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# **Tape Subject Log**

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Conversation No. 335-1

Date: May 1, 1972 Time: Unknown between 2:32 and 2:40 pm. Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person.

An unknown person -Return -Time -Return call

Conversation No. 335-2

Date: May 1, 1972 Time: Unknown after 2:32 and before 2:40 pm. Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

Greetings

The President's schedule -The President's view

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:40 pm.

Conversation No. 335-3

Date: May 1, 1972 Time: 2:40-2:55 pm. Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

Greetings

Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]



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-White House news summary report
-Alleged differences between Kissinger and the President
-Kissinger's view
-H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman

#### Vietnam

-Cease-fire -Kissinger's talks in Moscow -State department reports -News stories -Murrey Marder -Inaccuracies -Kissinger's briefing -Story -News summary -Source -US offers -News reports -George Herman -Marder -Henley W. Donovan -Content -Kissinger's offers -Kissinger's view -Accuracy -Kissinger's briefing -Source -State department -William H. Sullivan -A paper -William P. Rogers -President's talk with Rogers -The President's view -Bombing of Haiphong and Hanoi -Kissinger's talk with Adm. Thomas H. Moorer -Time -Number of bombers -Response -Effectiveness -Timing -News stories -Impact

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-Moorer -Thursday's meeting -US public response -Soviet Union response -US public response -Need for support -Doves -Hawks -General public -Support -Reasons -Negotiations -Public reaction -A memorandum -Kissinger's talk with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin -Conditions -Leonid I. Brezhnev -North Vietnam government -Meaning -News stories -State Department -Marder -Rogers -Haldeman -Purposes -Kissinger's view -Forthcoming proposal -New York Times story -Rogers talk with the President -Acceptability -North Vietnam invasion SALT -Gerard C. Smith -Negotiating position -Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff [JCS], Deputy Secretary of Defense, and Central Intelligence Agency [CIA] director -Position on SALT -Briefing -Melvin R. Laird -[David] Kenneth Rush

-Smith

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-Negotiating position in Helsinki -Possible news stories -Time -Content -President's actions -Acceptance -News stories -Purposes -Negotiators -Meeting with the president -Kissinger's briefing

## Vietnam

-Cease-fire -News stories -President's position -Kissinger's position -Significance -Hugh S. Sidey -Recent article -Jerrold L. Schecter -Kissinger's interview -President's suggestion -Work with Sidey -Kissinger's work -Consistency with President's policies -President's position

### SALT

-President's public position -Wording -Status of talks -President's statement -Wording -Soviet negotiators -Merits -Smith's proposal -Kissinger's view -Substance -Soviet submarines -Numbers -Limits

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-US position -Weapons -Numbers -US compared with the Soviet Union -Presentation of agreement -Wording -Submarines -Missiles -Trades -President's statement -Kissinger's summary -Presentation to Smith

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 2:40 pm.

An object

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:55 pm.

SALT -Reduction

The President and Kissinger left at 2:55 pm.

Conversation No. 335-4

Date: May 3, 1972 Time: Unknown between 12:36 and 12:40 pm. Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 23-130]

Conversation No. 335-5

Date: May 3, 1972 Time: Between 12:40 and 12:41 pm.

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Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Alexander P. Butterfield.

[See Conversation No. 23-131]

Conversation No. 335-6

Date: May 3, 1972 Time: 12:41 pm. Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 23-132]

Conversation No. 335-7

Date: May 3, 1972 Time: Between 12:41 and 12:59 pm. Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Charles W. Colson.

[See Conversation No. 23-133; two items have been withdrawn from this conversation]

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Conversation No. 335-8

Date: May 3, 1972 Time: Unknown between 12:59 and 2:01 pm. Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person.

[Unintelligible]

Conversation No. 335-9

Date: May 3, 1972 Time: Unknown between 12:59 and 2:01 pm. Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 23-134]

Conversation No. 335-10

Date: May 3, 1972 Time: Between 2:01 and 2:02 pm. Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Alexander P. Butterfield.

[See Conversation No. 23-135]

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Conversation No. 335-11

Date: May 3, 1972 Time: 2:05-2:07 pm. Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

President's schedule -Meeting with Richard G. Kleindienst -President's meeting with press -Photograph opportunity

Butterfield left at 2:07 pm.

Conversation No. 335-12

Date: May 3, 1972 Time: 2:30 pm. Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 23-136]

Conversation No. 335-13

Date: May 3, 1972 Time: 2:30 pm. Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person.

