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[Conversation No. 314-001](#)

Date: January 13, 1972  
Time: 2:34 pm - 3:41 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

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

- Scheduling meetings
  - Carl B. Albert
  - Neil H. McElroy meeting
    - Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
    - Robert E. Merriam
    - Duration
    - Delays in other meetings
      - Robert O. Anderson
  - Length of meetings
    - Henry A. Kissinger, John D. Ehrlichman
  - McElroy meeting
    - Merriam, Agnew
    - Length
    - Lack of briefing
    - Purpose
  - Stephen B. Bull, David N. Parker, Haldeman
  - Handling of scheduling
    - Estimates of length of meetings
      - Overruns
    - Planning



- McElroy meeting
  - State of the Union speech
  - Parker
  - Length of meeting
  - Bull
    - Agnew
- Signaling end of meeting
- Kissinger
  - Length of meetings

David J. Mahoney, Jr.

- Attitude
  - Leonard Garment

Bull entered at an unknown time after 2:34 pm.

The President's schedule

- First Family departure
- Camp David

Bull left at an unknown time before 2:45 pm.

Camp David

- Departure

State of the Union message

- Raymond K. Price, Jr.'s draft
  - Elliot L. Richardson
  - Delays
    - Call from Haldeman
- Theme

The President's schedule

- Kissinger
- Camp David
  - Helicopter
  - Haldeman's call to Brig. Gen. James D. ("Don") Hughes



[Haldeman talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 2:34 pm and 2:45 pm.]

[Conversation No. 314-1A]

[See Conversation No. 18-77]

[End of telephone conversation]

Camp David

Scheduling

- Problems
  - Haldeman's staff
- Ehrlichman
- Cancellations
  - John B. Connally

State of the Union message

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 2:34 pm and 2:45 pm.

[Conversation No. 314-1H]

Request for a return call

[End of telephone conversation]

Haldeman's meetings

- John N. Mitchell
  - Time
- Ehrlichman
- Kissinger
  - Time
  - Forthcoming trip to the People's Republic of China [PRC]

Kissinger

- Concern over columns by James B. ("Scotty") Reston in *New York Times*



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- Possible press conference
  - Advisability
- Possible interview with Max Frankel
- Alexander M. Haig, Jr.'s advice
  - Forthcoming world report
- Breakfast with Melvin R. Laird
- Problem

[Haldeman talked with Hughes at 2:45 pm.]

[Conversation No. 314-1B]

[See Conversation No. 18-78]

[End of telephone conversation]

[The President talked with the White House operator at 2:45 pm.]

[Conversation No. 314-1C]

[See Conversation No. 18-79]

[End of telephone conversation]

Bull

- Informing Ronald L. Ziegler

[The President talked with Ziegler between 2:45 pm and 2:47 pm.]

[Conversation No. 314-1D]

[See Conversation No. 18-80]

[End of telephone conversation]

Notification

- Bull
- Ziegler



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The President's schedule

- Home Builders convention in Houston, Texas
  - Astrodome exhibition center
  - The President's attendance
  - Size of crowd
  - The President's schedule
    - Timing
- Emilio Colombo
- Return to Washington
- Forthcoming Vietnam announcement
- Florida
- Home Builder's convention
  - Announcement
  - Agnew
  - Florida
  - Size of crowd
  - Program
  - Foreign policy
- Florida

[Haldeman talked with Hughes at an unknown time between 2:47 pm and 3:09 pm.]

[Conversation No. 314-1E]

[See Conversation No. 18-81]

Camp David

- Snow
  - Thurmont, Frederick, Hagerstown, Maryland
- Thurmont, Maryland
  - Weather
    - Plane
  - Helicopter
- Car
- Time of departure

[Haldeman talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 2:47 pm and 3:09 pm.]



[Conversation No. 314-1F]

[See Conversation No. 18-82]

[Haldeman talked with Hughes at an unknown time.]

[End of telephone conversation]

[Haldeman talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 2:47 pm and 3:09 pm.]

[Conversation No. 314-1G]

[See Conversation No. 18-83]

[The call was placed on hold]

Schedule  
-Kissinger

[Haldeman talked with Bull at an unknown time between 2:47 pm and 3:09 pm.]

