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**Tape Subject Log**  
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Conversation No. 412-1

Date: February 14, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 2:31 pm and 2:38 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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President's schedule

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Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:38 pm.

Conversation No. 412-2

Date: February 14, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 2:31 pm and 2:38 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 43-78]

Conversation No. 412-3

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Date: February 14, 1973  
Time: Between 2:38 pm and 2:39 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Stephen B. Bull.

[See Conversation No. 43-79]

Conversation No. 412-4

Date: February 14, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 2:39 pm and 2:59 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 43-80]

Conversation No. 412-5

Date: February 14, 1973  
Time: Between 2:59 pm and 3:04 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with William E. Timmons.

[See Conversation No. 43-81]

Conversation No. 412-6

Date: February 14, 1973

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Time: Unknown between 3:04 pm and 4:05 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

George H. W. Bush's meeting  
-Timing

Bull left at an unknown time before 4:05 pm.

Conversation No. 412-7

Date: February 14, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 3:04 pm and 4:05 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Thomas H. Moorer.

Prisoners of War [POWs] returning from Vietnam  
-Debriefing  
-POWs' attitudes  
-Support for President  
-Bombing  
-Support  
-December 26, 1972 raid

World War II  
-Prisoners of Japanese  
-Hokaido

Bombing  
-North Vietnamese reaction  
-POWs' morale

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POWs' return

- Statements
  - Capt. Jeremiah A. Denton, Jr.
  - Capt. James A. Mulligan, Jr.
  - Impact on critics of bombing
- Bombing
  - POWs' appearance
- Release of POWs' reactions

Bombing

- North Vietnam's reaction
- May 8, 1972 bombing
- Bombing halt
- Delays in negotiations
- Cambodia
- Purpose
- Result
- Impact on the People's Republic of China [PRC] and Soviet Union
- Statesmen
  - Winston S. Churchill
  - Franklin D. Roosevelt
- Allied attitudes
  - Japan
  - Australia
  - Ian O. smith
  - Great Britain
  - Portugal
  - Greece
  - Turkey
  - Spain
  - Latin America
    - Brazil
  - European Socialists
    - Germany
  - Netherlands
  - Latin America

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- Australia
- Military

- Canada's military
  - Reaction to bombing
  - Relations with US military
    - Military missions
  - Participation
  - US Marine Corps
  - Strength

- European military
  - Strength
  - Denmark

- Socialist countries
  - parliamentary coalitions

- Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
  - Trip to Southeast Asia
    - Report
  - Moorer's visit

- Far East
  - Indonesia [?]
  - Thailand
  - Moorer's travel
  - PRC
    - Negotiations

- POWs
  - Photograph
    - Washington Star*
  - Corsages for wives or mothers
  - Future careers
    - Military

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- Denton
  - Contact with Moorer
- President's call to Mrs. Denton
- Families' reaction to the President's policies
- Knowledge of bombing

**Bombing**

- B-52, tactical aircraft
- Damage to Hanoi
  - Pictures
- Harold E. Hughes
- Allegations of carpet bombing
- Civilian casualties
- Compared with World War II
  - Refusals to fly

**POWs**

- Heroism
  - Korean War
  - President's policies
    - Peace with honor
- Defeat of North Vietnam
- Debriefing
  - Col. Al Lynn
- Attitudes
  - Uniforms and bearing
- Pay bonuses
  - Congress
  - Recommendations
- Military institutional support
  - Legal advice
  - Career options
  - Educational commitments
    - Graduate schools
    - War colleges
- Duty stations

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-Citations

- Presidential Unit Citation
- Moorer's recommendations
  - Gen. Brendt G. Scowcroft
- Individuals
  - Years of captivity
  - Bravery, performance

-Pay

- Congressional opposition
- Bonus
- Defense Department recommendations
  - Historical precedents
    - World War II
  - Joint Chiefs of Staff [JCS]

US foreign policy

- Vietnam War
- US interests
  - Southeast Asia
    - Commitments to allies
  - Great power status
- Attacks on military
- Impact of POWs
  - Pentagon
  - Heroism
    - US strength
    - Patriotism

