



**NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF**

**Tape Subject Log**  
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Conversation No. 299-1

Date: November 10, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 1:20 pm and 1:31 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1  
[Personal Returnable]  
[Duration: 44s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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Sanchez left at an unknown time before 1:31 pm.

Conversation No. 299-2

Date: November 10, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 1:20 pm and 1:31 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 14-9]

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Conversation No. 299-3

Date: November 10, 1971  
Time: 1:31 pm - 1:33 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Arthur F. Burns.

[See Conversation No. 14-10]

Conversation No. 299-4

Date: November 10, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 1:33 pm and 2:27 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown person.

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1  
[Personal Returnable]  
[Duration: 2s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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The unknown person left at an unknown time before 2:27 pm.

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Conversation No. 299-5

Date: November 10, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 1:33 pm and 2:27 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 14-11]

Conversation No. 299-6

Date: November 10, 1971  
Time: 2:27 pm - 2:28 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Charles W. Colson.

[See Conversation No. 14-12]

Conversation No. 299-7

Date: November 10, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 2:28 pm and 2:34 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule

- Phone calls
  - Henry A. Kissinger
  - Schedule
    - Trip to West Germany
  - Charles W. Colson
- Melvin R. Laird
- William P. Rogers

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Conv. No. 299-7 (cont.)

- H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- The President's trip to Chicago
- Carl T. Curtis
- Richard Wilson
- Kissinger
- Call

Bull left at an unknown time before 2:34 pm.

Conversation No. 299-8

Date: November 10, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 2:28 pm and 2:34 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 14-13]

Conversation No. 299-9

Date: November 10, 1971  
Time: 2:34 pm - 2:45 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Charles W. Colson.

[See Conversation No. 14-14; three items have been withdrawn from the conversation]

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Conversation No. 299-10

Date: November 10, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 2:45 pm and 2:50 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule  
-Melvin R. Laird  
-Henry A. Kissinger  
-The President's forthcoming troop withdrawal announcement  
-Laird

Conversation No. 299-11

Date: November 10, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 2:45 pm and 2:50 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 14-15]

Conversation No. 299-12

Date: November 10, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 2:45 pm and 2:50 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person [Henry A. Kissinger?]

Schedule

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Conversation No. 299-13

Date: November 10, 1971  
Time: 2:50 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 14-16]

Conversation No. 299-14

Date: November 10, 1971  
Time: 2:51 pm - 2:54 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Barry M. Goldwater.

[See Conversation No. 14-17]

Conversation No. 299-15

Date: November 10, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 2:51 pm and 3:16 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

The President's speeches, November 9, 1971

- Foreign aid
  - Television coverage
- Amchitka test
  - Effect on environment
  - Cartoon in the *Washington Star*

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Kissinger's meeting with Henry A. Grunwald, November 9, 1971

- Time
- The President
  - Schedule
  - Possible interview

Melvin R. Laird

- Forthcoming meeting with the President and Kissinger
  - Forthcoming troop withdrawal announcement
- Associated Press [AP] news story from Saigon
  - Ground combat
    - Announcement
    - Casualties

Vietnam

- Troop withdrawal announcement
  - Withdrawal rate
    - Timing
      - Projections
      - Residual forces
    - Laird, William P. Rogers and Congress
    - Number
    - Timing
    - Residual forces
    - Kissinger's negotiations
      - Nguyen Van Thieu
  - Kissinger's dinner with *Newsweek* editors, November 9, 1971
    - Troop withdrawal rate
- Louis P. Harris poll
  - Public support for Administration policies
    - Congress
- Troop withdrawal announcement
  - Gerald R. Ford
    - Laird
  - Troop withdrawal rate
    - Number
      - Thieu
      - Timing
    - Laird and Clark MacGregor
  - Kissinger's dinner with *Newsweek* editors
    - MacGregor

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- Alleged statement
- The President's previous meeting with MacGregor and Ford
- Laird

The White House operator talked with the President at an unknown time between 2:54 pm and 3:09 pm.