[End of telephone conversation]

Camp David  
-Transportation  
-Car  
-Duration of trip

Kissinger  
-Meeting with the President  
-Resignation threat  
-Press conference  
-Change of mind  
-Mental state  
-The President's view

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[Privacy]

[314-001-w008]

[Duration: 9s]

Henry A. Kissinger

- Mental state
- Alexander M. Haig, Jr.'s opinion

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Henry A. Kissinger

- [William F.?] Buckley's view
- Security risks
- National Security Council [NSC]
  - Haig's activities
  - Paperwork
  - Foreign visits

Kurt Waldheim

- Meeting with the President, January 24, 1972
  - Location
- Meetings with Congress
  - Social events
  - Meeting with the President
    - William P. Rogers
- Meeting with the President

Florida trip

- Return
- Timing

Cabinet dinner, January 20, 1972

- Scheduling
- Itinerary



Florida trip

- Scheduling
- Don and Betty Hughes
  - Son
    - Military service
- Rose Mary Woods
  - Talk with Haldeman
  - Talk with Hughes
- Woods's attendance

The President's schedule

- Houston convention
  - Declination of invitation
    - Waldheim
- Agnew
  - Substitute

The President's Commission on School Finance

- Ehrlichman
- Richardson
- Agnew, McElroy
- Agnew
  - Unknown person from Chicago
- Lewis A. Engman

Agnew's recent behavior

Labor affairs

- Agnew meeting
  - Propriety
  - Chairmanship

Cabinet

- Committee on Economic Policy
- The President's role

Appointments

- [Council on International Economic Policy]
  - Peter M. Flanigan





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- William D. Eberle
  - Staff
  - Background
  - Common Cause

Common Cause

- Problems
  - Finances
  - John W. Gardner

Eberle

Richard V. ("Dick") Allen

- Conservatives
- Peter G. Peterson
  - Commerce Department
  - 1972 campaign
  - Foreign policy

Ziegler entered at 3:09 pm.

Andrew Wyeth

Ziegler's talk with Leonard Garment

- Wyeth

Portrait of the President

- Timing
  - Departure from office
- Wyeth
  - The President's choice
- Sitting while in office
- Wyeth
  - The President's choice
- Timing
- Garment
  - Call to Wyeth
- Press



The President's meeting with fifth grade class

- Press reports
- Children's facial expressions
- Responsiveness to the President's questions
  - Children's aspirations

Photograph sessions

- McElroy, Agnew, Arthur F. Burns
- Oliver F. ("Ollie") Atkins
  - Photos

Laird

- Press conference

US troop withdrawals from Vietnam

- Level
- Timing
- Laird
  - Confidence in the Army of the Republic of Vietnam [ARVN]
  - US combat role
  - US airpower

Kissinger

- Possible press conference
  - Timing
    - Reston
  - Necessity
- Reston's views
- Importance to press
  - Forthcoming trip to the PRC
    - Reston's trip to PRC
    - New York Times*
- Possible press conference
  - Defensiveness
  - Call to Ziegler
  - Ziegler's talk with Haldeman
  - Credibility with the press
    - Background briefings
  - Jack N. Anderson



Public relations

- India-Pakistan war
  - Importance as issue
- Bangladesh
  - Importance as issue
  - Sheik Mujibur Rahman
    - US support
    - Airport reception

The President's schedule

- Camp David
  - State of the Union speech
  - The President's efforts

Ziegler and Press arrangements for forthcoming trip to the PRC

- Number of invitees
- Negotiations
- Communications with the President

Forthcoming trip to the PRC

- President's security
  - Laird
  - Agnew
  - Position
  - India
  - Ireland
  - Latin America
  - Recent press conference

Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon's trip to Africa

- Television appearance
- Demeanor
- Women in office
  - Support of women
    - Leonore L. Romney
- Presidency
  - Barbara Walters
- Answers



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- Style
- Treatment by press
- Questions
  - Handling
- Walters's question about women in office
- Responses

Edmund S. Muskie

- Anderson papers leak
  - Secretaries of State or Defense
  - Truth of charges
    - Joseph R. McCarthy
  - Administration responses
    - Rogers
    - Television
      - Accusation of lies
- Proof
  - Anderson
- Comparison to Pentagon Papers
  - Daniel Ellsberg
    - Neil Sheehan and wife
      - Activity in Cambridge, Massachusetts
      - Release of information
        - Timing
          - 1972 election

Frankel

- National Broadcasting Corporation [NBC] transcript
  - Ziegler's intended use
- Statements
  - Interview by James J. Kilpatrick, Jr.
    - Sheehan
      - New York Times*

Press

- Battles with the administration
  - State of the Union speech
  - Vietnam announcement
- Trip to the PRC by the President



- Vietnam troop withdrawals
- Level

Ziegler left at 3:28 pm.

