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Tape Subject Log

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Conversation No. 545-1

Date: July 24, 1971
Time: 9:43 am - 10:36 am
Location: Oval Office

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

*[Previous PRMPA Personal Returnable (G) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift 06/09/2022.
27s segment cleared for release. 4s remain closed as 545-001-w001.]*

[Personal Returnable]

[545-001-w001]

[Duration: 27s]

The President's schedule

-Camp David

-Julie Nixon Eisenhower and [Dwight] David Eisenhower, II

-Plans for July 24, 1971

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at an unknown time after 9:43 am

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[Personal Returnable]

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[Duration: 4s]

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The President's schedule

-Camp David

-Julie Nixon Eisenhower and [Dwight] David Eisenhower, II

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- Plans for July 24, 1971
- The President's request

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 9:49 am.

Henry A. Kissinger's schedule

[The President talked with Kissinger at an unknown time between 9:43 am and 9:49 am]

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Meeting in Oval Office

[End of telephone conversation]

The President's schedule for the week of July 25-31, 1971

- National Security Council [NSC]
- Press conference
 - Timing
- Budget meeting
 - Timing of follow-up meeting
 - George P. Shultz
 - Defense budget
 - Time lag on report

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 14

[Previous PRMPA Personal Returnable (G) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift 01/27/2020. Segment will remain closed.]

[Personal Returnable]

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[Duration: 41s]

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The President's schedule for the week of July 25-31, 1971

- Bohemian Grove
- Canton, Ohio Football Hall of Fame banquet
- Ottumwa, Iowa
- Akron-Canton airport

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Kissinger entered at 9:49 am.

Schedule

- Meeting with Kissinger
- Kissinger's departure to Paris
- Forthcoming morning budget meeting

Butterfield entered at an unknown time after 9:49 am.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

[Previous PRMPA Personal Returnable (G) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift 01/27/2020. Segment will remain closed.]

[Personal Returnable]

[545-001-w002]

[Duration: 56s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 10:10 am.

Kissinger's schedule

- Forthcoming meeting with the President

Vietnam negotiations

- Plans
- North Vietnamese proposal

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-Status

The People's Republic of China [PRC]

-Kissinger's forthcoming meeting with the PRC Ambassador in Paris

-Vernon A. Walters

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

[National Security (B) withdrawal reviewed under MDR guidelines case number LPRN-T-MDR-2014-030. Segment exempt per Executive Order 13526, 3.3(b)(1) on 05/06/2019. Archivist: MM]

[National Security]

[545-001-w003]

[Duration: 1m 36s]

CHINA

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

Henry A. Kissinger's schedule

-Lunch with Henry and Muffie Brandon

Leaks

-Source

-Polygraph tests

-William P. Rogers

-Melvin R. Laird

-The President's directive

-Source of leak

-State Department

-Message to William J. Porter

-Announcement of appointment

-Leak to news media

-Source

-Administration's knowledge

-John N. Irwin, II's conversation with Kissinger

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- Congressional testimony on Pakistan
 - Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy
 - Possession of State Department cables
- Sources
 - Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty [SALT] negotiations
 - Gerard C. Smith
 - Arms Control and Disarmament Agency [ACDA]
 - Smith Conv. No. 545-1 (cont.)
 - Proposal
 - The Soviet Union
 - Leak prior to presentation
 - Charles W. Colson's conversation with the President
 - William Beecher's *New York Times* article
 - John D. Ehrlichman
 - Egil G. ("Bud") Krogh, Jr.
 - Source
 - Polygraph
 - New York Times* publication of article
 - Max Frankel
 - Smith
 - Effect on negotiations
 - Smith
 - The Soviets

[Previous PRMPA Federal Statute (A) withdrawal. This segment was rereviewed 01/28/2020 with new guidance. Segment cleared for release.]

[Federal Statute]

[545-001-w010]

[Duration: 1m 12s]

The Pentagon Papers

- Daniel Ellsberg
 - Accused
 - Leslie H. Gelb group
- New York Times* publication
 - Neil Sheehan
 - Trip to Boston
 - Four locksmiths
 - Acquisition of documents

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- New York Times payment
- Charges for breaking and entering

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[Previous PRMPA Privacy (D) and Law Enforcement (F) withdrawal. This segment was rereviewed 2/12/2020 with new guidance. Segment cleared for release.]

[Privacy, Law Enforcement]

[545-001-w005]

[Duration: 1m 22s]

Daniel Ellsberg

- Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] findings
 - Reaction to report
 - Wife
 - Daughter
 - Testimony
 - Marital situation
 - Girlfriends
 - Nudity
 - Pornographic photographs
 - Research and Development Corporation [RAND] files
 - J. Edgar Hoover's interest

[Previous PRMPA Federal Statute (A) withdrawal. This segment was rereviewed 01/28/2020 with new guidance. Segment cleared for release.]

