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[Conversation No. 245-001](#)

Date: April 6, 1971
Time: Unknown between 7:49 am and 9:20 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman

[Previous archivists categorized this section as unintelligible. It has been rereviewed and released 09/10/2019.]

[Unintelligible]
[245-001-w001]
[Duration: 5m 13s]

[This portion of the tape is mostly tape noise with some muffled background conversation.]

Relations with Congress [?]

[Tape malfunction]



Haldeman left at an unknown time before 9:20 am

Conversation No. 245-019

Date: April 6, 1971
Time: Unknown between 7:49 am and 9:20 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez

[Previous non-historical (H) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift 09/10/2019. Segment cleared for release.]

[Non-Historical]
[245-019-w001]
[Duration: 17s]

The President's outlook

Copy of an unknown document
-Yellow copy

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 9:20 am

Conversation No. 245-002

Date: April 6, 1971
Time: 9:20 am - 9:59 am
Location: Executive Office Building



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

William P. Rogers and Melvin R. Laird

Meeting with Congressional leaders

-Gerald R. Ford

-Hugh Scott and Ford

[The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 9:20 am and 9:22 am]

[Conversation No. 245-2A]

[See Conversation No. 42-5]

[End of telephone conversation]

General Alexander M. Haig, Jr. and Vice President Spiro T. Agnew as speakers

Carl B. Albert

[The President talked with Michael J. ("Mike") Mansfield between 9:22 am and 9:27 am]

[Conversation No. 245-2B]

[See Conversation No. 42-6]

[End of telephone conversation]

President's meeting with National Security Council, Congressmen, April 7, 1971

-Mansfield

-Albert

-[Thomas] Hale Boggs

Meeting with Congressional leaders

-Albert

-Ford

-Scott



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Haig

Haldeman's schedule

Press

- Unknown story
- Coverage

Staff

- Donald H. Rumsfeld
- Clark MacGregor
- Charles W. Colson
- John A. Scali
- John D. Ehrlichman
- George P. Shultz
- Defense spending

Mood of nation

Vietnam War

[Previous National Security (B) withdrawal reviewed under MDR guidelines case number LPRN-T-MDR-2014-015. Segment declassified on 01/10/2018. Archivist: DR]

[National Security]

[245-002-w002]

[Duration: 6s]

Thailand

White House staff and Cabinet

- Accomplishments

“Ted Gates”



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-Vietnam War

Harrison A. Williams, Jr.

Henry A. Kissinger

Cambodia

- Bombing
- Kent State University
- Public attitudes

Congressional attitudes

- Rumsfeld
- Problems with Congress
- Robert H. Finch
- Republicans
- MacGregor
- Supporters of Administration
 - Labor leaders
- Southerners
- Support or non-support
- Consequences
- President's options

Scali

- MacGregor
- Staff situation

Economy

- Stock market
- Retail sales
- Apparel
 - New York
- Chrysler Corporation
 - First quarter
- Home furnishings
- Apparel
- Stock market
- Buying power



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White House staff
-Haldeman's assessment

[The President talked with Kissinger at an unknown time between 9:20 am and 9:59 am]

[Conversation No. 245-2C]

Meeting with the President

Kissinger
-Rogers
-Laird
-Conflicts

Chicago Tribune

Sidney R. Yates and John S. Nolan

Staffing for unknown agency
-Right-wingers

Haldeman left at 9:59 am

[Conversation No. 245-003](#)

Date: April 6, 1971

Time: 9:59 am

Location: Executive Office Building

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

[This conversation is a continuation of Conversation No. 245-2]

Economic situation

William P. Rogers



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President's schedule

The unknown man [Haldeman?] left at 9:59 am

[Conversation No. 245-004](#)

Date: April 6, 1971
Time: 9:59 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator

[See Conversation No. 42-8]

[Conversation No. 245-005](#)

Date: April 6, 1971
Time: 9:59 am - 10:06 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Gerald R. Ford

[See Conversation No. 42-9]

Henry A. Kissinger entered at 10:05 am

[Conversation No. 245-006](#)

Date: April 6, 1971
Time: 10:05 am - 11:03 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger



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Laos

- Casualty figures
- Military operations
- Comparison

Vietnam

- North Vietnamese
- President's forthcoming statement on Prisoners of War [POWs]
- President's options
- Possible statement
- Warning
- Credibility
- Kissinger's statement on POWs

Laos

- Casualties
- South Vietnamese casualties
- Air sorties
 - George S. McGovern's statements
- Kissinger's possible statement

President's speech on Vietnam, April 7, 1971

- Draft
- President's presentation
- Press
- Release
- Air sorties
- South Vietnamese casualties
- Warning
- Statement
- Warning
- Staff

