedule
-Forthcoming speech April 7, 1971

[Conversation No. 246-012](#)



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Date: April 7, 1971
Time: Unknown between 2:11 pm and 3:10 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person [H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman?]

President's forthcoming speech April 7, 1971
-Changes

[Conversation No. 246-013](#)

Date: April 7, 1971
Time: Unknown between 2:11 pm and 3:10 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Ronald L. Ziegler

Vietnam
-Lieutenant William L. Calley, Jr.
-Prosecutor, Captain Aubrey M. Daniel, III
-Book contract
-Letter to President
-Motives
-Edmund S. Muskie
-Background
-Letter to the President
-Motives
-Possible White House response
-Calley
-Daniel
-Public opinion

[Conversation No. 246-014](#)



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Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person on the telephone.

[Conversation No. 246-015](#)

Date: April 7, 1971
Time: 3:10 pm - 3:11 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman talked with the President

President's schedule
-Congressional leaders
-Allen J. Ellender
-Richard B. Russell, Patrick J. Buchanan
-Melvin R. Laird

[Conversation No. 246-016](#)

Date: April 7, 1971
Time: Unknown between 3:11 pm and 3:15 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President rehearsed a speech

[A transcript of the final version of this speech appears in Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard M. Nixon, 1971, pp. 522-527]

[Conversation No. 246-017](#)



Date: April 7, 1971
Time: 3:15 pm - 3:55 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger

Vietnam

- President's forthcoming speech April 7, 1971
 - Kissinger's conversation with George Meany
 - Deadline for withdrawal
 - Kissinger's Conversation with Nelson A. Rockefeller
 - Margaretta ("Happy") Rockefeller
 - Rockefeller's conversation with Earl Bridges

Taft Schreiber

- Conversation with Kissinger
 - Television time on networks

Joseph W. Alsop

Vietnam

- Melvin R. Laird
- William P. Rogers
 - Conversation with President, April 6, 1971
- Congress
 - Gerald R. Ford
- President's forthcoming speech, April 7, 1971
 - Changes
 - Combat casualties
 - Other casualties
 - Kissinger's briefing
 - Ngo Dinh Diem
 - Troop withdrawals
 - Prisoners of war

Laird

Vietnam

- Negotiations



- United States' position
- Prospects
- H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman's views
- Rogers
- Laird

President's foreign policy

- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
- People's Republic of China [PRC]
- President's opponents

Vietnam

- Effects of possible loss by United States
 - Germany after World War I
 - Russia after World War I
 - Effect of possible loss by United States
 - Views of United States' intellectuals
- Congress
- Public opinion
- Forthcoming election in South Vietnam
 - General Nguyen Van Thieu
- President's schedule
 - Summit
 - Thieu
 - Announcement
 - Clark MacGregor's views

Anatoliy F. Dobrynin's schedule

United States-USSR negotiations

- Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
- Withdrawal from Vietnam

President's schedule

- Summit
- Thieu
- President's opponents

President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board



- John J. McCloy
- General Lucius DuB. Clay, Jr., Thomas S. Gates, Jr.
- Walter P. Reuther, John N. Mitchell
- Purpose
- Arms Control and Disarmament Agency [ACDA]
- McCloy

Vietnam

- President's forthcoming speech, April 7, 1971
- Meany

Elliot L. Richardson

John B. Connally

Cabinet

Vietnam

- McCloy, David Rockefeller
- Dean G. Acheson
- Call to President before November 3, 1970
- New York Republicans

Cabinet

- Calls to President
- Rose Mary Woods

Senate

- Hugh Scott
- Republicans as minority party

President's opponents

George C. Wallace

Ronald W. Reagan

- Scott



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[National Security]

[246-017-w002]

[Duration: 25s]

Chile

Unknown person

- President's opinion
- Henry A. Kissinger's opinion
- Christian Democrats

President's schedule

- Unknown foreign leader's [Anastasio Somoza Debayle?] anniversary
- Nicolae Ceausescu