Kissinger

- Problem
  - Sources
- View of Haig, Ziegler, Gerald R. Warren
- Handling
  - John N. Mitchell
  - Forthcoming PRC trip
    - William P. Rogers
  - Middle East

Haig

- Qualities
- Mitchell
  - Kissinger's comments about Soviet Union

Kissinger

- Admonition by Ziegler
- Rogers
  - Briefing
- Briefing of the Associated Press [AP] and United Press International [UPI]
  - Rogers
  - The President's instructions
  - John A. Scali
  - Conversation with Rogers
- Handling
- PRC trip, Soviet Union trip
  - Impact on Kissinger's position
    - Position vis-a-vis Rogers
      - Forthcoming 1972 presidential campaign
  - Possible resignation

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*[Previous archivists categorized this section as unintelligible. It has been rereviewed and released 09/25/2019.]*

[Unintelligible]  
[314-001-w009]  
[Duration: 18s]

- Henry A. Kissinger
  - Policies
    - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman's opinion

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- The President's schedule
  - Ceremony
    - North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO]
      - Change of command
      - Fort Lauderdale

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at 3:34 pm.

- The President's schedule
  - Papers for signing
    - Budget message
      - George P. Shultz

- The President's talk with Ehrlichman
  - State of the Union message
    - Value-added tax [VAT]
      - Haldeman's and Ehrlichman's forthcoming talk with Robert H. Finch

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The President's conversation with John Sherman Cooper  
-Louie B. Nunn's possible run for office  
-John D. Ehrlichman's opinion

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George P. Shultz

The President's schedule

- State of the Union
- Birthday calls
  - Delays
    - Walter Trohan
    - William S. White
    - Jerome H. Holland
    - National Association for the Advancement of Colored People [NAACP]
- Jack J. Dreyfus, Jr.
  - [Dilantin]
  - Study
- National security indicator report
- Economic report
- Delays in calls

Forthcoming dinner for Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Wallace

- Fred Waring
- Jack Benny
- Ray Coniff Singers
  - 50-year medley
- Woods
  - Position in charge of entertainment

Butterfield left at 3:40 pm.

Entertainment

- Tickets

Haldeman left at 3:41 pm



[Conversation No. 314-002](#)

Date: January 13, 1972  
Time: 3:41 pm - unknown time before 3:50 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with John D. Ehrlichman.

The President's schedule

- Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, Robert E. Merriam
  - Value-added tax [VAT]
- Agnew
  - Briefing on meeting
  - Length of statement

State of the Union message

- Raymond K. Price, Jr's draft
  - Length
  - Timing
- Elliot L. Richardson's memorandum
  - Quality
  - The President's conversation with Price
- New draft
- Outline
- Price
  - Deadline
    - Length
  - Copy to the President
- The President's schedule
- Opening statement
  - The President's early experiences in Congress
    - [Harry S. Truman]
  - Confidence in government
    - Divisions in Congress
- Truman
  - The President's view





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[Conversation No. 314-003](#)

Date: January 13, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 3:41 pm and 3:50 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

Raymond K. Price, Jr.

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 3:50 pm.

[Conversation No. 314-004](#)

Date: January 13, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 3:41 pm and 3:50 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person [John D. Ehrlichman?].

Raymond K. Price, Jr.'s draft  
-Supplementary notes

[Conversation No. 314-005](#)

Date: January 13, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 3:41 pm and 3:50 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator

Return call by unknown person



[Conversation No. 314-006](#)

Date: January 13, 1972  
Time: 3:50 pm - 3:52 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Julie Nixon Eisenhower.

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[Conversation No. 314-007](#)

Date: January 13, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 3:52 pm and 3:55 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Haig

- Location
- Meeting with H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman and John N. Mitchell
- Meeting with the President
  - Executive Office Building [EOB]



[Conversation No. 314-008](#)

Date: January 13, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 3:52 pm and 3:55 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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[Personal Returnable]  
[314-008-w001]  
[Duration: 8s]

Request  
-Tobacco

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Sanchez left at an unknown time before 3:55 pm.

