

NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF

Tape Subject Log

(rev. 2/24)

Conversation No. 100-1

Date: May 5, 1972

Time: Unknown between 12:00 am and 11:59 pm

Location: Cabinet Room

Admiral George W. Anderson, Jr. met with Dr. William O. Baker, Gordon Gray, Franklin B. Lincoln, Jr., Dr. Franklin D. Murphy, Frank Pace, Jr., Nelson A. Rockefeller, Dr. Edward Teller, Gerard P. Burke, Thomas Latimer, and Dr. Edward E. David, Jr.

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[This segment was declassified on 02/28/2002.]

[National Security]

[100-001-w001]

[Duration: 3m 54s]

Ships

- Return
- Troops
- Inactivity
- PMR [?]
- Contractors
  - Continuation [of war?]
- Appropriations

Vietnam

- Victory
  - Methods
- Ground communications
- North Vietnamese offensive
  - Duration
  - Planning
  - Advances
  - Provincial capitals
    - Location
  - Losses

The President entered at 10:11 a.m.

Greetings

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Edward Teller  
-Greetings

The President's schedule  
-Delay in meeting

Edward Teller  
-Sputnik

Report

The President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board [PFIAB]

- Meetings
  - Frequency
- Importance of board
- Recommendations
- Missing members
  - Robert D. Murphy
    - Japan
  - Jim Lance [sp?]
  - Location

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

*[Previous National Security (B) withdrawal reviewed under MDR guidelines case number LPRN-T-MDR-2014-014. Segment declassified on 04/24/2019. Archivist: DR]*

[National Security]

[100-001-w001]

[Duration: 54m 19s]

VIETNAM

PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY BOARD [PFIAB]

MILITARY CAPABILITIES

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Teller's presentation

American leaders

- Establishment
- The President's actions
  - Timing
  - Vietnam
- Media
  - Networks
- University Presidents
  - Ivy League
    - Position on Vietnam
  - Texas A & M University
    - Position on Vietnam
  - Support for World War II
  - Influences
- Businessmen
  - Press
  - Trade with Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] Union and People's

Republic of China

- Germany
  - Adolf Hitler
- Position
- Rockefeller
- The President
- "Old guard" leaders
  - World War II, Turkish loan, and Marshall Plan
    - Position
  - President's Board on Disarmament
    - John J. McCloy
    - General Lauris Norstad
  - Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
    - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] Union
    - US' expectations
- Unidentified Harvard University colleague of David

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[National Security]

[100-001-w003]

[Duration: 50s]

American leaders

-Politicians

-”Old guard” leaders

-Unidentified Harvard University colleague of David

-Position

-Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]

-Position

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American leaders

-Politicians

-”Old guard” leaders

-Advice to the President

-Religious leaders

-John Cardinal Krol

-Terence Cardinal Cooke

-William F. (“Billy”) Graham

-Educators

-Religious leaders

-Press executives

-Politicians

-Southern Democrats

-Position

-Republicans

-Advantages

-Richard B. Russell

-John C. Stennis

-John L. McClellan

-George H. Mahon

-F. Edward Hébert

-Labor leaders

-View of elite

-Teamsters

-Meeting with the President

-Education

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- Frank E. Fitzsimmons
- Joseph ("Joe T.") Trerotola
- William J. McCarthy
- Raymond Schoessling
- George Meany
- Position on Vietnam
- Position on other issues
- Elite class
  - The President's experience
  - "Georgetown set"
  - International set
    - Nassau, Bahamas
    - Newport, Rhode Island
    - Palm Beach, Florida
    - Palm Springs, California
    - Beverly Hills, California
    - Westchester County, New York
  - The President's experience
  - Source of national weakness
  - Education
- Educators, publishers, communications executives, college administrators, and big businessmen
- Small businessmen
- Erosion
  - The President's actions
    - Students
  - University Presidents and professors
    - Influence
- PFIAB contacts

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[National Security]

[100-001-w004]

[Duration: 1m 50s]

## American leaders

- The President's trip to People's Republic of China [PRC]
  - Impact
    - Taiwan
  - Position of Leader class

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- reason
- Mao Tse-tung
- Chou en-Lai
- People's Republic of China [PRC] position
  - Cold war
- Reason
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] position
- People's Republic of China [PRC] position
- Leaders' opinion
  - Expectations
    - United Nations [UN]