Turner B. Shelton

Mexico

- Luis Echeverria Alvarez
- Trade relations with United States
- General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
- Rogers

Laird

- Comments regarding revenue sharing

President's mood

White House staff

- President's conversation with Haldeman

Cabinet

- Mitchell



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- Connally
 - Forthcoming call from Kissinger
 - President's forthcoming speech, April 7, 1971
 - Thieu
- Lyndon B. Johnson's Cabinet
 - John F. Kennedy
 - Dean Rusk, Robert S. McNamara
- Dwight D. Eisenhower's Cabinet
 - John Foster Dulles
 - Secretary of Defense
 - Neil H. McElroy, Gates
 - Dulles
 - Vice President Nixon
 - Kissinger's conversation with General Andrew J. Goodpaster

Vietnam

- President's policies
- Cambodia
- Polls
 - Timing

United States-USSR negotiations

- Dobrynin's schedule
 - Arms control
- Possible summit
 - SALT

Vietnam

- President's forthcoming speech, April 7, 1971

Kissinger left at 3:55 pm

[Conversation No. 246-018](#)

Date: April 7, 1971

Time: Unknown between 3:55 pm and 4:09 pm



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Location: Executive Office Building

The President rehearsed a speech

[A transcript of the final version of this speech appears in Public Papers of the President, Richard M. Nixon, 1971, pp. 522-527]

[Conversation No. 246-019](#)

Date: April 7, 1971

Time: Unknown between 3:55 pm and 4:09 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator

Call to Rose Mary Woods

[Conversation No. 246-020](#)

Date: April 7, 1971

Time: 4:09 pm - 4:10 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Rose Mary Woods

President's forthcoming speech on Vietnam, April 7, 1971

-Press copy

-President's forthcoming conversation with Henry A. Kissinger

[Conversation No. 246-021](#)



Date: April 7, 1971
Time: Unknown between 4:10 pm and 4:30 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger

- President's forthcoming speech on Vietnam, April 7, 1971
 - Possible changes
 - Press copy
 - President's conversation with Rose Mary Woods
 - Possible changes
 - Kissinger's conversation with John B. Connally
 - Possible changes

[Conversation No. 246-022](#)

Date: April 7, 1971
Time: Unknown between 4:10 pm and 4:30 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President rehearsed a speech

[A transcript of the final version of this speech appears in Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard M. Nixon, 1971, pp. 522-527]

[Conversation No. 246-023](#)

Date: April 7, 1971
Time: Unknown between 4:10 pm and 4:30 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

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

Haldeman's schedule



[Conversation No. 246-024](#)

Date: April 7, 1971
Time: Unknown between 4:10 pm and 4:30 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez

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[246-024-w001]
[Duration: 11s]

[Speaking in French]

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 4:30 pm

[Conversation No. 246-025](#)

Date: April 7, 1971
Time: Unknown between 4:10 pm and 4:30 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President rehearsed a speech

[A transcript of the final version of this speech appears in Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard M. Nixon, 1971, pp. 522-527]



[Conversation No. 246-026](#)

Date: April 7, 1971
Time: 4:30 pm - 5:05 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

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

Melvin R. Laird
-Haldeman's conversation with William E. Timmons
-Clark MacGregor

President's schedule
-Allen J. Ellender
-Views
-Russell B. Long
-Big Six
-George H. Mahon
-President *Pro Tempore*

[Haldeman talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 4:30 pm and 4:42 pm]

[Conversation No. 246-26A]

President's schedule
-Ellender
-Instructions for Timmons

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam
-President's forthcoming speech, April 7, 1971
-Press briefing
-Henry A. Kissinger, General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.