[Conversation No. 314-009](#)

Date: January 13, 1972  
Time: 3:55 pm - 4:15 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Melvin R. Laird's press conference  
-Performance



- The President's role
  - Announcement
    - US troop withdrawals from Vietnam
- Questions
  - US troop withdrawals
  - Laird's handling

Camp David

- Work on State of the Union message
  - Draft

Henry A. Kissinger

- Forthcoming foreign policy report, February 9, 1972
- Credibility with the press
  - Ronald L. Ziegler
  - Statement to the press
    - The Soviet Union
    - Haig's view

Russian student [Merab Kurashvili]

- Defection in New York
  - Return to Soviet Union
  - Tunnel
    - State Department and Immigration and Naturalization Service [INS]
    - Soviet view
- Yuli M. Vorontsov's call to Haig
  - Aeroflot
- Haig's call to State Department
- Interrogation
- State Department

Kissinger

- State of mind

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[Privacy]  
[314-009-w003]  
[Duration: 38s]

- Henry A. Kissinger
  - State of mind
  - Depression
  - The President's opinion

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- Henry A. Kissinger
  - The President's opinion
    - Negotiations with the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China [PRC]
  - Tenure in office
    - Possible resignation
    - Possible Administration action
      - Timing
      - Possible results
        - Timing
  - PRC and Soviet Union trips
    - The President's possible handling
  - 1972 campaign
    - Attacks on Kissinger
      - Senate
      - Kissinger's possible reactions
      - Haig's view

John V. Brennan entered at 4:06 pm.

- Status of First Family departure for Camp David
  - Briefcase

Brennan left at 4:07 pm.

- PRC and Soviet trips
  - Outcome
  - Détente



- Europe
- West Germany

PRC

Kissinger

- The President's instruction to Haig
- Message
- Support
- Further attacks
- Haig's handling
- Overreaction to attacks
- Personal life

Brennan entered at 4:08 pm.

First Family's schedule

Brennan left at 4:09 pm.

Kissinger

- Tenure in office
- Possible book
- Press coverage

Haig left at 4:15 pm.

[Conversation No. 314-010](#)

Date: January 18, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 3:45 pm and 4:12 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown man.

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[Personal Returnable]

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[Duration: 7s]

Request  
-Tobacco

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The unknown man left at an unknown time before 4:12 pm.

[Conversation No. 314-011](#)

Date: January 18, 1972

Time: Unknown between 3:45 pm and 4:12 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

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

John B. Connally  
-George H. Gallup  
-Peter M. Flanigan  
-Cooperation  
-Paul A. Volcker, Charls E. Walker  
-Peter G. Peterson  
-Announcement of nomination as Commerce Secretary  
-Timing

Flanigan's work  
-Unknown trip



[Conversation No. 314-012](#)

Date: January 18, 1972  
Time: 4:12 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 18-6]

[Conversation No. 314-013](#)

Date: January 18, 1972  
Time: 4:15 pm - 5:00 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with William L. Safire.

Draft for Vietnam speech of January 25, 1972

- Foreign policy
- [National Security Council [NSC]]
  - Henry A. Kissinger
    - Personality
  - Drafts
    - Construction
    - Theme
    - State of the World
- Negotiations
  - Kissinger
  - May 31, 1971
    - Troop withdrawal deadline
    - Prisoners of war [POWs], ceasefire
  - August 1971
    - Nine month deadline
  - October 1971
  - June 1971
  - Kissinger's draft





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- Phrasing
  - Last paragraph
    - Possible audience
    - Negotiations
      - Peace offer
  - Opening paragraph
    - Troop withdrawal deadline
      - POWs
      - The President's draft
  - The President's pledge
  - Negotiations
    - Kissinger
    - William P. Rogers
    - Ellsworth F. Bunker
    - David K.E. Bruce
    - William J. Porter
    - Henry Cabot Lodge
    - Bruce
    - Bunker
    - Rogers
    - Kissinger
- Page seven
  - Public concern over the peace issue
    - The President's memorandum
    - Peace plan
- Deadline
  - Troop withdrawal
- Ceasefire
  - October 1971 proposals
- Deadline
  - Ceasefire, POWs
- Proposals
  - Kissinger
    - Deadline
      - Troop withdrawal, return of POWs
      - Ceasefire
  - The President's proposal
    - Nguyen Van Thieu
      - Possible resignation



- Reference to North Vietnamese
  - State Department
- Page eight
  - Congress
  - Kissinger
- Page eleven
  - Nine month proposal

[The President talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 4:15 pm and 5:00 pm.]