[Conversation No. 299-15A]

[See Conversation No. 14-18]

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam

- Troop withdrawal announcement
  - Withdrawal rate
    - Timing
    - Politics
      - Democratic national convention
- Kissinger's negotiations with North Vietnam
  - Residual force
    - Possible agreement
    - Prisoners of war [POWs]
- POWs
- Withdrawal rate
  - Contingent factors
- Possible effect on Administration critics
- Laird
- Briefings
  - Laird, Ford and Rogers
    - South Vietnam
      - Thieu
  - Possible announcement of January 1972

Kissinger's meeting with *Newsweek* editors

The President's speeches, November 9, 1971

- Forthcoming trips to People's Republic of China [PRC] and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
  - “Generation of peace”
  - Negotiations



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- International differences

- Kissinger's schedule

- Nelson A. Rockefeller
- Dinner

- The President's schedule

- Forthcoming meeting with Rogers
- Alexander M Haig, Jr.
- H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman

- Pakistan Ambassador [Agha Hilaly]

- The President's possible conversation with Rogers
- Meeting with Haig
- India
- Arms shipment cutoff

- Kissinger's meeting with *Newsweek* editors

- Indira Gandhi interview

The President talked with Richard J. Daley between 3:09 pm and 3:10 pm.

[Conversation No. 299-15B]

[See Conversation No. 14-19]

[End of telephone conversation]

- Kissinger's schedule

- Cable

- Vietnam

- Troop withdrawals
- Timing
  - Charles W. Colson's possible actions
  - Possible effect on negotiations
- Residual force
  - Negotiations with North Vietnam
- Press
- Number and timing

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Kissinger's schedule  
-Telegram

Kissinger left at an unknown time before 3:16 pm.

Conversation No. 299-16

Date: November 10, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 3:10 pm and 3:16 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

Melvin R. Laird's schedule

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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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Butterfield man left at an unknown time before 3:16 pm.

Conversation No. 299-17

Date: November 10, 1971  
Time: 3:16 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

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[See Conversation No. 14-20]

Conversation No. 299-18

Date: November 10, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 3:16 pm and 3:25 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Stephen B. Bull and H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman.

The President's schedule  
-Melvin R. Laird  
-Press photograph  
-William P. Rogers  
-Henry A. Kissinger, Alexander M. Haig, Jr. and Haldeman

Bull and Haldeman left at an unknown time before 3:25 pm.

Conversation No. 299-19

Date: November 10, 1971  
Time: Unknown after 3:16 pm until 4:20 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Melvin R. Laird.

Laird's trip to South Vietnam

The President's speeches, November 9, 1971  
-Chicago  
-Timing  
-Fund-raising

The White House operator talked with the President at an unknown time between 3:16 pm and 3:25 pm.

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[Conversation No. 299-19A]

[See Conversation No. 14-21]

[End of telephone conversation]

Laird's trip to South Vietnam

Europe

- Laird's memorandum
- Henry A. Kissinger

Adm. Thomas H. Moorer's schedule

- Southeast Asia
  - Cambodia, Thailand
  - Laos
- Japan
  - Family

[Unintelligible]

Vietnam

- Military situation
- Nguyen Van Thieu's election
  - Election
  - Government
    - Ministers
    - Age
  - View of election
- Elections
  - Compared with elections in communist countries
  - Voter turnout
    - Ballots
- Military situation
  - Military Region [MR] One
  - MR Four
    - Delta region
  - MR Two and Three
    - South Korea [?] troops
  - Thieu's plans

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- Troop replacement
  - US defense budget
    - Clark M. Clifford
    - Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor

Henry A. Kissinger entered at 3:25 pm.

- US financial support for Korean army
  - Taylor
  - Clifford
- Thieu's plans
- US financial support for Korean army
  - US financial support for South Vietnam
  - Congress
    - Report
- Korean casualties
- South Vietnamese plans
- South Vietnamese casualties
  - Reasons
- Thieu's plans
  - US financial support for Korean army
  - Laird's conversation with Creighton W. Abrams
- US financial support for South Vietnam
- US financial support for Korean army
  - Abrams
- Theiu
- Military organization
  - MR One
  - MR Two
  - Korean divisions
- Prospects
  - Abrams's view
  - Joint general staff
    - Gen. Duong Van Minh's and others' view
- Koreans
  - Infiltration
  - Laird's report
- Interdiction by South Vietnamese
- South Vietnamese operation in Cambodia
  - North Vietnamese casualties
- Laird's visits to bases

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- Maintenance by South Vietnamese mechanics
  - Airplanes, tanks, trucks
  - Laird's January 1971 trip
    - Helicopters
    - Helicopters

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 3:25 pm.

The unknown person left at an unknown before 4:20 pm.