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Cabinet

- William P. Rogers
- Elliot L. Richardson

White House staff

- Robert H. Finch, Donald H. Rumsfeld

Congress

- President's supporters
- Schedule

Cabinet

- Evaluated
 - John B. Connally
 - Maurice H. Stans
 - George P. Shultz
 - George W. Romney, James D. Hodgson
 - John N. Mitchell
- Rogers, Laird, Richardson
- Rogers
 - Calls to Haldeman

Business community

- Kissinger's views
- Calls to President

President's schedule

- Telephone calls after speech

White House staff

- Loyalty
- William L. Safire, Raymond K. Price, Jr.

Cabinet

- Evaluated
 - Mitchell, Connally, Richardson
 - Rogers

Vice President Spiro T. Agnew



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- Tenure in office
- Possible future
 - Television
 - Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
 - Leslie T. ("Bob") Hope

Cable television

- President's policy
 - Hope
 - Richard A. Moore
 - Wife

Vice Presidency

- Connally
- Agnew
 - Possible resignation

[The President talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 4:30 pm and 4:42 pm]

[Conversation No. 246-26B]

Egil ("Bud") Krogh, Jr.

John W. Dean, III

[The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 4:30 pm and 4:42 pm]

[Conversation No. 246-26C]

Call to Dean

[End of telephone conversation]

Vice Presidency

- Filling vacancies
- Congress
- Connally



[The President talked with Dean between 4:42 pm and 4:44 pm]

[Conversation No. 246-26D]

Constitutional Amendment on Presidential succession

- Status
- President's daughters
- Vice Presidency
- Congress
- President's suggestions

[End of telephone conversation]

Dean

Vice Presidency

- Agnew
 - Possible resignation
 - Supreme Court
 - Activities
 - Francis A. ("Frank") Sinatra, Hope
 - Possible resignation
 - Future
 - Richardson

J. Edgar Hoover

- Tenure in office
- Agnew's possible resignation

Opposition to administration

- President
- Agnew
- Polls
- Dwight D. Eisenhower and the President
- Adlai E. Stevenson, II

Agnew

- Approval by President



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- Possible second term
- President's possible death
 - Eisenhower
 - Lyndon B. Johnson
- Possible removal
 - Connally

Connally's schedule

- "Meet the Press"
 - Rogers
 - Herbert G. Klein
 - Hugh Scott
 - Head of Blue Cross
 - George S. McGovern

National economy

- Stock market
- Connally

[Dean talked with the President between 4:51 pm and 4:52 pm]

[Conversation No. 246-26E]

Vice Presidential succession

[End of telephone conversation]

Vice Presidency

- Congress
- Succession Amendment
 - Possible consequences
- Agnew
 - Possible resignation
 - Timing
 - Summit
 - Reasons
 - Bryce N. Harlow's possible role



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Vice Presidency

- Spiro T. Agnew
 - 1972 Republican National Convention
 - Age
 - Health
- 1972 election
 - Democratic candidates' focus on Spiro T. Agnew
 - Impact on President's re-election
 - Similarity with Dwight D. Eisenhower
 - President's close identification with Dwight D. Eisenhower
 - Spiro T. Agnew's identification with President
- H.R. ("Bob") Haldeman's opinion
 - Precedent for changing Vice President
- John B. Connally
 - Need to change party registration
- Harry F. Byrd Democrats
- High points and low points

Vietnam

- Polls
 - Results
 - President's expectations
 - Timing
 - George H. Gallup
- Laos
- Lieutenant William L. Calley, Jr.
- Wording of questions



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President's schedule

- Phone calls after forthcoming speech
- Women's briefing, April 8, 1971
 - Location
- Council on International Economic Policy
 - Peter G. Peterson

President's forthcoming speech, April 7, 1971

- Close
- Commentators' possible reaction
- Support

Haldeman left at 5:05 pm

[Conversation No. 246-027](#)

Date: April 7, 1971

Time: Unknown between 5:05 pm and 5:22 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President rehearsed a speech

