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Tape Subject Log
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Conversation No. 474-1

Date: March 26, 1971
Time: 9:40 am - 9:55 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger
[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

Conv. No. 474-13 (cont.)

Seating

Central Intelligence Agency [CIA] figures
-Kissinger
-Kissinger's previous briefing
-Congressional leaders
-Memorandum for the President

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 9:40 am

President's schedule
-John D. Ehrlichman
-Cabinet meeting

Bull left at an unknown time before 9:55 am

Vietnam
-*Washington Post* story, March 26, 1971
-President's response
-Peter Osnos
-Quotes by an American major

Bull entered at an unknown time after 9:40 am

Washington Post delivery

Bull left at an unknown time before 9:55 am

Vietnam
-*Washington Post* story
-A major's quotes
-Admiral Thomas H. Moorer
-General Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.

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- President's view
 - Ranks
- Osnos
- Laos operation (Lam Son)
 - Content of press account
- Abrams
- Washington Post* story
 - A major's quotes
 - President's concern

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Abrams

- Work
 - Kissinger's view
- Possible appointment as Chief of Staff
 - Army's needs
 - Kissinger's view
 - General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
 - General Richard G. Stilwell

Vietnam

- Washington Post* story
 - Laos operation (Lam Son)
 - Account
 - Congressmen
- Laos operation (Lam Son)
 - End of operation
 - Kissinger's view
 - President's March 14, 1971 press conference
 - US and South Vietnam command
 - General Nguyen Van Thieu's decision
 - Weather
 - Army of the Republic of Vietnam [ARVN] losses
 - Enemy losses
 - Number
 - Abrams
 - South Vietnamese morale
 - Ellsworth F. Bunker memorandum
 - Success of operation
 - Publicity
- Thieu
- Bunker
- Cable

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- President's assessment
- Washington Post* story
 - A major's quotes
 - Haig
- Army and Air Force morale
 - Press
 - Public opinion
 - President's view Conv. No. 474-13 (cont.)
- Kissinger's previous meeting with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
- North Vietnam
- President's forthcoming announcement
- President's forthcoming speech
 - William P. Rogers
 - Melvin R. Laird
- Negotiations
 - Dobrynin
 - Timing
 - Kissinger's response
- President's forthcoming speech, April 7, 1971
 - Negotiations
 - Troop withdrawals
 - Number
 - Effect of Laos operation (Lam Son)
 - Length
 - Writer
 - Raymond K. Price, Jr.
 - William L. Safire
 - Winston Lord
 - October 10, 1970 Speech
 - Draft
 - President's delivery
 - Compared with Howard K. Smith interview
 - Delivery of draft
- Press
 - Kissinger's role
 - Stewart J. O. and Joseph W. Alsop
 - S. J. O. Alsop's position
 - Withdrawal
 - President's response
- Democrats' caucus
 - A vote on March 31, 1971
 - President's statements

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- President's policies
- [Thomas] Hale Boggs

Southerners

Boggs

- Previous dinner with Kissinger
- Support for the President
- Compared with Republicans

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Republicans

- Support for President
- Congressional leaders
- Draft

Vietnam

- Television coverage
 - Effect
 - Abraham Lincoln's presidency
 - Shenandoah Valley
- Laos operation (Lam Son)
 - Evaluation
 - President's view
 - Press
 - Public relations efforts
 - President's view
 - New York Times*, March 25, 1971
 - Television
 - Coverage
 - Previous footage
- Public opinion
 - Effect
- Casualties
 - Decreases
- Future military action
 - Kissinger's view
 - Possible North Vietnamese attacks
 - Possible ARVN attacks
 - Effect on public opinion
 - Kissinger's view
 - I, III, IV Corps
 - US role

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- President's view
- South Vietnamese role
- US role
 - Air power
 - A meeting with Laird and Moorer
 - Future
 - Military equipment and material
 - Air strikes
 - Number
- Attacks on Kissinger

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Kissinger left at 9:55 am

Conversation No. 474-2

Date: March 26, 1971
 Time: 9:55 am - 10:00 am
 Location: Oval Office

The President met with John D. Ehrlichman

Domestic Intelligence Advisory Board

- Executive Order
- Staff

Cabinet meeting

- Arthur F. Burns
 - A speech by Herbert Stein
 - Federal Reserve Board
 - Burns' previous meeting with the President
 - President's influence with Stein, Paul W. McCracken
 - A report on Cabinet meeting by friends
- Agenda [Stabilization of wages and prices]
 - McCracken
 - Ehrlichman's view
 - James D. Hodgson
- President's schedule
 - Meeting with Justinian Society
- Ehrlichman's role

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- Length
- Agenda
 - Hodgson's proposal
 - Discussion
 - President's remarks
- President's decision
 - Announcement at meeting
 - New York Times* story
 - Signing of Executive Order on March 29, 1971 in San Clemente
 - Attendees
- Hodgson's previous meeting with George Meany
 - Meany's response
 - Support
 - Call to a building trade union president