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Conv. No. 335-13 (cont.)

Call to an unknown person -Return call -Time

Conversation No. 335-14

Date: May 3, 1972 Time: 2:30-2:40 pm. Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with John K. Andrews, Jr.

Greetings

Eulogy for J. Edgar Hoover -Length -The President's view -Hoover -Recognition -Appreciation for Hoover -Hoover's greatness -Relationship with President -Reference -Amount of emphasis -Hoover's greatness -Addition -References -Winston S. Churchill -Deletions -References to the President's relationship with Hoover -Other remarks by columnists and other speakers -Length -Law and order, permissiveness -References to children -Deletions -Transition -Conclusion -Law and order in US -Deletion

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Conv. No. 335-14 (cont.)

-Draft of eulogy -Deletions -Delivery -Whitney M. Young funeral -Opportunity for President

Attacks on Hoover -[Thomas] Hale Boggs -The President's vew -Dr. Benjamin Spock -Jerry Rubin -New York Times

## Hoover

-President's relationship

-House Un-American Activities Committee
-The President's view

-Civil liberties

-World War II
-Roscoe Drummond's comments
-Franklin D. Roosevelt's request
-Position on Communist Party
-Comments of Drummond

-The President's view

-Lyndon B. Johnson
-Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.
-The President's view
-Effect on US respect for law

Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] -New director -Delay -Reasons

### Eulogy

-Draft -Return to President -Time -Changes -Additions -President's relationship with Hoover -Draft

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Conv. No. 335-14 (cont.)

-Time -President's relationship with Hoover

Andrews left at 2:40 pm.

Conversation No. 335-15

Date: May 3, 1972 Time: Unknown between 2:40 and 2:41 pm. Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person.

Call to Ronald L. Ziegler [?]

Conversation No. 335-16

Date: May 3, 1972 Time: 2:41-2:49 pm. Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

An announcement -Richard G. Kleindienst -John D. Ehrlichman -H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman's call to Ziegler

L. Patrick Gray, III -Appointment -Announcement by Kleindienst -Disadvantages

Kleindienst -Current position -Reports in press

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Conv. No. 335-16 (cont.)

The President talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 2:41 and 2:48 pm.

[Conversation No. 335-16A]

An unknown person [Ehrlichman?] -Return call

[End of telephone conversation]

J. Edgar Hoover -News stories -The President's view -Praise -President's support, relationship -White House staff -Charles W. Colson -News stories on President's statement -Network -Haldeman -Eulogy -Length -Delivery by the President -Method -Whitney M. Young -Coverage

The President talked with Ehrlichman between 2:48 and 2:49 pm.

[Conversation No. 335-16B]

[See Conversation No. 23-137]

[End of telephone conversation]

Ziegler's announcement -Gray -Appointment -Questions -Importance of position -Supreme Court -Reasons for delay

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Conv. No. 335-16 (cont.)

-Political pressures -Continuity of Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] leadership -Time -President's meeting with Kleindienst and Gray

Ziegler left at 2:49 pm.

Conversation No. 335-17

Date: May 3, 1972 Time: 2:50-3:35 pm. Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Richard G. Kleindienst and L. Patrick Gray, III.

Greetings

A joke

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 2:50 pm and conferred with the President.

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 2:53 pm.

Gray

-Appointment -Need for Gray's abilities -Arrangements -Political pressures -Announcement

Kleindienst -Nomination -Statement -Ronald L. Ziegler's announcement -Meeting with the President

Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] -Appointment of Gray -Charles W. Colson's call to Kleindienst

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-Ziegler's statement

John D. Ehrlichman and H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman entered at 2:53 pm.

-Status -Confirmation -Questions from press -Ziegler, Gray, Kleindienst -Status -Permanent director -Statement by Ziegler -Political pressures

## Kleindienst

-Status -Deputy Attorney General -Questions -Answers -Ziegler -Confirmation

## FBI

-Calls to Senators -James O. Eastland -Schedule -Possible nominee for FBI director -Eastland -[Thomas] Hale Boggs -Reaction -Other calls -Timing -Announcement of Gray's nomination -Mississippi, Georgia

## Congress

-The President's view -Questions about W. Ramsey Clark -Rep. Emmanuel Celler

Congratulations

Ehrlichman left at 3:10 pm.

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Kleindienst and Gray left at 3:20 pm.