- Vietnamization
- Thieu
  - Competence
  - Election
    - Mandate
  - Cabinet
  - Meeting with Laird
    - Other South Vietnamese officials
- Nguyen Cao Ky
  - Treatment by Thieu
  - Role in South Vietnamese Government
- South Vietnamese Vice President, Tran Van Huong
- South Vietnamese Prime Minister, Tran Thiem Khiem
- Minh
- Joseph C. Kraft's article
- Joseph W. Alsop's conversation with Ellsworth F. Bunker
  - Vietnamization program
- Pacification program
  - Frederick C. Weyand
  - George Jacobson

Samuel D. Berger

- Possible position with Government
  - Ambassadorship to Ceylon [Sri Lanka]
- Possible replacement, Charles Whitehouse
- Possible position with Government
  - Ceylon
- University of Washington
  - National War College

Ceylon

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-Prime Minister [Mrs. Sirimauo R.D. Bandaranaike]

Vietnam

-[Khiem]

-Military situation

-Equipment

-John B. Connally's view

-The President's conversation with Imelda Marcos

-Lt. Gen. T. N. J. Suharto

-US military aid

-State Department

-Connally

-Forthcoming study

-Connally

-Suharto

Foreign aid program

-Laird's conversation with Gerald R. Ford

-Continuing resolution

Vietnam

-Military situation

-Equipment

-Usage

-Example of Manila in 1950s

-General purpose vehicles [Jeeps]

-Priorities

-South Vietnam

-Cambodia

-South Korea

-Indonesia

-Philippines

-Marcos's conversation with Laird

-Analysis by US Ambassador Henry A. Byroade

-Connally

-Indonesia

-Suharto

-Marshall Green's views

-Suharto

-Sukarno

-Gen. William C. Westmoreland's forthcoming trip

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-The President's schedule

Vietnam

- Economic situation
  - Recent Senate vote on foreign aid
    - Inflation
      - Compared to Korea
        - 1953
          - Dwight D. Eisenhower
  - Foreign aid legislation in Congress
    - Continuing resolution
      - Senate
        - Amendments
          - John C. Stennis
      - Laird's forthcoming conversation with Charles H. Percy
        - Troop withdrawals
          - Economic compared to military assistance
            - Humanitarian aid
              - Africa
    - Importance
      - Cambodia and Laos
  - Moorer's report
    - Forthcoming National Security Council [NSC] meeting

Forthcoming NSC meeting

- Laird
- Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
- Moorer
- Connally
  - Cabinet meeting
    - Yen revaluation

Vietnam

- US military assistance program
- Size of South Vietnamese army
  - Laird's conversation with Thieu [?]
- Military situation
  - Tanks
    - USSR
    - Terrain
      - Ashau Valley



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- Heavy artillery
- Engineering equipment
- Logistics program
- Thieu's plans
- Plans of Communists
  - Possible US response
    - Naval and air power
- Air Force of South Vietnam
- Thieu
  - Recent election
  - Possible political actions

The President talked with an unknown person [H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman?] at an unknown time between 3:25 pm and 4:20 pm.

[Conversation No. 299-19B]

The President's schedule

- Rogers and Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
- Stephen B. Bull

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam

- Military situation
  - US troop withdrawal
    - Laird's report
    - Abrams's plan
      - Cable to Laird
  - Kissinger's negotiations with North Vietnam
  - Possible announcements
    - Timing
      - Laird's proposal
      - 1972 election
- Rate
  - Abrams's plan
- Laird's report
- Timing
  - Possible effect on Kissinger's negotiations with North Vietnam
  - Thieu's view
  - Bunker's wire

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- Conversations with Laird and Haig
- 1972 election
  - US air power
- Air sorties
  - 1972 election time
  - Weather
- Negotiations
- Abrams's plan
- Troops
  - Leak of activities
- Drug problem
  - Possible preventative measures
  - Europe
- Announcement
- Rate
  - Abrams's plan
- Negotiations
- Rate
- Military's view
- Announcement
  - Ronald L. Ziegler
  - The President
- Rate
- Announcement
  - Timing
  - November 1971
  - 1972
- The President's State of the Union address
- Report

Bull entered at an unknown time after 3:25 pm.

- The President's schedule
  - Rogers and Haig
  - Haldeman

Bull left at an unknown time before 4:20 pm.

- Vietnam
  - Military situation
  - US troop withdrawal

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- Announcement
- Timing
- Announcement
  - Possible leaks
- [Arnold] Eric Sevareid's view
- Vietnamization
- Laos and Cambodia incursions

David Packard

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 13  
 [Personal Returnable]  
 [Duration: 10s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 13

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- Curtis W. Tarr
- Background
    - Lawrence University
  - Selective Service System
  - Possible role with administration
    - Undersecretary of Air Force

Packard

- Robert C. Seamans, Jr.
- Administrative skills
    - Apollo program
  - Possible role with administration

- The President's schedule
- Rogers

Seamans

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Laird's schedule

The President, Laird and Kissinger left at 4:20 pm.