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Ronald W. Reagan

- Position on California Rural Legal Assistance [CRLA]
 - Possible meeting of Ehrlichman and President on Air Force One
 - Possible call from President
 - Forthcoming meeting with President
 - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman and Ehrlichman's previous meeting with the

President

- Possible responses

The President and Ehrlichman left at 10:00 am

Conversation No. 474-014

Date: March 26, 1971

Time: Unknown between 10:00 am and 11:12 am

Location: Oval Office

Unknown person entered at an unknown time after 9:55 am

Notification

- The President's location
- Cabinet room

[Pause]

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United States Secret Service [USSS] agent's name

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Date: March 26, 1971

Time: Unknown between 10:00 am and 11:12 am

Location: Oval Office

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Nellie L. Yates [?] met with unknown men [maintenance]

[Previous Non-Historical (H) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift 12/05/2019. Segment cleared for release.]

[Non-Historical]

[474-003-w001]

[Duration: 38s]

Request

-Maintenance

-Cabinet Room

Yates [?] and the unknown men [maintenance] left at an unknown time before 11:12 am

Conversation No. 474-4

Date: March 26, 1971

Time: 11:15 am - 11:17 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

President's schedule

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- Justinian Society
 - Number attending
 - John A. Volpe
 - President's role
 - Roosevelt Room
 - Anthony J. Celebrezze and [Name unintelligible]
- White House Conference on Drugs
 - Religious leaders
 - President's role
 - Time of meeting

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Bull left at 11:17 am

Conversation No. 474-5

Date: March 26, 1971

Time: Unknown between 11:17 am and 11:22 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

President's schedule

- White House Conference on Drugs
 - Religious leaders
 - White House theater
 - Oval Office
 - President's remarks
 - Length of President's meeting
 - Oval Office
 - Scheduler
 - Length of meeting
 - Number attending
 - Time involved
 - President's role

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at an unknown time after 11:17 am

- H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- President's role

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Haldeman's location

-Meeting with Henry A. Kissinger

President's schedule

-Justinian Society

-Drug conference

-Time

-Justinian Society

-An afternoon event

-Tour

-Volpe

-President's role

-Tour of Oval Office

-Volpe, President

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The President, Bull, and Butterfield left at 11:22 am

Conversation No. 474-6

Date: March 26, 1971

Time: Unknown between 11:22 am and 11:35 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

President's schedule

-Meeting with Justinian Society lawyers

-President's role

-Arrangements

-President's role

-John A. Volpe's understanding

-Cabinet meeting

-Number attending

-Tour of Oval Office

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:35 am

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Conversation No. 474-7

Date: March 26, 1971
 Time: Unknown between 11:22 am and 2:54 pm
 Location: Oval Office

A tour group [members of the Justinian Society] met with the President ~~Outside the Oval Office.~~

Greetings

[General conversation]

Recording ends at an unknown time before 2:54 pm

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Date: March 26, 1971
 Time: Unknown after 4:09 pm until 4:53 pm
 Location: Oval Office

The President met with Melvin R. Laird, Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, David Packard, Henry A. Kissinger, General Alexander M. Haig, Jr., and John B. Connally

[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress; discontinuities occur during the recording]

Vietnam

- US casualties
- General Nguyen Van Thieu
 - Laird's previous conversation
 - Air capabilities
 - Helicopters
 - Fixed-wing aircraft
- North Vietnamese losses
- South Vietnamese troops
 - Supplies
 - US role
 - Thieu's election
- Soviet Union

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-South Vietnamese forces

Kissinger left at 4:25 pm

- Democrats in Congress
 - Connally's view
 - Laos operation (Lam Son)
 - Chubb plantation operation
 - US withdrawal
 - South Vietnamese supplies
 - Carl B. Albert
 - Caucus, March 30, 1971
 - Recess schedule
 - Albert
 - President's trip to California
 - Laird's conversations
 - President's previous conversation with Albert and [Thomas] Hale Boggs
 - Support for the President
 - Laos operation (Lam Son)
 - President's actions
 - Vietnamization
 - US troop withdrawal
 - Date set by President
 - Reasoning
 - South Vietnamese stability
 - Prisoners of War [POWs]
 - Negotiating position
 - Effect of possible democratic resolution
 - POWs
 - President's view
 - Thieu, Nguyen Cao Ky
 - President's Vietnam accomplishments
 - Political situation
 - US withdrawal
 - Date set by Congress
 - Effects
 - South Vietnam's future
 - President's view
 - Date set by President
 - Effects
 - Date set by Congress
 - Effects