Vietnam and Soviet Summit -North Vietnamese invasion -US response -Bombing -Henry A. Kissinger's concerns -Possibility of Soviet summit cancellation -Public opinion poll -Soviet summit cancellation -Questions -Percentages -Wording -Soviet aid to North Vietnam -President's trip -Cancellation -Delay -Continuation -Soviet support for North Vietnam -President's trip -Approval -Cancellation -Reasons for support for trip -Analysis of Charles D. Bennett -People's Republic of China [PRC] trip -North Vietnamese offensive -Soviet aid to North Vietnam -Postponement -Public support -Support for trip -Reasons -Percentages of approval and disapproval -PRC trip -Cancellation -Approval and disapproval percentages -Expected effect on war -Percentages -President's meeting with Kissinger

J. Edgar Hoover -Eulogy

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-John K. Andrews, Jr. -The President's view -Length -President's delivery -Whitney M. Young -Ziegler -President's schedule -Television coverage -Ziegler -Amount -Impact -Young -Amount of time -Value -President's delivery -Dwight D. Eisenhower -Method -Young -President's statement at Hoover's death -Press coverage -Eulogy -Television coverage -President's relationship with Hoover -Amount of time in preparation -Value Vietnam and Soviet summit -Polls -Kissinger -Bennett's analysis -Soviet summit -Length of war -The President's view -Bombing -Impact -The President's view Soviet Summit -Timing -North Vietnamese invasion -Hue -President's signing of agreement

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-Trade credits -Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT] -Friendship -Appearance -President's decision -Impact -Vietnam War -Public opinion -Forthcoming presidential election -Hawks -Kissinger's view -Timing of trip -The President's view -Agreements -Cancellation -Impact on Hanoi and Moscow -Importance to Soviets -Cancellation -Interpretation -Trip to PRC

Public opinion -PRC trip -Support for President -Sense of leadership -Lyndon B. Johnson -Haldeman's view -Kissinger's judgment -The President's view -Reasons

William P. Rogers -Conduct -The President's view -Richard F. Pederson -Kissinger's backgrounder -Source -John A. Scali -A story -Accuracy -Trips -Peking

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-Shanghai -Soviet Union -Vietnam

US role in world -The President's view -Europe

Soviet summit

-Haldeman's forthcoming meeting with Kissinger -Continuation of summit -Public opinion -The President's view

Public opinion

-Need

-Kissinger

-Tenor of public statements -Rogers

President's speeches -Tone -Compared to Kissinger's statements -Tone after Soviet summit -Time -Announcement of bombing

Kissinger

-Forthcoming meeting with Haldeman -Length

President's schedule -Forthcoming meeting with Haldeman and Kissinger -Hoover eulogy -Time of draft delivery

Haldeman talked with Kissinger at an unknown time between 2:53 and 3:35 pm.

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Meeting -Time

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[End of telephone conversation]

Soviet Summit -Kissinger's advice -Public response -Support -Hawks -Center -Michael J. Mansfield on doves -Reaction -Robert J. Dole -Bombing in Vietnam -Kissinger's and President's concerns -Cancellation of summit -Possibility of summit cancellation -Effect on forthcoming presidential election -US appearance versus Soviet Union -Kissinger -Possible Soviet propaganda -Demonstrations -Timing -Hoover -Haldeman meeting with Kissinger -Tone -Forthcoming presidential election -Possible effects -The President's view -Cancellation -Results expected -Vietnam

President's schedule -Location

Haldeman left at 3:35 pm.

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Date: May 3, 1972 Time: Unknown between 3:35 and 3:43 pm. Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 23-139]

Conversation No. 335-19

Date: May 3, 1972 Time: Between 3:43 and 3:46 pm. Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with John B. Connally.

[See Conversation No. 23-140]

Conversation No. 335-20

Date: May 3, 1972 Time: 3:48 pm. Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 23-141]

Conversation No. 335-21

Date: May 3, 1972 Time: Unknown between 3:48 and 3:49 pm. Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

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[See Conversation No. 23-142]

Conversation No. 335-22

Date: May 3, 1972 Time: Between 3:49 and 3:53 pm. Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Warren E. Burger.

[See Conversation No. 23-143; one item have been withdrawn from this conversation]

Conversation No. 335-23

Date: May 3, 1972 Time: Unknown after 3:53-4:34 pm. Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Charles W. Colson.