[Federal Statute]

[545-001-w011]

[Duration: 10s]

Pentagon Papers

- Neil Sheehan and Leslie H. Gelb
 - Four locksmiths
 - Breaking and entering

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Pentagon Papers

- Source of documents

Ehrlichman entered at 10:02 am.

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Kissinger

- Knowledge of documents
- Location of Kissinger's pre-administration documents

Leaks

- Department of Defense
 - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
 - Polygraph tests
 - Beecher
 - State Department, ACDA, NSC
- Motivation for leaks
- Access to information
 - Negotiations
 - Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
 - Kissinger
 - Secretary of Defense
 - Secretary of State
 - Head of the ACDA
 - Changes in methods of message transmittal
- Maintenance of secrecy
 - PRC initiative
 - Knowledge
 - Rogers, Marshall Green
- Department of Defense
- Pakistan
- Leak of Porter story
 - Appointment
 - Revocation
 - Rogers
 - State Department
 - U. Alexis Johnson
 - Timing of Porter announcement
 - Leak of information

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Kissinger left at 10:10 am.

- Department of Defense
 - Lockheed Corporation
 - Laird
 - David Packard
 - John B. Connally

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- Pentagon Papers
 - Leslie Gelb
 - Possible conspiracy
 - Robert C. Mardian

[Previous PRMPA Federal Statute (A) withdrawal. This segment was rereviewed 01/28/2020 with new guidance. Segment cleared for release.]

[Federal Statute]
[545-001-w012]
[Duration: 13s]

- Pentagon Papers
 - Possible conspiracy
 - Robert C. Mardian
 - Documents from Leslie H. Gelb group
 - Documents from Daniel Ellsberg
 - Neil Sheehan

- Pentagon Papers
 - Gelb group
 - NSC
 - Haig
 - Leak
 - Chicago Tribune

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[Federal Statute]

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[Duration: 7s]

Pentagon Papers

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-Leak

-Four locksmiths

-Payment

Pentagon Papers

-Leaks

-Colson

-E. Howard Hunt, Jr.

-Mardian

-Information on Neil Sheehan

-Ellsberg

-Gelb

-Background

-John F. Kennedy, Robert S. McNamara

Bureau of Labor Statistics [BLS]

-Colson

-Study on staff party affiliation

-Staff

-Jews

-Arthur F. Burns

-Frederic V. Malek

Leaks

-Polygraph tests

-Krogh

-Holders of top secret clearances

-Statement on polygraph tests

-Revocation of clearances

-State Department, Department of Defense

-NSC

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- White House investigation
- Wiretaps

The President's schedule

- Forthcoming budget meeting
- The President's meeting with Kissinger
- Shultz
- Role

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Implementation of presidential directives

- Rogers
- Responsibility
 - Krogh
- Polygraph tests
- NSC
- Alger Hiss
 - Whitaker Chambers
- Signing of statement on polygraphs

Ehrlichman left and Kissinger entered at 10:20 am.

The President's schedule

- Departure for Camp David
 - Marine One helicopter
 - Time, arrangements

Haldeman left at 10:22 am.

Vietnam negotiations

- Kissinger's forthcoming trip to Paris
 - Negotiating stance
- North Vietnamese
- Kissinger, Rogers

PRC initiative

- Kissinger's forthcoming negotiations
- Trips to the PRC by members of Congress
 - Haldeman's attitude
- The President's trip
- 1972 Presidential election

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[National Security]

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[Duration: 23s]

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People's Republic of China [PRC] initiative

-Republic of China [ROC]

-People's Republic of China [PRC] withdrawal of forces

-Vietnam War

-US strategy

US-Soviet Union relations

-SALT

-Yuli M. Vorontsov

-The PRC initiative

-US-Soviet Union summit

The PRC

-Timing of the President's trip

-Weather

-Compared to the President's 1969 European trip

Vietnam negotiations

-Transcript of previous meeting

-Forthcoming meeting

-Stance

-Proposals

-Date of troop withdrawal

-Michael J. ("Mike") Mansfield

The PRC initiative

-Reaction by intellectuals

-Brandon's forthcoming article

Vietnam negotiations

-US proposals

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- Comparison
- Nguyen Van Thieu
- Economic aid
 - Southeast Asia