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PFIAB meeting

- Value

Current US situation

- Senate
  - Antiballistic missile [ABM] appropriations
  - Teller
- Democratic candidates
  - Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson
  - Position on defense budget
- Educational institutions
  - Harvard University
  - University of California
  - Ohio State University
  - Texas A & M University
  - Wyoming
- H[erbert] G[eorge] Wells
  - Theory of decline of civilizations
    - French
    - British
    - Romans
    - Greeks

Leader class

- Influence on masses
  - Media
    - Portrayal of US
- Influence on youth

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-Media

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[National Security]

[100-001-w005]

[Duration: 4m 44s]

## Vietnam

- US policies
  - Lyndon B. Johnson
  - Dissent
    - Withdrawal of US troops
    - Consequences for South Vietnam
- South Vietnam
  - 1954 casualties
    - Bishop of Da Nang
  - Possible future casualties
    - US attitude
      - India, Pakistan and Czechoslovakia
  - US failure
    - Consequences
- Middle East
  - Consequences of US failure in South Vietnam
    - New York City and Tel Aviv
- Western Europe
  - West Berlin and New York City
- US stakes
  - Communist goals
    - People's Republic of China [PRC]
  - Isolationism
  - Respect for US
- US defeat
  - Consequences
    - Europe
    - Latin America
    - Africa
    - Japan and free Asia
- US withdrawal

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## US' spirit

- Farmers
- Southerners
- Laborers
- American leader class
  - Failures
    - Consequences
  - Meeting with "the people"
- Values
  - Changes
- Leaders
  - Change
    - Contrast with "the people"
    - Ivy League Presidents
- The President's role
  - Relation with "the people"
- Leaders
  - Ivy League
  - Response to change
    - Network heads
    - Newspaper heads
    - Reasons
- Attica riot
  - Prisoners
  - Rockefeller's actions evaluated
  - The President's position
- Leadership
  - The President
- Open skies policy
  - Teller
  - First strike
  - United Nations
  - Position of "the people"
- Leaders and "the people"
- Newspapers
  - Newsday*
    - Articles on the President and other leaders
      - Reasons
- American people
  - New values
  - Prospects for future



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-The President

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[National Security]

[100-001-w005]

[Duration: 1m 24s]

The President's foreign policy

- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]–People's Republic of China [PRC]
  - Impact
  - Position of "the people"
  - Position of great powers
  - Moscow
  - Peking
  - Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
  - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] capability

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The President's foreign policy

- Credibility
- Leader class
  - Impact on the President
    - Compared with other twentieth century Presidents
    - Knowledge of media
- Media
  - Position
- Students
  - International group in Budapest
    - Position on Vietnam policy
    - Follow-up
- Editors
  - Majority position
  - The President's meetings
  - Omaha World-Herald*
  - Kansas City Star*
  - [Forename unknown] McKnight
  - Newsday*

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The President left at 11:37 am

Meeting  
-Southern Democrats  
Schedule

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[Unintelligible]

[100-001-w007]

[Duration: 1m 34s]

Meeting with William O. Baker [?]

General conversation

30 million

6 years

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Vietnam

- Black America
- Troops
- Leadership
  - Robert S. McNamara
  - Unidentified general
    - Withdrawal of US' troops
  - Loss of popular confidence
- McNamara
- General Maxwell D. Taylor
  - New York Times
  - Withdrawal of troops
    - Timing
- McNamara
- New York Times
- The President's policies
  - Consequences in US

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[Unintelligible]

[100-001-w008]

[Duration: 41s]

General conversation

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Anderson, et al. left at an unknown time before 11:59 pm

Conversation No. 100-2

Date: Unknown between May 5 and May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 11:37 am, May 5 and 9:10 am, May 8, 1972

Location: Cabinet Room

A tour group met

Cabinet Room

-Meetings

-Chairs

-Names

-Donald H. Rumsfeld

-Position

-John A. Volpe

-Position

-Seating Arrangement

-Secretary of the Treasury

-The President

-Secretary of Defense

-Secretary of State

-The Vice President

-Secretary of the Treasury

-Tradition on departure from office

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-Portraits

-The President's choices

-Dwight D. Eisenhower

-[Thomas] Woodrow Wilson

-Theodore ("Teddy") Roosevelt

Stephen B. Bull

-Office location

H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman

-Office location

Alexander P. Butterfield

-Office location

The President's office

-Phone calls

-Butterfield's complaints

Rose Garden

-Tricia Nixon Cox's wedding

The tour group left at an unknown time before 9:10 am, May 8, 1972

Conversation No. 100-3

Date: Unknown between May 5 and May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 11:37 am, May 5 and 9:10 am, May 8, 1972