Greetings

J. Edgar Hoover eulogy -Drafts

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Conv. No. 335-23 (cont.)

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1 [Personal Returnable] [Duration:\_19m 52s]

# THE PRESIDENT TALKED WITH THE WHITE HOUSE OPERATOR AT AN UNKNOWN TIME BETWEEN 3:53 AND 3:56 PM.

[Conversation No. 335-23A]

[See Conversation No. 23-144]

[End of telephone conversation]

THE WHITE HOUSE OPERATOR TALKED WITH THE PRESIDENT AT 3:56 PM.

[Conversation No. 335-23B]

[See Conversation No. 23-145]

[End of telephone conversation]

## END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Edward M. Kennedy -Personal life -Publicity -The President's view -Reports -Colson's view -Inner circle -Infiltration -Catholics

**BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3** 

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[Personal Returnable] [Duration: 12s ]

#### END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

Edward Kennedy -Appearance -Colson's view -Health -Compared with John F. Kennedy -Treatment -Appearance

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5 [Personal Returnable] [Duration: 26s ]

### END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

Democratic opposition -Effect on previous Paris peace talks -The President's view -Edmund S. Muskie's previous speech on Vietnam -Colson's view

#### Vietnam

-Forthcoming demonstration -Haldeman's report -Turnout -Time -Counter demonstration -US flag

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#### -Demonstrators

### Hoover

-President's remarks on Hoover's death -President's statement on crime -Publicity -Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] -President's relationship -Stance -Anti-crime, anti-Communists -Television coverage -Wire services -Media coverage -Kenneth W. Clawson -Media praise -Jack N. Anderson -Edward M. Kennedy -Muskie -Geoge S. McGovern -Muskie statement -President's eulogy -The President's view -Critics -Public image -Support for Hoover -FBI -Repression, wiretapping -Support for crackdown on crime -Editorials -Haldeman's report -Washington Post

## Vietnam

-President's policies -Public support -Albert E. Sindlinger poll -Union members and Democrats -Hawks -Louis P. Harris poll -Vietnam -Effect on President's rating -Negotiations

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-Bombing -Effectiveness -Negotiations -The President's view -South Vietnam performance -President's leadership -South Vietnam performance -Hue -Stock market -Impact of war -North Vietnam offensive -Decline -Changes -Other economic indicators -James D. Hodgson -Industrial production -Durable goods -Psychology of market -Impact of Vietnam -Public support for the President on Vietnam -Media Soviet Union summit -Harris and Sindlinger -Opinion on Soviet summit -Sindlinger's opinion of country's mood -Harris compared with Sindlinger -President's foreign policy -Desire for peace -Cancellation possibility -President's tone toward Soviets -President's experience -Public expectations -People's Republic of China [PRC] trip -Moscow trip -Vietnam -Public support for President -Blockade -Rallying effect -Sindlinger -Antiwar sentiment -Hawkishness

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-Unions -Democratic Party -South

Colson left at 4:34 pm.

Conversation No. 335-24

Date: May 3, 1972 Time: 4:55-5:10 pm. Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with John K. Andrews, Jr.

J. Edgar Hoover eulogy -Remarks by Warren E. Burger -Andrews's review -President's remarks -Invocation of diety -Changes -Hoover's tenure at the Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] -Law and order references -Hoover's respect for law -Draft -Copy to Rose Mary Woods -Andrews's work

President's previous address to the Nation on Vietnam

Andrews left at 5:10 pm.

Conversation No. 335-25

Date: May 3, 1972 Time: Unknown between 5:10 and 5:11 pm. Location: Executive Office Building

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

Meeting with the President

Conversation No. 335-26

Date: May 3, 1972 Time: Unknown after 5:10 and before 5:11 pm. Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1 [Personal Returnable] [Duration: 3s]

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 5:11 pm.

