

NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF

Tape Subject Log  
(rev. 2/24)

Conversation No. 457-1

Date: February 24, 1971  
Time: 10:19 am - 11:35 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman  
[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

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Personnel

- Speech writers
  - John K. Andrews, Jr.
  - Lee W. Huebner
  - Abilities
  - John D. Ehrlichman
  - Ronald L. Ziegler

Economy

- Publicity
- Prices

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Department of State

- Leaks
  - U. Alexis Johnson
    - William P. Rogers
    - Ellsworth F. Bunker
- Personnel

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Henry A. Kissinger entered at 10:24 am

Consumer legislation

Laos

- James L. Buckley's reception
- Kissinger's talk with Paul C. Warnke

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Ziegler, Virginia H. Knauer, Lewis A. Engman, and Elizabeth Hanford entered at 10:25 am; the White House photographer was present during this portion of the meeting

Greetings

- Presentation of gifts

Consumer affairs

Knauer, Engman, and Hanford left at 10:30 am

Vietnam

- Media coverage
  - Ziegler's briefing
  - Michael J. ("Mike") Mansfield's television appearance
  - Melvin R. Laird
  - General Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.
  - Henry Kahn of *New York Times*
    - Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
- Ziegler's statements
  - Day to day operations
  - Laird's view
- John W. Chancellor's report
  - Plan of South Vietnam in Laos
    - Tchepone
    - Supply lines
- Cambodia
  - President's previous comments
    - Justification for operation
      - North Vietnam
      - General Nguyen Van Thieu
- Accuracy of press accounts
  - Briefings
- Kissinger's briefing
  - Casualties regarding Cambodia

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- Attitudes
- Associated Press coverage of Laos
- Administration briefings
  - Laird
  - Claire Crawford
  - Crosby S. Noyes
  - Dennis Leonard
  - Herbert G. Klein
  - Mailing to editors and publishers
    - Source
    - William F. Knowland
  - Cynicism of press
    - Crawford
    - [Forename unknown] Wiggins
- W[illiam] Averell Harriman
  - Yale speech
  - Withdrawal
- Instructions for Ziegler's press briefing
  - President's comments
  - Democratic Senators' resolution

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Ziegler left at 10:37 am

- Warnke's assistant
  - Edmund S. Muskie
  - Invitation to Kissinger
- Briefings for Democrats
  - Kissinger
- Mansfield
  - Withdrawal

Laos military operation (Lam Son)

- Abrams
- Military reports
- General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
  - Possible report
- Laird
- Military plans
  - Tchepone
    - North Vietnamese Army
    - Roads
    - Kissinger's concern

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- Problems
- Briefing for Kissinger
  - Roads
    - Supplies and trucks
- Compared to Cambodian operation
  - Objectives
- Tchepone
- Haig
  - Report
    - Military assessment
      - Compared to Inchon
- Status
  - Briefing for Kissinger
  - Kissinger's concerns
    - Problems
      - Army of the Republic of Vietnam [ARVN]
        - Strategy
        - Schedule delays
        - Quality of ARVN troops
    - Appearance versus substance
- Tchepone
  - Roads and supplies
  - ARVN troops
    - Air support
    - Potential problem
- Haig
  - Possible trip to Vietnam
    - Assessment
      - ARVN troops
- ARVN troops
  - Compared to Cambodia
  - Supplies
  - Objectives
- Air strikes
  - B-26's
  - Statistics
  - Damage reports
  - Firebase attacks
    - Effects
    - Moorer
  - Air support coordination in South Vietnam
- Forthcoming briefing

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- Haig trip
- Moorer
- Laird
- Plan to send Haig to Southeast Asia
- Kissinger's information
  - Accuracy
  - Conflicting reports

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Military psychology

- Focus on objectives
  - German army
    - Verdun
    - Stalingrad
  - British army
    - Somme
- Difference from conventional warfare
- Need for accurate reporting

The President's schedule

- Briefings
  - Middle East
  - Haig
  - Richard M. Helms

Laos military operation (Lam Son)

- Briefing
  - Status
  - Conflicting reports
    - ARVN
- ARVN
  - Supplies
  - Troops
    - Tchepone
- American commanders
  - General William C. Westmoreland
  - William H. Sullivan
- Military strategy and tactics
  - Cambodia
  - Laird
  - Haig
  - Air support
    - Tchepone