Location: Cabinet Room

A tour group met

Cabinet Room

-Importance

-Seating

-Arrangement

-Seniority of departments

-State

-William P. Rogers

-Department of Defense

-Department of Housing and Urban Development

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- The Vice President
- Henry A. Kissinger
- Position
- Seating
- H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- John D. Ehrlichman
- Table
- Seating
- The President
- Portraits
- Dwight D. Eisenhower
- Theodore ("Teddy") Roosevelt
- [Thomas] Woodrow Wilson
- The President's choice
- Redecoration

The tour group left at an unknown time before 9:10 am, May 8, 1972

Conversation No. 100-4

Date: Unknown between May 5 and May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 11:37 am, May 5 and 9:10 am, May 8, 1972

Location: Cabinet Room

A tour group met

Cabinet Room

- The President's phone

The tour group left at an unknown time before 9:10 am, May 8, 1972

Conversation No. 100-5

Date: Unknown between May 5 and May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 11:37 am, May 5 and 9:10 am, May 8, 1972

Location: Cabinet Room

A tour group met

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## White House

- West Wing
  - Construction
    - Theodore ("Teddy") Roosevelt
- Previous location of the President's office
- Oval Office
  - William H. Taft
- West Wing
  - The President's staff
  - Press Office
    - Ronald L. Ziegler
- Cabinet Room
  - Use
  - Chairs
    - Names and dates
  - Arrangements
  - Table
  - The President's chair
  - The Vice President
    - Seating
  - Seating arrangements
  - Portraits
    - Dwight D. Eisenhower, Theodore ("Teddy") Roosevelt, and [Thomas] Woodrow Wilson
  - National Security Council [NSC] meetings
  - Telephone

The tour group left at an unknown time before 9:10 am, May 8, 1972

Conversation No. 100-6

Date: Unknown between May 5 and May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 11:37 am, May 5 and 9:10 am, May 8, 1972

Location: Cabinet Room

Unknown people met

Cabinet Room

- Meetings
  - Cabinet
    - Frequency

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- Leadership
  - House and Senate members
  - Briefings

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[Previous PRMPA Federal Statute (A) withdrawal reviewed 08/26/2019. Segment will remain closed.]

[Federal Statute]

[100-006-w001]

[Duration: 23s]

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The President's office

The unknown people left at an unknown time before 9:10 am, May 8, 1972

Conversation No. 100-7

Date: Unknown between May 5 and May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 11:37 am, May 5 and 9:10 am, May 8, 1972

Location: Cabinet Room

Ronald L. Ziegler met with a tour group

Cabinet Room

- Chairs
  - Names
  - The President
  - Secretaries of departments
  - The Vice President

Decision making

- Economy

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Souvenir paper  
-Secretary of State

Cabinet Room  
-Carpeting  
-Ziegler's chair  
-Evaluated

Ziegler, et al. left at an unknown time before 9:10 am, May 8, 1972

Conversation No. 100-8

Date: Unknown between May 5 and May 8, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 11:37 am, May 5 and 9:10 am, May 8, 1972  
Location: Cabinet Room

A tour group met

Cabinet Room  
-Seating  
-The President's chair  
-Secretaries of State and Defense  
-The Vice President  
-Table  
-Cost  
-Portrait

The tour group left at an unknown time before 9:10 am, May 8, 1972

Conversation No. 100-9

Date: Unknown between May 5 and May 8, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 11:37 am, May 5 and 9:10 am, May 8, 1972  
Location: Cabinet Room

George P. Shultz met with a tour group

Cabinet Room



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- Table
- Seating
  - Secretary of Labor

Shultz, et al. left at an unknown time before 9:10 am, May 8, 1972

Conversation No. 100-10

Date: Unknown between May 5 and May 8, 1972  
 Time: Unknown between 11:37 am, May 5 and 9:10 am, May 8, 1972  
 Location: Cabinet Room

General Alexander M. Haig, Jr. met with a tour group

## Cabinet Room

- Cabinet meetings
- National Security Council [NSC] meetings
- Chairs
  - Seating
    - The President
    - The Vice President
- Cabinet meetings
  - Frequency
- NSC meetings

## Rose Garden

- Tricia Nixon Cox wedding

Haig, et al. left at an unknown time before 9:10 am, May 8, 1972

Conversation No. 100-11

Date: Unknown between May 5 and May 8, 1972  
 Time: Unknown between 11:37 am, May 5 and 9:10 am, May 8, 1972  
 Location: Cabinet Room