Leaks

- State Department, Defense Department, CIA
 - Conspiracy
 - SALT negotiations leak
- Haig
- Polygraphs
- Restriction of access to classified information
- Handling of documents
- Former NSC staff
 - William A.K. ("Tony") Lake
 - Kissinger's hiring practices
 - Reasons

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The PRC initiative

- Compared to Glassboro Summit
- Long term effect

US foreign policy

- PRC initiative
 - North Vietnam's reaction
- Mansfield
- John Kenneth Galbraith, Cyrus R. Vance
 - Domestic shift
- Sol Linowitz, John W. Gardner
- Press
 - The *New York Times*
- The President's image

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8

[Previous National Security (B) withdrawal reviewed under MDR guidelines case number LPRN-T-MDR-2014-030. Segment partially declassified with 00m 2s cleared for release and 00m 40s remains exempt as 545-001-w008 per Executive Order 13526, 3.3(b)(1) on 07/23/2019.

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[National Security]

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[Duration: 40s]

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[National Security]
[545-001-w008]
[Duration: 2s]

- US foreign policy
 - The President's image
 - Reasoning

- US foreign policy
 - The President's image
 - Cuba
 - Jordan
 - Laos, Cambodia
 - Laos
 - Casualty rate
 - PRC initiative
 - Vietnam War
 - Hue

Kissinger's schedule

Kissinger left at 10:36 am.

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Time: Unknown after 12:28 pm until 12:36 pm

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Location: Oval Office

The President met with John B. Connally; this recording begins at an unknown time while the meeting is in progress.

The economy

-Possible action

-Effect

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-Unnamed person

-Paul W. McCracken, Paul A. Volcker, Connally, Arthur F. Burns

-The price of gold

-Strategy

-Free economy

-Possible action

-Initiative

-Comparison to the People's Republic of China [PRC] initiative

-Steel industry

-Foreign policy focus

-The PRC

-Settlement of Vietnam war

-Effect on the economy

-US competitive position in the world

-George P. Shultz

-The President's actions

-Foreign policy, domestic action

-Connally

-U.S. economy

-Trend

-Recession

-Long-term view

-Europe, Japan, Soviet Union, the PRC

-Changes in international economic picture

-Initiatives

Connally left at 12:36 pm.

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Date: July 24, 1971

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Time: 12:36 pm - 1:03 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with John D. Ehrlichman and H.R. ("Bob") Haldeman.

[A transcript of the following portion of the conversation was initially prepared for the Watergate Special Prosecution Force [WSPF] and can be found in Record Group [RG] 460, Box 58, pp. 1-6 and Statement of Information, Book VII, pt.2, pp.868-885 (1-18). The Nixon Presidential Materials Staff has reviewed the transcript and has made changes as necessary. This transcript has been reviewed under the provisions of the Presidential Recordings and Materials Preservation Act of 1974 [PRMPA]. The National Archives does not guarantee its accuracy.]

[End of transcript]

Egil G. ("Bud") Krogh, Jr. entered at an unknown time after 12:36 pm during the transcribed portion.

Krogh left at 12:48 pm.

Leak

[End of transcribed portion]

Tax reform

- John B. Connally
- Treasury Department
- Proposals
- House Ways and Means Committee, Senate Finance Committee

The economy

- Preceding budget meeting

Melvin R. Laird

- Recantation of previous statement
- John G. Tower
- Ronald L. Ziegler
- David Packard
- Disagreement within the Cabinet
- Connally

Arthur F .Burns

- Salary

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Schedule

- George P. Shultz
 - Recommended meeting
 - Connally, Burns

Burns

- Connally
- News coverage
- Strategy
 - Peter M. Flanigan, Connally
- Forthcoming meeting
 - Timing
- Salary
- Testimony
 - Preparations
 - Timing

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The economy

- Leak of story by Charles W. Colson
 - Connally
 - Federal Reserve Board expansion
- Full employment
 - Legislation
- Federal Reserve
 - Issue of independence
 - Connally
 - Vacancy
 - Shultz's conversation with Burns
 - Membership
 - Dwight D. Eisenhower
 - Unnamed Federal Reserve Board member
 - Strategy
 - Appointment
 - Shultz, Connally
 - William McChesney Martin
 - Burns
 - Martin
 - Comparison with Burns
- Economic policy
 - Administration stance

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Ehrlichman left at 1:00 pm.

The President's schedule

- Departure for Camp David
- Kissinger

Leaks

- Investigation
- Krogh

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Polygraph tests

- Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
- Bay of Pigs
- Effectiveness and use
- White House Signal Corps
- Psychological effect

Leaks

- Laird, William P. Rogers
- Handling
- Haig's conversation with Rogers

The President and Haldeman left at 1:03 pm.