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- Possible cutoff of funds
 - Possible Congressional action
 - Effects
 - President's assessment
 - President's conversation with Boggs and Albert
- US troop withdrawals
 - Air power
 - Effect on South Vietnam Conv. No. 474-13 (cont.)
 - Air power
 - B-52 strikes
 - Number
 - Gunships
- Democrat Caucus
 - Laird's meeting, March 30, 1971
 - Possible conversation
 - President's policy compared with Democrat actions
 - Potential political considerations
 - President's forthcoming speech
- President's policy
 - Compared with Democrat action
- Laos operation (Lam Son)
 - Moorer's briefing
 - Colors on chart
 - Representations
 - General Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.'s view
 - North Vietnamese forces
 - Casualties
 - Effectiveness
 - Infiltration routes
 - South Vietnamese forces
 - Position
 - Demilitarized Zone [DMZ]
 - North Vietnamese tanks
 - Number
 - Attacks
 - Number
 - Helicopters
- Military situation
 - Khe Sanh attack
 - Assessment
 - US action
 - Withdrawal

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- Supplies
- Helicopter
- North Vietnamese Army
 - Reinforcements
 - Supplies
 - Artillery attacks
- DMZ
 - North Vietnamese Army attacks
 - Moorer's assessment
 - Weather
 - Targets
 - Timing
 - President's view
 - Future strikes
 - President's view
 - Weather
 - Reconnaissance
 - North Vietnam artillery presence
 - US air strikes
 - Considerations
 - President's view
- Press coverage
 - An Associated Press [AP] dispatch concerning casualties
 - Army of the Republic of Vietnam [ARVN]
 - Number
 - Tammy Arbuckle
 - Department of Defense response
 - Compared with reports on Cambodia
 - President's concern
 - Television
 - Effect
 - Accuracy
 - Department of Defense response
 - ARVN
 - Abrams
 - Pentagon action
 - Accuracy
 - President's view
 - Current stories compared with 1968 Tet offensive

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- Reasons
 - Civil War, World War II
- President's view
- Administration policy
 - Laird's call to AP
- Moorer's March 25, 1971 press conference
- Democrats
 - Laird's forthcoming meeting on Capitol Hill Conv. No. 474-13 (cont.)
 - Laird's possible call to Russell B. Long
 - Laird's previous meetings
- Senators
 - Briefing for Armed Services Committee
 - Senators' response
 - President's view

Forthcoming Congressional testimony

- William P. Rogers
 - Coordination with Laird
 - Middle East
 - House testimony

[Previous National Security (B) withdrawal reviewed under MDR guidelines case number LPRN-T-MDR-2014-022. Segment declassified on 06/19/2019. Archivist: MM]

[National Security]

[474-008-w002]

[Duration: 3m 50s]

Middle East

- Golda Meir
 - Position on Israel
- Melvin R. Laird's position
- The President's position
- US relations with Israel
 - Difficulty
 - The President's previous March 25, 1971 reception
 - Gustave L. Levy
- US policy
- Israel's position and future
- US and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]

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- Arabs
- US foreign policy
 - Resolution of conflict
 - Aid to Israel
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] aid
- US relations with Israel
 - William P. Rogers
 - White House
 - John B. Connally's position
 - The President's position
- US balance of payments
 - Germany and Europe
 - US aid to Israel
 - Effect on policy
 - The President's position

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The President's schedule

- California trip
 - Weather
 - Samuel Goldwyn
 - Medal of Freedom award
 - Health

Farewells

Laird, et al. left at 4:53 pm

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Date: March 26, 1971

Time: Unknown between 4:53 pm and 4:55 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator

Call to John N. Mitchell

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Date: March 26, 1971
Time: Unknown between 4:53 pm and 4:55 pm
Location: Oval Office

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The President met with an unknown man

- President's schedule
 - Meeting with George P. Shultz
 - California trip
 - Departure time
 - Meeting with Shultz

[Previous PRMPA Personal Returnable (G) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift 12/05/2019. Segment cleared for release.]
[Personal Returnable]
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[Duration: 20s]

- Refreshments
 - Coffee

The President and the unknown man left at an unknown time before 4:55 pm

Conversation No. 474-11

Date: March 26, 1971
Time: Unknown between 4:53 pm and 4:55 pm
Location: Oval Office

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The President met with an unknown man

President's call to John N. Mitchell

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 4:55 pm

Conversation No. 474-12

Date: March 26, 1971

Time: 4:55 pm - 4:59 pm

Location: Oval Office

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The President talked with John N. Mitchell

President's helicopter

Unknown issue

-Mitchell's advice

-President's view

Economy

-President's policy

-Wage-price boards

-A response

-Davis-Bacon Act

-Public relations

-President's previous dinner for businessmen

-John B. Connally's role

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Date: March 26, 1971

Time: 4:59 pm - 5:04 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with George P. Shultz

Economy

-A previous meeting

-Maurice H. Stans

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- Administration spokesman
- Need for business support
- Paul W. McCracken
- Ezra Solomon
 - Speaking ability
- Public relations efforts
 - McCracken
 - Solomon

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The President and Shultz left at 5:04 pm