A tour group met

An antique

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## Cabinet Room

- Seating
  - Nameplates on chairs
  - George W. Romney
  - Earl L. Butz
  - John B. Connally
  - The Vice President
  - Attorney General
- Chairs
  - Departure of Secretaries
- Secretary of Treasury
  - David M. Kennedy
- George H. W. Bush
  - United Nations

Lieutenant [Forename unknown] Bridgeky [sp?] entered at an unknown time after 11:37 am, May 5, 1972

Introductions

Bridgeky's work

Bridgeky left at an unknown time before 9:10 am, May 8, 1972

The President's schedule

## Cabinet Room

- Chairs
  - Arrangement
    - The President and Vice President
    - Oldest departments
    - Defense, State, Attorney General, and Treasury
    - Peter G. Peterson
- Chairs on sides
  - Henry A. Kissinger
  - Robert H. Finch
  - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- Duties
- Portraits
- Table
  - Donor
  - Size

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-Light

The tour group left at an unknown time before 9:10 am, May 8, 1972

Conversation No. 100-14

Date: Unknown between May 5 and May 8, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 11:37 am, May 5 and 9:10 am, May 8, 1972  
Location: Cabinet Room

A tour group met

- Cabinet Room
- Chairs
- Purchase

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[Unintelligible]  
[100-014-w001]  
[Duration: 24s]

- Cabinet Room
- Question

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- Cabinet Room
- Chairs
- The President's chair
- Function
- Signing ceremonies
- The President's office
- Experience of unknown person
- Crowd

The tour group left at an unknown time before 9:10 am, May 8, 1972

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Conversation No. 100-15

Date: Unknown between May 5 and May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 11:37 am, May 5 and 9:10 am, May 8, 1972

Location: Cabinet Room

A tour group met

Cabinet Room

-Function

-Press

-Seating

-Portraits

-Dwight D. Eisenhower

-[Thomas] Woodrow Wilson

-Theodore ("Teddy") Roosevelt

Roosevelt Room

Swimming pool

The tour group left at an unknown time before 9:10 am, May 8, 1972

Conversation No. 100-16

Date: Unknown between May 5 and May 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 11:37 am, May 5 and 9:10 am, May 8, 1972

Location: Cabinet Room

A tour group met

Cabinet Room

-Chairs

-Nameplates

-Counselor to the President

Recording ends at an unknown time before 9:10 am, May 8, 1972

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Conversation No. 100-18

Date: Unknown between May 5 and May 8, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 11:37 am, May 5 and 9:10 am, May 8, 1972  
Location: Cabinet Room

A tour group met

- Cabinet Room
- Chairs
- Nameplates
- Counselor to the President
- George P. Shultz

Recording ends at an unknown time before 9:10 am, May 8, 1972

Conversation No. 100-19

Date: Unknown between May 5 and May 8, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 11:37 am, May 5 and 9:10 am, May 8, 1972  
Location: Cabinet Room

Unknown men met

[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

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*[Previous non-historical (H) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift 08/26/2019. Segment cleared for release.]*

[Non-Historical]  
[100-019-w001]  
[Duration: 6s]

Six months ago

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Recording ends at an unknown time before 9:10 am, May 8, 1972

Conversation No. 100-20

Date: May 8, 1972  
Time: Unknown after 12:00 am until 12:07 pm  
Location: Cabinet Room

William P. Rogers met with unknown men

[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

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[Previous non-historical (H) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift 08/26/2019. Segment cleared for release.]

[Non-Historical]  
[100-020-w001]  
[Duration: 24s]

Greetings

Travel

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Recording ends at an unknown time before 12:07 pm

Conversation No. 100-17

Date: May 8, 1972  
Time: Unknown after 12:00 am until 12:07 pm  
Location: Cabinet Room

Vice President Spiro T. Agnew met with William P. Rogers, Melvin R. Laird, General George A. Lincoln, John B. Connally, Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, Richard M. Helms, Henry A.

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Kissinger, General Alexander M. Haig, Jr., and John Negroponte.