[A transcript of the final version of this speech appears in Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard M. Nixon, 1971, pp. 522-27]

[Conversation No. 246-028](#)

Date: April 7, 1971

Time: Unknown between 5:05 pm and 5:22 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President rehearsed a speech



[A transcript of the final version of this speech appears in Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard M. Nixon, 1971, pp. 522-527]

[Conversation No. 246-029](#)

Date: April 7, 1971
Time: 5:22 pm - 5:40 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger

Cabinet

- President's conversation with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- Kissinger's reaction
- William P. Rogers' calls
- President's schedule
- Phone calls after speech, April 7, 1971

Vietnam

- Negotiations
- Melvin R. Laird
- Cease fire
- Troop withdrawals

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[National Security]

[246-029-w001]

[Duration: 55s]

Vietnam

- Negotiations
- Henry A. Kissinger's conversation with John N. Mitchell



- Robert O. Anderson from New Mexico
 - Negotiations with Algeria
 - Open negotiations with Hanoi
 - Nicolae Ceausescu
 - Open channels
 - Vietnamese and Algerians

Vietnam

- Negotiations
 - Robert O. Anderson's views regarding North Vietnam
- North Vietnamese morale
- Congress
 - [Thomas] Hale Boggs
- Negotiations
 - Anderson
 - Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
 - Timing
- Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
 - Laird
 - President's options
 - Possible actions

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 4:30 pm

[Unintelligible]

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 5:40 pm

President's forthcoming speech, April 7, 1971

- Kissinger's calls to Ronald W. Reagan, William F. Buckley, Jr.
- Possible reaction
- Possible calls
 - Reagan, Nelson A. Rockefeller, Cabinet
 - Congress
 - John B. Connally



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Vietnam

- Policy
 - Donald H. Rumsfeld's comments to Haldeman in staff meeting, April 7, 1971
 - General Nguyen Van Thieu
 - Troop withdrawals
 - Timing
 - Thieu's forthcoming election
 - Troop withdrawals
 - Terminal date
 - Residual force
- Negotiations
 - United States' policy
 - Prisoners of war
 - Timing
- Military activity
 - Bombing
 - President's options
- President's forthcoming briefing of Congressmen
- President's forthcoming speech, April 7, 1971

Kissinger left at 5:40 pm

[Conversation No. 246-030](#)

Date: April 7, 1971

Time: Unknown between 5:40 pm and 5:50 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President rehearsed a speech

[A transcript of the final version of this speech appears in Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard M. Nixon, 1971, pp. 522-527]

[Conversation No. 246-031](#)

Date: April 7, 1971



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Time: 5:50 pm - 5:55 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler

President's schedule

- President's forthcoming speech, April 7, 1971
- [Thomas] Hale Boggs

Vietnam

- Congress
- President's forthcoming speech, April 7, 1971
- Evaluation

President's schedule

- Mark I. Goode

President's forthcoming speech, April 7, 1971

- Television
- Charts
 - Press copy
 - Goode
 - Timing

Ziegler left at 5:55 pm

[Conversation No. 246-032](#)

Date: April 7, 1971
Time: Unknown between 5:55 pm and 6:01 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President rehearsed a speech

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[Conversation No. 246-033](#)

Date: April 7, 1971
Time: 6:01 pm - 6:10 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler and Mark I. Goode

President's forthcoming speech, April 7, 1971

- Charts
 - Use
 - Television coverage
 - Microphone
 - Pointers
 - Lights
 - Position
 - Alexander P. Butterfield's office
 - President's schedule

Ziegler and Goode left at 6:10 pm

[Conversation No. 246-034](#)

Date: April 7, 1971
Time: Unknown between 6:10 pm and 7:09 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President rehearsed a speech

[A transcript of the final version of this speech appears in Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard M. Nixon, 1971, pp. 522-527]



[Conversation No. 246-035](#)