Vietnam

- Withdrawal
- "Blockbusters"
- John D. Ehrlichman
- US proposals



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- Negotiations
- Kissinger and Clark MacGregor
- Press
- Proposals
- ”Doves”
- Congress
- Withdrawal date
- Military aid
- General Nguyen Van Thieu and Nguyen Cao Ky
- Communist victory
- Kissinger’s relations with MacGregor
- Troop announcements
- Date for United States’ withdrawal
 - Michael J. (“Mike”) Mansfield
- President’s meeting with Thieu
- United States’ position
- President’s policy
- North Vietnamese
- Lyndon B. Johnson
- Date for Withdrawal
- POWs
- Cease fire
- Negotiations
- Cease fire
- United States’ proposals
- Kissinger’s role
- Paris talks

Chile

- Elections
- Salvador Allende Gossens
 - Control of media
- Eduardo Frei Montalva
 - Christian Democrats
- Allende
- State Department
 - Charles A. Meyer
 - Allende
- United States’ policy



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-Jorge Alessandri

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[National Security]
[245-006-w002]
[Duration: 12s]

Chile

- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
-Unknown diplomat
-Jorge Alessandri
-Christian Democrats

Chile

- Edward M. Korry
-Liberal Democrat

[Previous National Security (B) withdrawal reviewed under MDR guidelines case number LPRN-T-MDR-2014-015. Segment declassified on 04/29/2019. Archivist: DR]
[National Security]
[245-006-w004]
[Duration: 45s]

Chile

- Edward M. Korry
-William P. Rogers [?]
-Activities
-Henry A. Kissinger's opinion
-Alternate post



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Chile

- Korry
 - Peter M. Flanigan
- Kenneth B. Keating
 - Pakistan
 - India

Kissinger's relations with MacGregor

- Melvin R. Laird
- Ehrlichman

Vietnam

- Ehrlichman
- Public opinion
- Johnson

Cambodia

- United States' involvement
- Public opinion

Lieutenant William L. Calley, Jr.

- Impact on administration
- Background

President's speech on Vietnam

- Possible question to Kissinger
- President's policy

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 10:05 am

Arrival of Mansfield

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:35 am

President's speech on Vietnam



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- Success of policy
- Possible wording on Vietnamization policy
- Relation to troop withdrawals

Mansfield entered at 10:35 am

Greetings

Kissinger left at 10:36 am

Vietnam

- President's forthcoming call to Ellsworth F. Bunker
- Military situation
- Withdrawal date
- South Vietnamese leaders
- Withdrawal of United States' troops
 - Rate
 - Numbers
 - Ceiling
 - Level
 - Announcement
 - Dates
 - Level
 - Future announcements
 - President's options
- Negotiations
 - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
 - Attitude
 - United States' position
 - President's options
 - Soviet Union
 - President's options
 - Deadline
 - President's plans
 - Troop withdrawals
 - Chance of a breakthrough
 - Announcements
 - Withdrawal of troops
 - Anatoliy F. Dobrynin's mission



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- United States' offer
- Date
- United States' plans
- Cease fire
- President's speech, April 7, 1971
- Negotiations
 - President's forthcoming conversations with Dobrynin
 - Possible topics
 - North Vietnamese
 - Madame Nguyen Thi Binh and Long Di [sp?]
 - Date
 - United States' position
 - Troop withdrawals
 - Laos
 - President's policy

Arms control negotiations

- Leonid I. Brezhnev and Andrei A. Gromyko
- Communist Party Congress
 - Fight
 - Military people
 - Arms limitation issue
 - Political people
 - Aleksei N. Kosygin
 - Brezhnev's role
 - Detente
- Arms limitation
 - Date
 - President's options

Berlin

- United States-Soviet Union negotiations

Middle East

- United States' policy
- Israel
 - Support
 - United States' policy
 - Other nations



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- Cease fire
- Anwar el-Sadat
- Soviet Union

Vietnam and Laos

- Mansfield's support for President
- Troop withdrawal
 - Announcement
- South Vietnamese
 - Military operations
 - Location
- Negotiations
 - Prospects

President's trip to Montana

- Timing
- Labor Day
- Announcement

President's briefing on Vietnam

- Value

Mansfield left at 11:03 am

[Conversation No. 245-007](#)

Date: April 6, 1971

Time: Unknown between 11:03 am and 11:10 am

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator

[See Conversation No. 42-10]

[Conversation No. 245-008](#)



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Date: April 6, 1971
Time: Unknown between 11:03 am and 11:10 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Marjorie P. Acker

[See Conversation No. 42-11]

[Conversation No. 245-009](#)

Date: April 6, 1971
Time: Unknown between 11:03 am and 11:10 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator

[See Conversation No. 42-12]

[Conversation No. 245-010](#)

Date: April 6, 1971
Time: 11:10 am - 11:11 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Marjorie P. Acker

[See Conversation No. 42-13]

[Conversation No. 245-011](#)

Date: April 6, 1971
Time: Unknown between 11:11 am and 11:13 am



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Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator

[See Conversation No. 42-14]

[Conversation No. 245-012](#)

Date: April 6, 1971

Time: 11:13 am - 11:14 am

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Marjorie P. Acker

[See Conversation No. 42-15]

[Conversation No. 245-013](#)

Date: April 6, 1971

Time: Unknown between 11:14 am and 11:19 am

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator

[See Conversation No. 42-16]

[Conversation No. 245-014](#)

Date: April 6, 1971

Time: 11:19 am - 11:21 am

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Alexander P. Butterfield



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[See Conversation No. 42-17]

[Conversation No. 245-015](#)

Date: April 6, 1971

Time: Unknown between 11:21 am and 11:35 am

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator

[See Conversation No. 42-18]

[Conversation No. 245-016](#)

Date: April 6, 1971

Time: 11:35 am - 11:37 am

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Stephen B. Bull

[See Conversation No. 42-19]

[Conversation No. 245-017](#)

Date: April 6, 1971

Time: Unknown between 11:37 am and 1:00 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger

Changes in a report or speech



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Kissinger's schedule

[Conversation No. 245-018](#)

Date: April 6, 1971

Time: 1:00 pm - unknown before 1:45 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger

President's speech on Vietnam, April 7, 1971

Draft

- Changes
- Page 1
- Kissinger's suggestions
- Language
- Dates
- Additions
- Language
- Withdrawal of troops
 - Language
 - Points
 - Wording
- Negotiated settlement
 - Articles
 - Additions
 - President's intentions
 - Wording
- Withdrawal of troops
 - Dates
 - Numbers
 - Figures
 - William P. Rogers' briefing
 - Chart
 - Use
 - Cabinet briefing



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- Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
- Chart
 - Casualties
 - Sensitivity
 - Kissinger's briefings
- Casualties
 - Tet offensive
 - Use of figures
 - Tet comparison
 - Laos
 - Background
 - Estimates
 - Comparisons
 - South Vietnamese casualties
 - Significance
 - United States' ground forces
 - Replacement by United States' air sorties
 - Charges by George S. McGovern
 - McGovern
 - Possible Kissinger rebuttal
 - Television
 - United States' policy goals in Southeast Asia
 - Wording
 - Changes
 - United States' casualties
 - Rate
 - South Vietnamese operations
 - Wording
 - North Vietnamese attacks from Laos on United States forces
 - Supply lines and logistics
 - North Vietnamese major offenses
 - Language
 - Vietnamization policy
 - Success of Cambodian operations
 - Unknown man's views
 - Consequences of failure in Vietnam
 - Middle East
 - President's policy
 - Popular opinion



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- Jews in Europe
 - Nazis
- American attitude
- Vietnamization policy
 - Success
 - Language
- End of United States' involvement in war
 - Wording of statement
 - South Vietnamese defense
- Residual force
 - Rogers
 - United States' options
- Opposition to President's policies
- United States' policy
- Press
- Intellectuals
 - Harvard University
 - Yale University
 - Princeton University

Support for the President

- President's conversation with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- Kissinger's list
- John J. McCloy
- [Forename unknown] Kekold [sp?]
- [Forename unknown] Nolan
- [Forename unknown] Wheeler
- Thomas S. Gates, Jr.
- Conservatives
- Liberals
- McCloy
- Lawyers
- David Rockefeller
- Nelson A. Rockefeller
 - Kissinger's forthcoming conversation with Rockefeller
- Politicians
- Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Congressmen



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Ford Foundation

- Unknown man at foundation
- McGeorge Bundy
- Support for Edmund S. Muskie's trips to Africa
- President's travels contrasted
 - Emoluments
- Muskie
- Unknown man's conversation with Kissinger

Soviet Union

- Soviet Minister to the United Nations
- Leonid I. Brezhnev
 - United States - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] relations
- Possible United States' response
- Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
- Communist Party Congress
 - Result
- Haldeman
- President's political options
- Cambodia and Laos
- Bombing of North Vietnam

President's speech on Vietnam, April 7, 1971

- Revisions
- Goal
- Withdrawal
- Program
- Peace conference
- Prisoners of War
- All-Indochina peace conference
- Wording of appeal to Hanoi to start serious negotiations
- Withdrawal
- American involvement
- Timetable of withdrawal of outside forces
- Offer

Recording was cut off at an unknown time before 1:45 pm