Conversation No. 335-27

Date: May 3, 1972 Time: 5:11-5:35 pm. Location: Executive Office Building

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

J. Edgar Hoover

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-Eulogy -Length -Number of words -Further work -Funeral -President's presence -Importance -Mamie G.D. Eisenhower

#### Vietnam

-US-Soviet Union Summit -Henry A. Kissinger's meeting with Haldeman -Possible cancellation by Leonid I. Brezhnev -Bombing -Postponement option -Anatoliy F. Dobrynin -Joint announcement -Kissinger's advice -Haldeman's view -North Vietnam offensive -Timing with Summit -Capture of Hue -Soviet trip -Timing -Bombing -Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.'s advice -Timing -Kissinger's trip to Paris -Equipment -Reasons -Soviet response -Possibility of Soviet cancellation -Postponement option -Arrangements -Dobrynin -Advantages -Political -Brezhnev -Public opinion -Cancellation by President -Kissinger's prediction -Previous meeting with Haldeman

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-Consequences -Public opinion -Political -Postponement -Disadvantages -Democratic candidates -Possibility of attending Soviet summit -Briefings -Times -Lyndon B. Johnson -Bombing -Necessity -Military situation -Kissinger's advice -Soviet summit -Possibility of taking Democratic candidates -Senators -Congressmen -Cabinet members -Secretary of State -Soviet Summit -Bombing -Kissinger's view -The President's view -Possibility of Summit cancellation -US and Soviet Union responsibility -Postponement -Timing -Situation in Vietnam -Agreement and ceremonies -Possible perceptions -Link with Vietnam -Public perception -Link with Europe, People's Republic of China [PRC], Latin America, Middle East -Soviet Union -Arms for North Vietnam, India and Cuba -Kissinger's view -Congress -Military aid

President's schedule

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Vietnam -Soviet summit -President's alternatives -Compared to PRC trip decision

### Haldeman left at 5:35 pm.

Conversation No. 335-28

Date: May 5, 1972 Time: Unknown after 1:59 and before 2:04 pm. Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1 [Personal Returnable] [Duration:\_4s\_]

## END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:04 pm.

Conversation No. 335-29

Date: May 5, 1972 Time: Unknown between 1:59 and 2:04 pm. Location: Executive Office Building

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The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 23-165]

Conversation No. 335-30

Date: May 5, 1972 Time: Unknown after 1:59 and before 2:05 pm. Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

Demonstration -Gay Liberation Front

The President talked with Julie Nixon Eisenhower between 2:04 and 2:05 pm.

[Conversation No. 335-30A]

[See Conversation No. 23-166; one item has been withdrawn from this conversation]

[End of telephone conversation]

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:05 pm.

Conversation No. 335-31

Date: May 5, 1972 Time: Unknown between 2:05 and 2:10 pm. Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Meeting with the President

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Conversation No. 335-32

Date: May 5, 1972 Time: Unknown between 2:05 and 2:10 pm. Location: Executive Office Building

An unknown person talked with the President.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1 [Personal Returnable] [Duration: 30s ]

## END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Conversation No. 335-33

Date: May 5, 1972 Time: 2:10-3:15 pm. Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Greetings

Haig's departure -The President's view -Henry A. Kissinger -Pressures -H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman

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Vietnam -Mining and bombing -US command -Importance -Soviet summit -1972 election -US credibility -Prevention of US defeat -US command in Vietnam -Supreme allied commander -Appointment -Candidates -Adm. John S. McCain, Jr. -Command -Term -The President's view -Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, Jr. -Son [John McCain] -The President's view -Abrams -The President's view -Melvin R. Laird -Abrams -Communications from Washington -Ellsworth F. Bunker -Laird's instructions -Message from the President -President's responsibility -Secretary of Defense -Adm. Thomas H. Moorer -Reports to the President -Channels -Laird -Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff [JCS] -Secretary of Defense -Message from the President -Haig's instructions -Military operations -Importance -President's responsibility -Communications with Abrams -Equipment

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-Laird -US command -Abrams -Options -Replacement -Advisability -Haig's view -Laird -Effect -Impact on the Army of the Republic of Vietnam [ARVN] -Timing -Personality -Leadership ability -Replacement -Impact -Timing -Blockade -McCain -Haig's view -ARVN -Haig's view -Nguyen Van Thieu -ARVN -Bruce Palmer -Haig's view -Rank -Abrams -Replacement -New position -Army Chief of Staff -Consultant to the President -Replacement -Justification -Dwight D. Eisenhower -The President's view -New title -Laird -Replacement -New position -Alternatives -Army Chief of Staff -Laird

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-Ambassadorship -Spain -Family considerations -Palmer -Haig's view -McCain -Haig's view -Military operations -Air power -Hue -Coordination -The President's view -A commander in Hawaii -Palmer -Rank -Abrams -Authority -Supreme commander -Abrams -Advantages -The President's view -Palmer -A navy commander -Rank change -Abrams's staff -Replacement -The President's view -An unknown commander [Gen. John W. Vogt, Jr.] -Haig's view -Military operations -Air operations -North Vietnam tanks -Destruction -Number -B-52 operations -Ashau valley -North Vietnam offensive -Renewal -An Loc area -Bombing of North Vietnam -B-52s -Hue