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- Problems
- Laos versus Cambodia
- ARVN forces
  - Abrams' plan
- Forthcoming briefing
  - Moorer
  - General John W. Vogt, Jr.
- Laos battle plans
- Tchepone
  - ARVN
    - Options
    - Problems
- B-26s
  - Problems
  - Alternatives
    - B-52s
    - Moorer
    - Laird
    - Haig
    - F-4s
  - C-54s

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Kissinger left at 11:04 am

Rogers

- Muskie
  - Request for meeting with Kissinger
  - Request for meeting with Rogers
  - President's instructions

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Democrats

- Clark M. Clifford's man
- Mitch Moore [?]

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- President's opinion
- Paul C. Warnke
  - Henry A. Kissinger
- Edmund S. Muskie
  - Rogers
    - Foreign policy briefing policy

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Physical demands of office

- Connally
  - Health
- Health of personnel
- Connally
  - President's previous telephone conversation with Connally
    - Camp David visit
- Camp David
  - Haldeman's conversation with Connally
  - Amenities
  - Cabinet Secretaries
    - Connally
  - Renovations
    - Laurel Lodge
  - Administration
    - Commander
  - Plans
    - Julie Nixon Eisenhower
    - [Dwight] David Eisenhower, II
    - Connally

The President's schedule

- Meeting with Governors
- Black leadership meeting
  - President's participation
  - Leonard Garment
  - Robert H. Finch
  - Ehrlichman
  - George W. Romney
  - Robert J. Brown
  - Edward L. Morgan

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- Agenda
  - Revenue sharing
    - Finch
    - George P. Shultz
  - Possible Presidential appearance
    - Haldeman's position
    - Meeting with college editors
    - Peter M. Flanigan
      - Meetings with lobby groups
  - Mechanics of "Drop by"
  - Meeting with Governors
    - Nelson A. Rockefeller's reaction
  - Possible Republican governors' meeting
    - Pep talk
    - Richard B. Ogilvie
      - Revenue sharing
      - View of welfare reform
  - Connally, Shultz, and Ehrlichman

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Governors' meeting and dinner

- The Vice President
  - Revenue sharing
  - Milton J. Shapp
- The President's attendance
  - Toast
- Golf balls
- Leslie T. ("Bob") Hope
  - Attendance
    - Entertainment
- Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
  - Revenue sharing

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Governors' meeting and dinner

- Ronald W. Reagan
  - Nancy Reagan
    - Greetings to H.R. Haldeman and Finch
    - H.R. Haldeman's opinion
- Rockefeller
  - Margaretta ("Happy") Rockefeller
  - Appearance

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Governors' meeting and dinner

- Rockefeller
  - Margaretta ("Happy") Rockefeller
- George C. Wallace
  - Idanell (Brill) ("Nellie") Connally
  - Haldeman's conversation with Wallace
- The President's plans for next year
  - Governors' dinner
    - Republicans
    - Warren E. Hearnes

The President's schedule

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at 11:34 am

- Meeting with black leaders
  - Length of the President's visit
  - Press coverage
    - Ziegler
    - Donald H. Rumsfeld
    - Shultz
    - Ehrlichman

Haldeman left at 11:34 am

Butterfield left at 11:35 am

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Date: February 24, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 11:35 am and 11:38 am  
Location: Oval Office

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

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- The President's schedule
- Meeting with black leaders
    - Tenure of meeting
    - Berkeley G. Burrell
    - Cenoria Johnson
    - Suggested remarks
    - Possible White House tour

Haldeman left at an unknown time before 11:38 am

Conversation No. 457-3

Date: February 24, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 11:35 am and 11:38 am  
Location: Oval Office

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

- The President's schedule
- Meeting with black leaders
    - Black history and art

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at an unknown time after 11:35 am

- Thelma C. (Ryan) ("Pat") Nixon
  - Tour of White House
- Meeting with black leaders
  - Presidential gifts
  - Stephen B. Bull

The President, *et al.* left at 11:38 am

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**Tape Subject Log**  
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Conversation No. 457-4

