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Tape Subject Log
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Conversation No. 309-1

Date: December 24, 1971
Time: 12:00 pm - 1:37 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with John D. Ehrlichman.

- Yeoman Charles E. Radford incident
 - Robert O. Welander
 - Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
 - Talk with David R. Young, Jr.
 - Concern over quality of evidence
 - Ehrlichman
 - Meeting with Henry A. Kissinger and Haig
 - Tape of Welander interview
 - Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
 - Kissinger and Haig
 - Satisfaction with Moorer
 - Backchannels
 - Kissinger monologue to Ehrlichman
 - Timing
 - William P. Rogers
 - Moorer's possible replacement
 - Praise for Moorer
 - R. C. ("Hugh") Robinson interview
 - Haig
 - Melvin R. Laird
 - Previous conversation with the President
 - John F. Kennedy administration
 - Lyndon B. Johnson administration
 - Time on Appropriations Committee

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

[Personal Returnable]

[Duration: 12s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

Radford incident

- Moorer
- Kissinger
- Haig
- Kissinger
 - Reactions
 - State Department
 - Leaks
 - Kissinger
 - Rogers
 - John F. Kennedy
 - Pakistan
 - Kissinger's style
 - Rogers
 - Relationship with the President
 - India-Pakistan War
 - Situation compared to Cuba by State Department
 - Secretary of State
 - Joseph F. Kraft
 - Kissinger
 - Conflict with Rogers

Rogers's press conference

- Bombing of North Vietnam

Kissinger entered at 12:15 pm.

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Ehrlichman

- Water Quality Bill [?]
- Discussed at a later date

Radford incident

- Moorer
- [Unintelligible]
- Briefcases
 - Haig
- John N. Mitchell
- Moorer
 - Joint Chiefs of Staff [JCS] Liaison Office
 - Background
 - David [?] Ginsberg
 - Laird
 - Haig
- Robinson
 - Interrogation
 - Ehrlichman
 - President's displeasure with Radford incident
 - Amount of time
- JCS
- National Security Council [NSC]
 - McGeorge Bundy
 - Source
 - Use information
- Moorer resignation
 - Decision
 - Potential risks
- Laird
- [Unintelligible]
- US public opinion
 - Complexity of Radford incident
 - Difficult to understand
- Wall Street Journal* editorial
- Leaks within government
- Moorer
- Survival of military establishment
- Future for Radford

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

[Privacy]

[Duration: 5s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

- Pentagon
- Documents
 - Jack N. Anderson
 - Unknown name
- Briefcase
- Moorer resignation
 - Consideration
- Transfer of Radford
 - Under surveillance
 - Federal Bureau of Investigations [FBI]
 - Mitchell
 - Talk with Ehrlichman
 - Anderson
- Press coverage of Radford incident
 - Concern
- Surveillance of Radford
 - Length of time
- Moorer
 - Proposed talk with Kissinger
- [Unintelligible]
 - President's instructions to Ehrlichman
- John B. Connally's knowledge
- Spiro T. Agnew's knowledge
- Kissinger, Haig and Young
 - JCS
- Laird
 - Mitchell
 - President's instructions
 - Informing Laird

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- JCS
 - White House staff
 - Secretaries
 - Unknown person
 - Laird's General Counsel
 - Richard G. Kleindienst
 - Robert C. Mardian
 - Anderson
 - Laird
 - Effect on administration
 - Effect on the military
 - Potential damage
 - Ehrlichman's call to Mitchell
 - Laird's talk with Mitchell
 - Laird
 - Moorer
 - Kissinger's attitude
 - [Unintelligible]
 - JCS
 - Johnson Administration
 - Historical significance
 - Haig
 - People's Republic of China [PRC] trip
- Kissinger's schedule
- Timing
- PRC and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] trips
- Foreign policy
- Vietnam
 - North Vietnamese
 - Actions
 - Prisoners of War [POWs]
 - Leslie T. ("Bob") Hope
 - Negotiations
 - Release of POWs
- Busing (school cases)
- Justice and State Departments

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- Solicitor General
- Mitchell
- Erwin N. Griswold
 - President's forthcoming call to Griswold

- Kissinger's schedule
 - New York

- The President's schedule
 - Photo opportunities
 - Phone calls
 - Number

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

[Privacy]

[Duration: 1m 18s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

Kissinger left at 12:45 pm.