Date: April 7, 1971
Time: Unknown between 6:10 pm and 7:09 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person

Charles W. Colson

[Conversation No. 246-036](#)

Date: April 7, 1971
Time: Unknown between 6:10 pm and 7:09 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

President's schedule
-Hugh Scott
-Location
-Ronald L. Ziegler
-Press copies
-Press photo

Bull left at an unknown time before 7:09 pm

[Conversation No. 246-037](#)

Date: April 7, 1971
Time: 7:09 pm - 7:59 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Hugh Scott, Robert C. Byrd, Robert P. Griffin, Gerald R. Ford, Carl B. Albert, William E. Timmons, and Clark MacGregor



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Scott

Greetings

Allen J. Ellender
-Schedule

Photo session

President's office

Ronald L. Ziegler entered at 7:10

J. Bruce Whelihan and members of the press entered at 7:11 pm

General conversation

Henry A. Kissinger entered at 7:12 pm

Kissinger's schedule
-Media

Whelihan and the members of the press left at 7:13 pm

President's conversation with Michael J. ("Mike") Mansfield, April 6, 1971

President's schedule
-Congressional leaders
-Richard B. Russell
-Ellender
-Meetings with the President

Vietnam
-President's forthcoming speech, April 7, 1971
-Troop withdrawals
-Korea
-Cambodian incursion
-Army of the Republic of Vietnam [ARVN] performance
-Effect on North Vietnamese military capability



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- President's forthcoming speech, April 7, 1971
- Rate
- United States' goals
 - Troop withdrawal
 - Date
 - Prisoners of War [POWs]
 - Flexibility
 - South Vietnam
 - Possible actions by Congress
 - Responsibility
 - POWs
 - President's options
 - Albert and Ford
 - Timing
 - POWs
 - Congress
 - Negotiations
 - President's options
 - Combat forces
- Laotian incursion
 - Effect
 - President's policies
- Air strikes
 - Reductions since 1969
 - Laos
 - Lam Son
 - Figures
- Casualties
 - Reductions
 - Tet Offensive
 - Timing
- Negotiations
 - Prospects
 - President's forthcoming speech, April 7, 1971
 - POWs
 - Timing
- South Vietnamese military activities
 - Casualties
- Congressional action



- Possible effects
- Unknown man
 - Trip to Bonn
- POWs
 - Melvin R. Laird
 - Possible United States' withdrawal
- Troop withdrawals
 - Timing
 - United States' policy
 - Residual forces
 - Korea
 - POWs
 - Timing
- POWs
 - Issue
 - United States-held prisoners
 - Troop withdrawal
 - South Vietnamese military capability
 - United States' bargaining position
- Troop withdrawal
 - Difficulties
 - Negotiations
 - Thailand
 - United States' treaty responsibilities
 - Philippines, Taiwan, South Korea, Japan
 - South Vietnam
- US forces

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[National Security]

[246-037-w001]

[Duration: 30s]

Vietnam

- Troop withdrawal



- Thailand
 - Why can't US pull forces out
 - Limited troops in Vietnam
 - President's opinion

- Vietnam
 - Laos
 - Casualties
 - Cambodia
 - French
 - South Vietnamese incursion
 - Air campaign
 - Prospects
 - Congress
 - Possible actions
 - Responsibility

Donald W. Riegle, Jr.

House of Representatives

- Ford and Albert

General conversation

Ziegler and Kissinger left at 7:43 pm

Forthcoming calls to Senate Committees

- Laird
- William P. Rogers

General conversation

Scott's efforts

MacGregor's conversation with Laird



Scott, *et al.* left at 7:59 pm

[Conversation No. 246-038](#)

Date: April 7, 1971

Time: Unknown between 7:59 pm and 8:15 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President rehearsed a speech

[A transcript of the final version of this speech appears in Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard M. Nixon, 1971, pp. 522-527]

Recording was cut off at an unknown time before 8:15 pm