Date: February 24, 1971

Time: 11:55 am - unknown before 12:19 pm

Location: Oval Office

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

Meeting with black leaders

[The President talked with Clifford M. Hardin between 11:55 am and 12:01 pm]

[Conversation No. 457-4A]

Report to the President

-John B. Williams

-Hardin's press conference

Mississippi

-Farmers

-Hardin's visit

-Integration of schools

-Compared to northern schools

The President's schedule

-Foreign policy

-Forthcoming trip to Des Moines, Iowa

-"Salute to Agriculture" dinner

-*Farm* editors

-Publicity

[End of telephone conversation]

Public relations

-President's remarks

-Agriculture

The President's schedule

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- Businessmen's visit
- Morehouse College in Atlanta
  - Peter M. Flanigan
  - Pros and cons
- White House staff
  - President's participation in meetings
    - Donald H. Rumsfeld
    - John N. Mitchell
    - "Drop by"
    - Black leaders' meeting
      - Advance scheduling
- Accessibility of the President
- Black leaders' meeting
  - George P. Shultz
  - George W. Romney
  - John D. Ehrlichman
  - Rumsfeld
  - Finch
  - Planning

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Camp David

- Invitations
  - White House staff
  - Finch
  - Rumsfeld
  - Elliot L. Richardson
  - William P. Rogers
  - Melvin R. Laird
  - Mitchell
  - Romney
  - John A. Volpe
- Rogers
- Problems

Black leaders' meeting

- Richard Hatcher

Governors' dinner

- Impression
- Leslie T. ("Bob") Hope
  - Visit to White House
    - Delores (Reade) Hope

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- Arthur G. ("Art") Linkletter
  - John Wayne
  - "True Grit"

Vietnam War

- Civilian versus military control
  - Henry A. Kissinger's role
  - President's position
  - General John W. Vogt, Jr.
  - General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
- William L. Safire
  - Forthcoming meeting with the President
  - Speech draft
  - Rogers/Kissinger relations
  - Middle East
    - Rogers
  - Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
    - Gerard C. Smith
  - Kissinger's meeting with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
  - Summit meetings

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Kissinger

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Kissinger

- Purpose of tantrums
  - Get his way
  - Gain attention
- Childhood
- Relationships

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Vietnam War

-Edmund S. Muskie

Briefings by Administration spokesmen

-Democrats

-Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy

-President's position

-Rogers

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-Muskie

-Haldeman's forthcoming conversation

-President's position

-Senators

-George S. McGovern

-Eugene J. McCarthy

-Vietnam peace plan

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 12:01 pm

The President's schedule

-Federal Executive Board

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:19 pm

-Revenue sharing

-Meeting with the President

-Pros and cons

-Meeting with the Vice President

-Safire

The President and Haldeman left at an unknown time before 12:19 pm

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Date: February 24, 1971

Time: Unknown after 12:01 pm until 12:19 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez

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Refreshments

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The President and Sanchez left at 12:19 pm

Conversation No. 457-8

Date: February 24, 1971

Time: Unknown between 12:19 pm and 12:35 pm

Location: Oval Office

Unknown people met

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[Non-historical]

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Telephone ringing

Office conversation

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The unknown people left at an unknown time before 12:35 pm

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Conv. No. 457-5 (cont.)

Date: February 24, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 12:35 pm and 12:43 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man

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Request for tea

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The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:43 pm

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Date: February 24, 1971  
Time: 12:43 pm - 1:24 pm  
Location: Oval Office

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

Radio statement by the President



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- Speech draft
  - William L. Safire
  - Henry A. Kissinger
  - President's view

Press

- Television coverage
  - Laos military operation
  - Kissinger
    - Bipartisan leadership meeting
- Newspaper editorials
  - Chalmers Roberts
  - Kissinger

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Safire

- Speech draft
  - Length

Personnel

- Kissinger
- Rose Mary Woods
- Alexander P. Butterfield
- William P. Rogers
  - Dwight D. Eisenhower
  - Harry S Truman
- Allocation of the President's time
  - Kissinger
  - General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
  - General John W. Vogt, Jr.
    - Briefing
- Safire's speech draft
  - Kissinger
- Allocation of the President's time
  - John D. Ehrlichman
  - Edwin L. Harper

[The President talked with the White House operator at 12:47 pm]