President's Pentagon visit

- Effects [?]
- Luncheon
- Elliot L. Richardson
- JCS
- Service secretaries
- Timing
- President's admiration

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- POWs
  - Presidential citation
  - Timing
  - Congress
  - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
- Patriotism

Consultation between military and the President

- Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]
  - L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III
- JCS chairman
- Richard M. Helmz [?]
- Strategic Arms Limitations Talks [SALT]
- Direct line to JCS
  - Moorer's access to the President

Vietnam

- May 8, 1972 bombing
  - Secretary's recommendations
  - Overruled
- Continuation
  - Weather
  - Moorer's recommendations
- B-52 losses
  - June 5, 1972 raid
  - Number of sorties
  - Halt
- December 1972 bombing

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[National Security]  
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[Duration: 2s]

Vietnam

- December 1972 bombing
- Intelligence

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Vietnam

- December 1972 bombing
- The President's role
- Unpredictability

The President's conversation with Scowcroft and Haig

- Military missions abroad
- Foreign arms sales
  - Church amendment
  - Competition
    - France
    - Latin America
  - State Department
- US military ties
  - Uruguay
  - Chile
    - Indonesia
      - Communism
      - Population
      - Lt. Gen. T. N. S. Suharto
    - Military aid
      - Contacts
        - Alliances
        - Socialist countries
- Brazil
  - US military aid
  - Conditions

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- Destroyers
  - Missiles
- Preference for US advisors, arms
- US arms

Foreign policy planning

- President's discussion with Haig
- National Security Council [NSC]
- Military field grade officers
- Think tanks
  - Broader thinking
    - State Department
    - Arms sales
      - Latin America
    - Psychological operations
- Contribution of military people
  - Air force
  - Europe, PRC, Soviet Union
- Think tanks
  - Differing views
  - Impact on NSC
  - Role of JCS
- Styx missile
  - Naval officers
    - Mediterranean
  - Memorandum
  - Israeli ship
  - Richardson
- Conventional weapons
  - Usefulness
    - Korea
  - Nixon Doctrine
    - Small nations
      - Self defense
      - Conventional warfare
      - Prolonged war

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- Navy, air force
- Sophisticated, expensive weapons
- Tactical air power
- Cost effectiveness

Conventional weapons

- Europe
- Mutual and balanced force reduction [MBFR]
- Japan, Asia
- Tactical nuclear weapons
- Military planning group
- Study results

The President's foreign policy decisions

- May 8, 1972 decision
  - Henry A. Kissinger
  - Haig
  - Impact on US-Soviet relations
  - US-Soviet summit, May 1972
  - Preemptive cancellation
    - President's speech
      - Television [TV]
  - Fear of Soviet Union reprisals
  - The President's deliberations
  - Need for outside counsel
    - John B. Connally
- December 1972 bombing
  - Breakdown in negotiations
  - Kissinger's cable and recommendations
  - President's speech
    - TV
    - Compared with May 8, 1972 decision
    - Impact on negotiations
      - North Vietnam
  - Success of US-Soviet summit, Vietnam settlement
  - White House staff, NSC

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Presidential advisors

- Need to hear different opinions
  - Department of State [DOS], Defense Department [DOD]
  - Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
    - NSC's role
- NSC
  - Haig
    - Management skills
    - Knowledge

Military advisory capacity

- Younger officers
  - Age
  - Experience
- New ideas
- Moorer's staff
  - Transfers
- POWs
  - Abilities
  - Insights
- JCS
  - Air force, navy, personnel
  - Independent initiative
  - No fear of reprisal
  - Leaking to press
- Bureaucracy
- Kissinger
  - NSC
  - Haig
- Talent in military

Defense budget

- Wilbur D. Mills
- Cuts in post-Vietnam War period
- Personnel costs

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- Mills
- Support
- Moorer's speech
  - Commonwealth Club
  - International interests
  - Energy crisis
    - Middle East instability
  - Negotiations
    - Strength of US
  - Budget
    - Decreases
- TV press conference by Moorer
  - Vietnam War's effects on US military morale
    - War conditions
    - Public criticism of the war
  - Attack on the press

Moorer

- San Francisco
- Visit to Brigham Young University
  - Salt Lake City
- Spokesman for Defense Department
  - Timing
  - POWs
  - Foreign policy

Amnesty

- Policy regarding pardon
- Moorer's statement
  - Selective Service Act
  - Impact on POWs
- Divisiveness of issue
  - Patriotism
  - Military service personnel
  - Conscientious objection
  - Desecration

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-Legal consequences

Richardson

The White House photographer entered at 4:03 pm.