[Conversation No. 314-13A]

Schedule

[End of telephone conversation]

Speech draft

- Negotiations
  - Secrecy
  - Deadlock
- Thieu's offer to resign
- Free elections
  - Communists
- Exchange of POWs
- New South Vietnamese elections
- Agreement on principles
  - Kissinger's draft
    - Troop withdrawal, return of POWs
    - Paris negotiations
  - Safire's possible talk with Kissinger
- US relations with South Vietnam
  - Public opinion

Vietnam

- Possible military action
  - The President's 1966 proposal
- Mining Haiphong Harbor
- Bombing railroads, dykes



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- Blockade
  - World Wars I and II
  - Civil War
  - Robert E. Lee

Speech draft

- Cuts
- Public trust
  - Support
- Ending of wars
- Tone
- Negotiation record
  - Troop withdrawal

Kissinger

- Safire's meeting with the President
  - Call from the President
- References to in speech
  - Le Duc Tho
- Work with Safire on draft
- The President's schedule
  - State of the Union speech
- Record of negotiations
  - Publication of proposals
- Speech draft
  - Thieu
  - Submission to Rogers
- Possible briefing of Thieu

Final draft

- Submission to the President
  - Date
    - Dinner
  - Study by the President
    - Florida
    - Meeting with Safire and Kissinger
    - Trip to the People's Republic of China [PRC]

Forthcoming Vietnam speech



- Resolutions by Senators in Congress
  - John Sherman Cooper, Frank F. Church,, Michael J. Mansfield amendments
  - Impact on negotiating position
- Possible public reaction
  - Secret negotiations
  - Thieu
  - POWs
- Secret negotiations
  - Kissinger's draft
  - Vietnamization
    - Effectiveness
- Withdrawals
  - Peace in Vietnam, Southeast Asia

#### Final draft

- Rogers
  - Kissinger
- Thieu
- Rogers
  - References to Kissinger
  - Consultation
    - Timing
      - Kissinger and Safire
    - Thieu, Bunker
    - Winston Lord
    - Draft preparation

#### Cabinets

- Conflict
  - Kissinger, Rogers
- Cordell Hull, Harry Hopkins
- Abraham Lincoln
- Winston S. Churchill
- Lord Melbourne, Benjamin Disraeli
  - Rogers and Kissinger
    - Opinions
      - State Department
- Rogers
  - Qualities



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- Tactical skills
- Public relations
- Deficiencies
- Kissinger
  - Self-confidence, knowledge
  - Compared with Rogers

Kissinger

- Visit by Safire
- Draft
  - Congress
  - Thieu
  - Rogers

Rogers-Kissinger conflict

- The President's relationships with others
- Melbourne and Disraeli
- Lack of conflict

Safire left at 5:00 pm.

[Conversation No. 314-014](#)

Date: January 18, 1972

Time: 5:23 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 19-2]

[Conversation No. 314-015](#)

Date: January 18, 1972

Time: Unknown between 5:23 pm and 5:25 pm



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Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person on Henry A. Kissinger's staff.

H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman's office  
-Henry A. Kissinger

[Conversation No. 314-016](#)

Date: January 18, 1972

Time: Unknown between 5:23 pm and 5:26 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger.

William L. Safire's draft of speech  
-Kissinger's schedule  
-H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman  
-Changes  
-August 1971 proposal  
-Deadlines  
-Nine months  
-Ceasefire  
-Kissinger's forthcoming talk with Safire  
-Safire  
-Pace of work  
-Introduction and conclusion

[Conversation No. 314-017](#)

Date: January 18, 1972

Time: 5:26 pm - 6:16 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Raymond K. Price, Jr.



State of the Union speech

- Final drafts
- Phrasing
  - John B. Connally
  - John D. Ehrlichman
  - Taxes
- Vietnam
  - Troop withdrawals
  - Announcements
  - Vietnamization
  - End of war
  - Generation of peace
- Competition
  - Value of statement
  - World markets
  - American goods and services
  - Labor costs
- Jobs
- Deletion
- Congress
  - Welfare reform
- Six goals
- Final paragraph
  - Pressures on Congress
  - Political year
  - Achievements
- Neighborhood schools
- Length of speech
  - Reorganization and rewording
  - Deletions
  - Generation of peace