[Conversation No. 457-5A]

Call to Haig

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[End of telephone conversation]

Personnel  
-Ehrlichman

[The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 12:47 pm and 1:24 pm]

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[Conversation No. 457-5B]

Haig's schedule

[End of telephone conversation]

Personnel  
-Haig  
-Admiral Thomas H. Moorer

Forthcoming briefing  
-Kissinger  
-President's view  
    -Kissinger  
    -Vogt  
-Safire  
-Vogt

[Haldeman talked with Kissinger at an unknown time between 12:47 pm and 1:24 pm]

[Conversation No. 457-5C]

Briefing for the President  
-Vogt  
-Scheduling  
    -Speech preparation  
    -Safire's role

[End of telephone conversation]

The President's schedule  
-Kissinger  
    -Role in speech  
    -Safire

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- Attendance at briefings
  - President's view
- Speech preparation
  - Safire's role
- National Security Study Memoranda [NSSMs]
  - President's view

Kissinger entered at an unknown time after 12:47 pm

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Vogt

- Present location
  - Press briefing
- Meeting with the President and Kissinger
- Safire
  - Speech

Kissinger left at an unknown time before 1:24 pm

Rogers

- Previous trip with the President
  - Walker's Key

The President's schedule

- Kissinger
  - Role in briefings
  - Melvin R. Laird
    - Bureaucratic position

Cabinet officers

- Communication
  - Laird
    - Ehrlichman
  - President's position
    - Kissinger
  - John N. Mitchell
- Staff participation
  - Rogers
    - Middle East views
- Kissinger
  - Middle East views
  - Paperwork
    - Compared with Ehrlichman

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- National Security Council [NSC] staff
  - State Department
    - Staff work
  - Allocation of President's time
  - “Paper route”
    - Rogers
  - Allocation of President's time
    - Meeting with the President Conv. No. 457-5 (cont.)
    - Connally
      - Mitchell
    - Laird
    - Rogers
    - Moorer
  - Kissinger
    - Safire speech draft
    - Rogers
  - Cabinet officers
    - Access to the President
      - Kissinger
      - Rogers
      - Laird
      - Mitchell
    - Staff versus Cabinet
      - Ehrlichman
      - George P. Shultz
    - Kissinger
      - Compared to Ehrlichman
      - Cabinet officers
- Southeast Asia portion of speech
- United States' interests
    - Wording
    - Safire
    - Length
- Democratic proposal on Vietnam
- Possible Administration response
    - Robert J. Dole
    - Patrick J. Buchanan
    - Ronald L. Ziegler
    - President's position
  - Edmund S. Muskie

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- Dole
- Hugh Scott
- Differing proposals within Democratic Party
  - White House strategy
- Muskie
- W[illiam] Averell Harriman
  - Withdrawal
  - Compared to Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson Conv. No. 457-5 (cont.)
  - Support for President
- Muskie
- Administration response
  - Kissinger
  - Rogers
  - Laird
- Rogers
  - Michael J. ("Mike") Mansfield
- Administration response
  - Democratic caucus
    - Withdrawal proposal
    - Intra-party opposition
    - Dole
    - Buchanan
    - Franklyn C. ("Lyn") Nofziger
  - Charles W. Colson
  - Safire
  - Haldeman's role
    - Rogers
    - Laird
  - Kissinger
  - Ziegler
    - Possible press questions
    - Need for Administration response
  - Buchanan
  - Dole
  - White House strategy
    - News summary
      - Dole
    - Rogers and Laird
    - Ziegler
  - Withdrawal
    - Prisoners of War [POWs]
      - Effect of Democratic proposal

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-Jackson

Campus activity

- May Day demonstration
- Problems
- Students for a Democratic Society [SDS]

Leslie T. ("Bob") Hope

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- Charlton Heston
- Foreign pornography
- Hollywood unemployment
- President's position
- General quality of movies
- President's view
- Haldeman's view

The President's schedule

- Eisenhower dinner
- Hope
- Speech preparation
- Meeting
- Attendance
- Kissinger
- Vogt
- Moorer
- Old Executive Office Building

Haldeman left at 1:24 pm

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 Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez

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Executive Office Building  
-Lunch

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The President and Sanchez left at 1:25 pm