Photograph session  
-Scowcroft

Bombing  
-Decision  
-Cambodia  
-May 8, 1972 decision  
-North Vietnam

The White House photographer left at 4:04 pm.

Moorer left at 4:05 pm.

Conversation No. 412-8

Date: February 14, 1973  
Time: 4:06 pm - 5:25 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with George H. W. Bush and Anne L. Armstrong.

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Seating arrangements

Julie Nixon Eisenhower

Bush's report

- The President's note
- New Jersey
- Conversations with Armstrong, H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- South
  - 1974 elections
  - 1976 elections

Richard G. Lugar

- Charles A. Mosher [?]
- Qualities
- Options for office
  - Constituency
- Support for administration

Bush

- Travel
- Compared to Robert J. Dole's chairmanship
  - Sioux City, Iowa
    - Rotary Club
- Chairmanship of Republican National Committee [RNC]
  - Travel
    - Limitations
      - Alaska, Hawaii
  - RNC operations
  - Robert C. B. Morton
  - Dealing with the RNC
  - Responsibilities
    - National spokesperson
  - Focus
    - 1974 election
      - Competitive states, candidates

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- Speeches
  - Number
    - Lincoln's birthday
  - Gerald R. Ford
    - Grand Rapids
    - Speeches in District of Columbia
    - Cabinet members, Spiro T. Agnew
  - Effective speakers
    - Leslie C. Arends

RNC

- Bush's duties
- State chairman
- Committee personnel
- Weaknesses
- Financial condition
- Pat Wilson
  - Contributions
  - Albert L. Cole
  - Fundraising
    - Direct mailing
    - Small donations
- Woman appointee
  - Janet J. Johnston
  - Associations with Ronald W. Reagan
    - Newspaper account

Republican Party's political ideology

- Conservative
  - Gircher
- Liberal
  - Jacob K. Javits
- Centrist
- William E. Brock, III
  - New Hampshire visit compare with Tennessee visit
  - Nelson A. Rockefeller



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- Pragmatism
- Choice of candidate
  - New York
  - Conservative
  - James L. Buckley

Rockefeller

- Meeting with Bush
  - New Majority
- [First name unknown] Dominto
- Italian New York Secretary of State
  - Heritage group head for RNC
  - Freedom Fighter group
  - John N. Mitchell

Italians

- Republican gains
- Italian candidates
  - Compared to Eastern Europeans
  - Irish
  - Poles
  - Democratic political viewpoint
- Freedom fighters
- Rockefeller
- Edward J. Derwinski

Rockefeller

- Conversation with the President
- Franklyn C. Nofziger
  - Note signed by President
- Frank Leonard
  - Letter
  - Retention on staff
  - Fundraising
  - Staff morale

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H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman entered at an unknown time after 4:06 pm.

Russell B. Long

- Meeting with the President
- Monday Letter
  - John D. Ehrlichman
  - Mailing list
  - Quality of writing
  - Support

Campaigning

- Controversy
- Publicity
  - Timidity

RNC publications

- New Majority
- Dole
  - Compared to Bush
  - Monday Letter
  - Negative publicity
- Letter from Bush
  - Conciliatory tone
  - Monday Chairman's letter
- Big contributors
  - Direct mailing
  - Small number
  - Cole
  - Periodic release
  - Contents
    - Important issues
    - International monetary situation
- Recipients
  - Maurice H. Stan's list
  - Democrats
  - Friendly editors