- Criticism of Kissinger
- Kissinger's place in history
- Role in foreign policy
- Nelson A. Rockefeller
- Relations with Moorer
 - Suggested future cooperation
- John A. Scali
- Work relationship

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 16

[Privacy]

[Duration: 7s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 16

- Kissinger's relationship with Rogers
- Ehrlichman's view
 - Rogers
 - Tensions with Kissinger
 - Differences
 - Press conference
 - Particular strengths and skill
 - State Department
 - Praise from the President
 - Kissinger's and Rogers's working relationship

Environmental legislation

- Treasury Department
 - Connally
 - Tax impact
 - Ehrlichman to write to Connally
 - Need for Connally's assistance
 - Presidential support
- Water Bill
 - Progress in the House
 - Veto
 - Administration strategy
 - George P. Shultz
 - Budgetary implications
 - Potential problems
 - Conference committee
 - Possible reservations by the President

Real estate taxation legislation

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- Charles W. Colson, Richard A. Moore and Scali
 - Edmund S. Muskie
- Connally
 - State of the Union Address
- Ehrlichman's talk with Connally
 - McElroy Commission
 - Ehrlichman's conversation with [Forename unknown] Walton
- Ehrlichman meeting with William Baroody and other conservatives in education field
 - Timing
- Interest groups
- John W. Byrnes
- Colson
 - Real estate tax
- Neil H. McElroy
 - Commission
- Real estate taxes
- Legislative proposal

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 12
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 32s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 12

Ehrlichman's schedule

- California
 - President's forthcoming meeting with Eisaku Sato

President's State of the Union Message

- To be worked on in California

Value added tax

- Connally's reaction to

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- Kenneth R. Cole, Jr. [?]
- President's view
 - Trade unions
 - President's instructions
 - White House's reaction to
 - Elliot L. Richardson's view
 - Connally to speak
 - Dick [Surname unknown]
 - President's State of the Union Message
 - Meeting with Connally
 - Apparent difficulties
 - Ehrlichman's schedule
 - President's State of the Union Message
 - Amount of time to be worked on

Defense budget

- President's telephone list
- Unknown man
- Laird
 - Support for budget
- Shultz
- Laird
- Shultz
- Kissinger

Kissinger and Rogers

- Kissinger
 - Value to the administration
 - Concerns
- Rogers
- India-Pakistan War
- Kissinger
 - Style and demeanor
 - Laos
 - India-Pakistan War
 - Laos
 - Effect on public opinion
 - Marquis Childs
 - Kraft
 - James B. ("Scotty") Reston
 - "Kissinger's world"

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- Family and personal life
- Style on the job
 - Connally
 - Compared to other White House staffers
 - Family life
- Rogers
 - Family life
 - Press conference on India-Pakistan War
 - News summary
 - New York Times*
 - John F. Kennedy
 - Apparent lack of focus
- President's personnel management abilities
 - Time* magazine
 - Previous interview with Ehrlichman
 - Shultz's phone calls
- Kissinger's relations with Laird and Rogers
- Kissinger
- Kissinger's response during crisis
 - Style
 - Various political and domestic problems
 - National Broadcasting Company [NBC]
 - Rogers
 - Aspects of the President's job
 - Israel
 - Middle East
 - Laos

Leslie T. ("Bob") Hope comments on release of POWs

- Haig
- Kissinger
 - Reactions

Moorer and incident with Radford

- Welander
 - Kissinger
- JCS

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 13

[Privacy]

[Duration: 34s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 13

Kissinger

- Talk with the President
- Talk of leaving the Administration
- Intellectualism
 - Potential problems
 - President's view
- Religion
 - Universities
 - “Liberal intellectualism”
- Scientists
 - Universe
- Relationship with President
 - President's justification

President's signing the National Cancer Act of 1971

- News stories
 - Newspaper and television
- Edward M. Kennedy
- Audience
- John G. Schmitz[?]
 - Individual receiving pen from the President
- E. Kennedy
- President's remarks
- Money

Movie "Brian's Song"

- Channel 2
- American Broadcasting Corporation [ABC] show
- Gale E. Sayers and Brian Piccolo
 - Cancer
- Race relations

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- President's recommendation Ehrlichman and all White House staff see it
- Screening in the White House
 - Ehrlichman's role
 - Paul Fisher
 - Timing
 - Ehrlichman's schedule

Movie "French Connection"

- Police
- Drug traffic
- Compared to unknown movie
 - Realism

Kissinger's personality

Public reaction

- India-Pakistan War
- Georges J.R. Pompidou
- International monetary affairs
- Middle East
 - US Jewish population
 - Media coverage
- India