[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

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[Unintelligible]  
[100-017-w008]  
[Duration: 52s]

General conversation

Good news or bad news

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*[Previous non-historical (H) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift 08/26/2019. Segment cleared for release.]*

[Non-Historical]  
[100-017-w002]  
[Duration: 51s]

Joke  
-Surgeon

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[Unintelligible]  
[100-017-w009]  
[Duration: 1m 10s]

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Week of May 14, 1972

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[National Security]  
[100-017-w001]  
[Duration: 29s]

- Vietnam
  - Mining operation
  - US losses
  - North Vietnamese losses

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[Previous non-historical (H) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift 08/26/2019. Segment cleared for release.]  
[Non-Historical]  
[100-017-w003]  
[Duration: 18s]

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[Personal Returnable]  
[100-017-w004]  
[Duration: 1m 22s]



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Texas election

- [First name unknown] Smith
- Position
- Percentage of votes
- New economic program policy
- Incumbent
- Previous poll numbers

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The President entered at 9:10 am

Greetings

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[National Security]

[100-017-w001]

[Duration: 1h 54m 15s]

Vietnam

- Blockade
  - The President's decision
- North Vietnamese offensive
  - South Vietnamese strengths
    - US air support
  - South Vietnamese resistance
  - North Vietnamese weaponry
    - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]s
    - Quantity
    - Quality
    - Compared with weapons US supplies to allies
- US air support
- North Vietnamese weapons
  - Tanks
  - Guns
- South Vietnam
  - Strengths
  - Weaknesses
- Hue

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- III corps
- Hue
  - Importance
- Future of South Vietnam
- US responses
  - Options
- Negotiations
- South Vietnam
  - US options
  - US withdrawal
    - Democrats' and Republicans' positions
    - Considerations
      - Credibility
        - Allies
      - Domino theory
        - Thailand
        - Cambodia
        - Laos
      - Assessment of responsibility
      - Effect on foreign policy
- US options
  - Diplomacy
    - Current status
      - Henry A. Kissinger
      - US peace offers
        - North Vietnamese response
    - North Vietnamese proposal
      - Nguyen van Thieu
        - Future
      - Relation to military position
      - Communist position
      - US offers
  - US military action
    - Air strikes
      - Aircraft
        - Intensity
        - Location
          - Haiphong/Hanoi
        - Effectiveness
        - Use in South Vietnam
          - Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.
      - Effectiveness
    - Blockade

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- Seaborne deliveries
  - Impact
- Railroads
  - Bombing
    - Impact on South Vietnam
    - Compared to 1965 and 1968
- Effect
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] summit
  - Effect
  - Importance
  - Cancellation
    - North Vietnamese position in Hue
    - Likelihood
- US options
  - Withdrawal
    - considerations
  - Air strikes
    - Level
  - Consequences
    - US public opinion
    - Congressional action
  - The President's choices
    - Political factors
    - Military situation
      - Withdrawal
        - Consequences
      - Escalation
        - Methods
          - Impact on North Vietnam
          - Impact on South Vietnam
  - Decision
- Thomas H. Moorer
- Richard M. Helms
- US military status
  - Mining
    - Types
      - Ships
      - Small craft
    - Haiphong harbor
      - Conditions
    - Larger mines
      - Effectiveness
    - Haiphong harbor

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- Number of ships
- Petroleum, oil and lubricants [POL] dump
- Limit
  - International law
    - Department of State [DOS]
    - Department of Defense [DOD]
  - North Vietnamese claims
  - U. Alexis Johnson's proposal
    - Work
- Placement of mines
  - Time
  - Action
  - Time elapsed
  - Method
    - Losses
    - Type of craft
    - Possibilities
  - Diversionary efforts
    - Newport News*
- Activation
  - Delay
  - Timing
  - De-activation
    - Number of days
- Alternative plans
  - Considerations
- Activation
  - Detonation
  - Sweeping
    - Countermeasures
- Moorings
  - Red river
- Activation of mines
  - Delay
- Areas of mining
  - International limits
  - Rivers
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      - Duong Wang [sp] [?]
      - Quang Khe [sp] [?]
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- Air strikes
  - Rail lines
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  - Ships
    - Location
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  - Ships
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      - Effectiveness
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        - Usage
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      - Planes
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          - 1968 report
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    - Supply on hand

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- Mining
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  - Prevention
- Seaborne traffic
  - Unloading
    - Number of ships
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- Blockade
  - Interdiction
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  - U. Alexis Johnson
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- Impact on North Vietnamese war effort
  - Time
  - Materiel
  - Food stuffs
  - Military equipment
    - Trucks
  - Petroleum, oil, and lubricants [POL] supplies
  - Supply lines
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    - Rationing
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      - Hanoi and Haiphong
        - Petroleum, oil, and lubricants [POL]
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-Sihanoukville

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    - Number
- Blockade and bombing
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