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- Political leaders
  - State chairman
- Coordination of RNC and Senate campaign committees
- Brock's cooperation
  - Kenneth S. Rietz
    - New Majority campaign
    - Reports to Bush
    - Congressional cooperation
      - Problems
    - House committees
    - Robert C. ("Bob") Wilson's removal
    - Clarence J. ("Bud") Brown, Jr.
      - Conflict with Wilson
      - Brown's meeting with Bush
        - Rietz
        - Brock
- Duplication of efforts
  - Animosity between Congress and White House
- Wilson
  - Bush's call to Ford

Finances

- Congress
  - Departure date
  - Brown
  - Alaska
  - Brown's management style
- Duplication of efforts
  - Complaints
    - 1974 campaign compared with 1972 campaign

RNC finances

- Congressional complaints
- Stans's report as refutation
- Surpluses
  - Senate campaigns

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- Request for funds
- Wilson
- 1972 election

1972 election

- Democratic Party split
- Landslide
- Vietnam issue
  - May 8, 1972
- George S. McGovern
- Republican candidates for Congress
  - Style
  - Age
  - Demeanor
  - Harry F. Byrd, Jr.
    - Endorsement
    - Goddard [?]

New Majority strategy

- Finances
  - State committee complaints
- Haldeman
  - Staff
- Patronage
  - Haldeman as access point
    - Press coverage
    - Joseph C. Kraft
    - Jobs, patents
  - Bush's political role
    - Harry N. Dent's advice

New Jersey election

- William T. Cahill
  - Endorsement
  - Strength
- Charles W. Sandman, Jr.

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- President's supporter
- Conservative
  - Compared to Nofziger
- Clifford P. Case
  - Liberal
- Cahill
  - Irish Catholic
- The President's compared with Bush's role in endorsement
  - President's note
- Cahill's visit
  - Governors' meeting
- Sandman
  - Visit to RNC
  - Bush's meeting at Congress
    - Obfuscation
    - The President's support for Cahill
    - The President's explanation
    - John N. Mitchell's prior endorsement

North Dakota election

- Milton C. Young
  - Age
- William L. Guy
  - Bush's call to Brock
- The President's view
  - Age of candidate

Youth

- Elected officials
- Need in Republican Party
- Reagan and Rockefeller
  - Age
- Re-election prospects
- Ages of presidents
- Rockefeller compared with Reagan
  - Vitality

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- Effects of television [TV]
- 1976 candidacy
  - Reagan, Rockefeller
  - Agnew

1976 campaign

- Haldeman
- RNC role
  - The President's conference
    - Presidential candidates
    - Support for Republicans in the 1974 election
- Early campaign favorites
  - Reagan
  - Rockefeller
  - Agnew
- Nomination for 1976 Presidential campaign
  - Campaigning for Congressional candidates in 1974
  - Fundraising
  - Connecting with future state delegates
    - Fat Cats
    - Mississippi
- The President's recommendations
  - Fundraising
  - Independent
- RNC chairman's role
- Bush's meeting with Reagan in New Orleans

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Campaigning

- Incumbents
  - Brock
  - Young
- Offers of federal appointment
- Older candidates

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- Gordon L. Allott
- Jack R. Miller
- Cabinet positions
  - Secretary of State
  - Secretary of the Treasury
  - Internal Revenue Service [IRS]
  - Timing
  - Sensitivity
    - Leaks
    - Current Cabinet official
- North Dakota

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- Candidates in state primaries
  - North Dakota
    - Mark Andrews
    - Statewide appeal
    - Age
  - Ohio
    - William B. Saxbe
    - Support for incumbents
    - William J. Keating
  - New York
    - Jacob K. Javits
    - Support for incumbents
    - Primaries
  - Saxbe
    - Speculation on candidacy
  - Support during primary compared to general election
    - Timing
    - Political mine field

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- Friends of Administration
  - Saxbe
    - Voting record
    - Compared with Robert Taft, Jr.
- Bush's role
  - Pragmatism

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Campaigning

- RNC support
- Charles E. Goodell
  - President's failure to support
  - John Rousselot
  - John Birch Society
  - Refusal of support from administration due to Vietnam War issue
  - Ronald L. Ziegler