State of the Union speech

- Views
  - Price
  - Leonard Garment
  - John D. Ehrlichman
- Democratic criticism



- Edward M. Kennedy, Fred R. Harris
- Clark MacGregor's views
- Carl B. Albert
- Earlier drafts
- Albert
- Ehrlichman
- Technology
- Initiatives
  - Education, welfare reform, revenue sharing, health, environment

State of the Union speeches

- Anachronisms
- Early messages
- State of the world messages
  - Kissinger's drafts
  - Lengths

State of the Union speech

- Number of words

Washington, DC

- Crime
  - Decline
  - Tourists, business

Crime

- Blacks
- Violent crimes
  - Murder
  - Rape, assault
  - Murder
    - Increase
    - Decline

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[Personal Returnable]  
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Weapons

- Killing animals
  - The President's view
- Fishing
- BB guns
  - Birds
- Rabbits
  - Killing
- Chickens
  - The President's background

Clark MacGregor [?] qualities

- 1968 election
  - Hubert H. Humphrey
  - Democratic candidates

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State of the Union speech

- Instruction to Price
  - Rose Mary Woods
- Delivery
  - Timing
- Congressional reaction
  - Election year
- Basis for judgments
  - Interruptions by applause
    - The President's 1968 speech at Notre Dame
    - 1967 example
  - Reception
- Preparation
- Press reaction
- Honesty
- References to war



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- Domestic programs
  - Neighborhood schools
  - Public relations
    - Congress
    - Criticism
  - Press
    - Focus on foreign policy
      - Recent interview with Dan Rather
  - Length of speech
  - Comprehensiveness
    - Daniel P. Moynihan
  - Government reorganization, revenue sharing, welfare reform, health, environment

Radio talks

- Number and timing
- Theme
- Supplemental notes
  - Format of speeches
- Format
- Press coverage
- Number
- Foreign policy
- State of the Union speech
- Organization
  - Ease for press

State of the Union speech

- Phrasing

US involvements abroad

- US interests
  - Safety of US citizens
    - Lebanon, Dacca
- Civil war
  - Biafra, South Asia
- Israel
  - Lack of treaty
  - Reasons for support



- Middle East
- Oil
- Mediterranean Sea
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO]

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[National Security]

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[Duration: 9s]

US involvements abroad

- Israel
- US support

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US involvements abroad

- Israel
- Soviet Union and People's Republic of China [PRC]
- Treaties

US treaty commitments

- Latin America
- Africa
- Middle East
  - Israel
- India-Pakistan
  - Baghdad pact
- Latin America
  - Nature of commitments
    - Intra-state conflicts
    - European instructions

First draft of State of the Union speech



- Vietnam
  - Original commitment
  - Value of intervention
    - Henry A. Kissinger
      - Thailand
  - US casualties

State of the Union speech

- Length
  - Compared to previous speeches
  - Compared to other Presidents
  - Compared to previous speeches
    - Applause
    - Press releases
  - Compared to other presidents
    - Lyndon B. Johnson
    - Dwight D. Eisenhower
      - Length of speeches

1968 election

- A speech by Robert F. [?] Kennedy
  - News summary
- The President's comments about Johnson
  - Amount of work
  - Vietnam

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[Personal Returnable]

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1972 Campaign

- Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy
- Edmund S. Muskie



- Chances of success
  - New Hampshire
    - Size of vote
  - Florida
    - George C. Wallace as winner
    - Hubert H. Humphrey
      - Ability as campaigner
      - Effect on Edmund S. Muskie
      - Space shuttle
      - Black vote
      - Labor vote
  - Wisconsin
    - Edmund S. Muskie's chances
      - Polls
    - Hubert H. Humphrey
    - George C. Wallace
      - Influence of Florida primary
      - Milwaukee
  - Edmund S. Muskie
    - Florida
    - Wisconsin
    - Ability as campaigner
      - The President's opinion
  - Hubert H. Humphrey
    - Strengths
  - George C. Wallace
    - Toughness
  - John V. Lindsay
    - Strengths
- 1968 campaign
- George W. Romney and Nelson A. Rockefeller
  - The President's strategy
  - Lyndon B. Johnson
- 1972 campaign
- Hubert H. Humphrey
    - Strengths as opponent
    - Compared to Edmund S. Muskie



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- Edmund S. Muskie
  - Weaknesses
  - Crying [?]
- New Hampshire
  - Support of the President

- 1968 campaign
  - Votes

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