Indira Gandhi's visit to US

Kissinger and Rogers

- PRC and Soviet trips
 - William C. Sullivan
 - Sullivan's remark to Kissinger
 - State Department
- Conflict between Kissinger and Rogers
- Rogers's reaction to the PRC trip
- PRC and Soviet trips compared
 - Significance

State Department

- Department of Health, Education and Welfare [HEW]
- Leaks
- Staff during Democrat administrations

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- Government bureaucracy
 - Liberals
 - Conservatives
 - Jews

- Kissinger
 - San Clemente
 - Ehrlichman's talks with Kissinger

- President's relations with his staff
 - Socializing
 - Kissinger
 - Dinners
 - Compared to Dwight D. Eisenhower's relations with his staff
 - Administration's effort to promote goodwill
 - Praise from the President

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 9

[Privacy]

[Duration: 37s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 9

- F. Donald Nixon
 - Ehrlichman's previous conversation with Donald Nixon
 - Christmas plans
 - Activities
 - European business connections
 - Robert L. Vesco
 - Investors Overseas Services, Ltd. [IOS]
 - Donald Nixon's boss
 - [Forename unknown] Straub
 - Meeting with Ehrlichman
 - Donald Nixon's move to Bahamas

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- Donald Nixon's appeal
- White House Connection
- Efforts to see the President
- Vesco
- Jail
- Harry L. Sears
- Mitchell

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 14

[Privacy]

[Duration: 26s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 14

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 10

[Personal Returnable]

[Duration: 4m 30s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 10

- President's schedule
 - California
 - Florida
 - Eisaku Sato
 - Upcoming meeting

President's upcoming interview with Dan Rather

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Radio message
-Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
-Story about Vietnam War
-Soldier

Christmas and New Year greetings

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 15
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 2m 17s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 15

Kissinger

Cole
-Oklahoma [?]

President's State of the Union message
-Raymond K. Price, Jr. and Ehrlichman

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 11
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 1m 40s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 11

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Ehrlichman left at 1:37 pm.

Conversation No. 309-2

Date: December 24, 1971
Time: 1:37 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 17-4]

Request for a call to George P. Shultz

Conversation No. 309-3

Date: December 24, 1971
Time: 1:37 pm - 1:46 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with George P. Shultz.

[See Conversation No. 17-5; one item has been withdrawn from the conversation]

Conversation No. 309-4

Date: December 24, 1971
Time: Unknown between 1:46 pm and 1:48 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Gen. James D. ("Don") Hughes's wish to talk to the President on the phone

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-Liberia

First Family Christmas photos

-Blue Room

-Ronald L. Ziegler and Constance M. Stuart

-Photo by wire services and Oliver F. ("Ollie") Atkins

President's instructions

-Gen. Walter R. Tkach

Bull left at an unknown time before 1:48 pm.

Conversation No. 309-5

Date: December 24, 1971

Time: Unknown between 1:46 pm and 1:48 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 17-6]

Request for a call to Gen. James D. ("Don") Hughes

Conversation No. 309-6

Date: December 24, 1971

Time: 1:48 pm - 1:49 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Gen. James D. ("Don") Hughes.

[See Conversation No. 17-7]

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Conversation No. 309-7

Date: December 24, 1971
Time: 1:49 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 17-8]

Conversation No. 309-8

Date: December 24, 1971
Time: 1:50 pm - 1:51 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Gen. James D. ("Don") Hughes.

[See Conversation No. 17-9]

Conversation No. 309-9

Date: December 24, 1971
Time: Unknown between 1:51 pm and 1:56 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator

[See Conversation No. 17-10]

Request for a call to John W. Chancellor

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Conversation No. 309-10

Date: December 24, 1971
Time: 1:56 pm - 2:01 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with John W. Chancellor.

[See Conversation No. 17-11]

Conversation No. 309-11

Date: December 24, 1971
Time: Unknown between 2:01 pm and 2:06 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 17-12]

Request for a call to Nelson A. Rockefeller

Conversation No. 309-12

Date: December 24, 1971
Time: 2:06 pm - 2:12 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Nelson A. Rockefeller.

[See Conversation No. 17-13; one item has been withdrawn from the conversation]

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Conversation No. 309-13

Date: December 24, 1971
Time: Unknown between 2:12 pm and 2:16 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 17-14]

Request for a call to Ronald W. Reagan

Conversation No. 309-14

Date: December 24, 1971
Time: Unknown between 2:12 pm and 2:16 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

Letters
-Out box

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:16 pm.

Conversation No. 309-15

Date: December 24, 1971
Time: 2:16 pm - 2:21 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Ronald W. Reagan.

[See Conversation No. 17-15; one item has been withdrawn from the conversation]