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Campaigning

- Javits
  - Administration's support
- Buckley
  - Alternative to Goodell
- Senate elections
  - Impact on Administration
  - Charles McC. Mathias, Jr.
    - Support by the President
  - Senate votes



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- Liberal Republicans
  - Goodell
- Support for all Republican candidates
- Mathias's campaign
  - William E. Timmons
  - Relationship with Bush
  - Percy

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Women

- Equal Rights Amendment [ERA]
  - Ratification through state legislatures
    - Pressure on state legislatures
      - Arizona
    - Use of President's statements
  - Support by Republican Party
    - Active minority
    - Pragmatic approach
    - Referendum
    - President's support
    - Spokeswoman
      - Jayne B. Spain
      - Katherine K. Bidwell [?]
  - Youth
- Phyllis Schlafley
  - Founders Forum
  - Opposition to ERA
  - Publicity
  - Funding
    - John Birch Society
- George C. Wallace
  - Support for ERA
- Administration's position
  - Statements by President, Bush

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- Moderate women's position
  - State legislatures
- President's position
- Draft of Letter
- President's position
- Circulation
- Use by RNC
- Julie Nixon Eisenhower
  - Statement in support
    - Publicity
    - President's view
- Democratic Party
  - Support for ERA
- Republican Party
  - Support for ERA
  - Open door
- Schlafley
  - March
- RNC
  - Committee organization
    - Illinois
    - Pennsylvania [?]

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- 1974 campaign
  - New Majority
  - Congressional support
  - Support for Administration's legislative agenda
  - Party changes compared with RNC development
    - Bush's role
    - Joe D. Waggoner, Jr.

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- Support for the President
- Discussions with Brown, Wilbur D. Mills, Ford
- Gillespie V. ("Sonny") Montgomery
  - Mississippi
  - Law suit
  - Support for the President
  - Knowledge of foreign affairs
  - Bush's leadership style
    - Study report on Party structure
- Byrd
  - John B. Connally
    - Impact on office-holders
      - Wagginer
    - Symbolism
    - Impact on elections
      - Congress
    - RNC's role
- Bush's conversation with Byrd
  - Mills Godwin
  - Linwood Holton
  - Bush's pursuit of Byrd
  - Holton's endorsement of Godwin
- Holton
  - President's view
    - Bush's call
    - Byrd's influence
- Godwin
  - Byrd's endorsement
  - Victory
  - Nixon's Republicans, Democrat's support
  - President's position
  - Pressure to leave race
  - Holton's opinion of Godwin
    - Racism
  - President's view
- Holton

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- Support for Civil Rights
  - Virginia, Tennessee, Texas, New York
- [Unintelligible name]
  - Lieutenant Governor
  - Godwin
  - Meeting with Bush
  - State chairman

Politics

- Disillusionment
  - Liberal argument
  - 1972 election
- Press relations
- Republican Party
- Optimism

Byrd

- Support
- Bush's role
  - Discussion with Governor's Association

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Harry F. Byrd, Jr.

- Future appointment
  - Ambassadorship
  - Judgeship
  - Cabinet, sub-Cabinet
  - Service secretary

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Candidate recruitment

- Procedures
  - Problems
- Brock
  - President's confidence
- House of Representatives
  - Disaster
- Rietz's role
  - Brown
    - Rietz's schedule
    - Targeting districts
    - Incumbents
  - House Campaign Committee
- RNC
  - Bush's parallel role
    - Rietz
  - Evaluations
- Murray M. Chotiner
  - 1946 role in committee establishment
    - Richard Jackson
  - Assistance
  - Knowledge of mechanics
  - Relationship with RNC
  - Advisor role
  - Meeting with Rietz
  - Talent plan for state legislatures
    - Chotiner's role
    - Compared with Congress
    - Fundraising initiative
- Talent recruitment
  - Committees at district level
    - Fact-finding role
    - California Republican Committee
    - President's early career
      - Selection as candidate

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- Wilson
  - Fundraising compared with recruitment
- President's early career
  - Selection of Committee of 100
    - Chotiner
    - State, county committee members
    - Business
    - Women representatives
    - Blacks, Jews
    - Mexican representation
    - Mormons
- Brown
  - Travel
    - Texas, Massachusetts
- Congress members
  - Collaboration between districts
- Districts
  - Important people
    - Collaboration
  - Rising stars
    - Junior Chamber of Commerce
    - Rotary Club
    - POWs
- The President's conversation with Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
  - POWs' transition to civilian labor force
- POWs as candidates
  - Success against anti-war candidates

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- Agnew
  - Travel
  - Meeting with Cabinet
  - Timing

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Conversation No. 412-8 (cont'd)

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 4:07 pm and 5:25 pm.

[Conversation No. 412-8A]

[See Conversation No. 43-82]

[End of telephone conversation]

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POWs

- Moorer
- Elliot L. Richardson
- Pentagon lunch reception
- Heroism
- Appreciation

Moorer

- Inaugural parade
- Jeers
- Patriotism

The President talked with Stephen B. Bull at an unknown time between 4:07 pm and 5:25 pm.

[Conversation No. 412-8B]

[See Conversation No. 43-83]

[End of telephone conversation]

POWs' return

- Public impression
- Col. Robinson Risner
- Support for the President
- Moorer's meeting with the President

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- Dispatch
  - Public release
  - Timing
- POWs' support for the bombing
  - North Vietnamese attitudes
  - Impact of bombing
- Cora Weiss
  - POWs' comments
- Significance
- Mrs. James Mulligan
  - Support for the President
  - Courage of the President
  - Hostility of critics
- Moorer's report
  - North Vietnamese reactions
  - Bombing
  - Perception of the President

POW wives

- Identification of POWs
- The President's speech
- Families supporting withdrawal
- National League of Families
- Opponents of President's policies
  - Minority
    - Television [TV] coverage
      - Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
  - Press coverage
  - Distortions

Amnesty

- Divisive issue
- Public opposition outside Washington, DC
- POWs' opinion



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-Congress

- Bill
- Reluctance to raise
- Pat [no last name]
- President's reaction

-Moorer

- Impact on armed forces
- Abraham Lincoln
  - Amnesty policy
    - South compared with the North
    - Carl Sandberg
    - Poem
  - Edward DeBertello
- Deserters
  - New York draft protests
  - Imprisonment
  - Pardon

Foreign policy

- Bush's UN experience
- Credibility
  - Middle East
- Foreign and domestic cities

New isolationists

- World War II
  - Nazis
  - Marshall Plan
  - Aid to Greece and Turkey
- Split personality
- Allied bombing of Germany
  - Dresden, Hamburg, Cologne
  - Deaths
  - Compared to German bombing of Great Britain
  - Adolf Hitler
  - Compared to US bombing of North Vietnam

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- Far Right
    - Isolationists
    - Pro-Nazis
  - Left wing
    - Isolationists
    - Communists
    - Socialists
      - Prime Ministers
  - Credibility in Europe
  - Credibility in Middle East
    - Jewish support
      - Intervention in Middle East
  - Ambassador from Yugoslavia
    - Talks with Bush
    - Support for the President
      - Josip Broz Tito
      - Credibility
  - Israel
    - Support for the President
    - Opposition from US Jews to bombing
    - Arabs
  - Allies
    - Japan, Europe
    - US role in security
      - Missiles
        - US will to use
          - Necessity
          - Demonstration
      - US credibility
      - Soviet Union, People's Republic of China [PRC]
- Bombing of North Vietnam
- Reaction

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[National Security]

[412-008-w007]

[Duration: 39s]

Bombing of North Vietnam  
-North Vietnamese hospital  
-Damage

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Bombing of North Vietnam  
-Reaction  
-Criticism  
-Image of President  
-Thomas Grey ("Tom") Wicker, *New York Times*,  
Walter L. Cronkite, Jr., Harry Reasoner, David Brinkley  
-"Mad men"  
-Joseph C. Kraft  
-December 1972 bombing

The President, Bush, Armstrong, and Haldeman left at 5:25 pm.