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-Importance -Thieu's visit -ARVN -Gen. Nguyen Huu Tho -Operations -A general -Effectiveness -Plans -Abrams -McCain -Timing -Operations -Helicopter assaults -Marines -Artillery preparations -Duong Hoi -ARVN -Effectiveness -Blockade -Impact on South Vietnam -Mining -Impact on South Vietnam -Bombing and blockade -Kissinger -Commitment -North Vietnam -Supplies -People's Republic of China [PRC] -Amount -Haiphong -Amount -North Vietnam offensive -South Vietnam casualties -Civilians -Number -An Loc -Number -Public statement on numbers -Wording -Blockade -Timing -Effect

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-Bombing -Warning -Negotiations -Cease-fire offer -Response -US-Soviet Union summit -Blockade -Timing -The President's view -Possible cancellation -Soviet response to blockade -Pressure on North Vietnam -North Vietnam -Capability -The President's view -Haig's view -Damage -B-52s -Offensive -Bombing -Effectiveness -Blockade -Effectiveness -Bombing -North Vietnam offensive -US response -US troops -Landing of marines -Psychological impact -ARVN -US public -Purpose -US lives -Value -Conditions -President's statement -Okinawa -Number -Impact on North Vietnam, ARVN -Possibility -Blockade -Bombing

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-Targets -Supplies -Hanoi -B-52s -Blockade -Announcement -Timing -Bombing -Timing -President's orders -US military -Moorer -Attitudes -Laird -Relations with President -Relations with Laird -Haig's instructions -Laird -North Vietnam offensive -US response -Public opinion -President's actions -President's accomplishments -Withdrawal of US troops -President's peace offers -Rejection -Conclusion of war -President's actions -North Vietnam responsibility -Negotiations -Blockade -Purpose -Prisoners of war [POWs] -Future meeting between Kissinger or Haig and POW wives -Statement to families -US offers to North Vietnam -Blockade -The President's view -Congressional support -Support from the right -Alternatives -Hawks

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-South Vietnam -Fighting ability -Haig's view -Fall of Quang Tri -Marines -1st Division -Tanks -Artillery -Cavalry -North Vietnam -Tanks -Destruction -Number -Destruction -Size -South Vietnam -Tanks -Effectiveness -Destruction of North Vietnam tanks -Losses -Resupply -Da Nang -C-5A aircraft -Japan -Anniston, Alabama -Japan -Number -Frequency -Tank crews -Effectiveness -US support -Replacement of commanders -Thieu -Da Nang advisor -I Corps -Hue -An unknown general -Gen. Duong Van Minh -Staff -Military operations -Gunships -An Loc

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-Detection of North Vietnam vehicles -I Corps -Surface-to-air missiles [SAMs] -Hue -Quang Tri -Gunships -Ground troops -Inchon landing -Hanoi -POWs -Subterfuge -Blockade -Implementation -Son Tay raid -POWs -Hanoi -Location -Blockade -Implementation -Marines -POWs -Subterfuge -North Vietnam -Media blitz -Richard M. Helms -Marines -Use -POWs -Effect -Son Tay raid -Local forces -Timing -Bombing -POWs -Publicity -Possible protests -Location of POWs -Hanoi -Propaganda -Helms -The President's view -North Vietnam

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-Paris -Negotiations -Status -Blockade -Implementation -Timing -Soviet reaction -Berlin -Cuba -The President's view -Thieu [?] -Kissinger -Dobrynin

The President talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 2:10 and 3:15 pm.

[Conversation No. 335-33A]

Kissinger -Location

[End of telephone conversation]

### Vietnam

-Blockade -Mines -Implement -McCain -Background -Adm. Arthur W. Radford -The President's view -Abrams -Commander-in-Chief, Pacific [CINCPAC] -B-52s -Strategic Air Command [SAC] -Gen. John W. Vogt, Jr. -Abrams -Aircraft carriers -CINCPAC -Abrams -Palmer -Timing

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-Abrams -Palmer -Southeast Asia area -A study -Laos, Cambodia, South Vietnam, North Vietnam -Consolidation -Saigon -New structure -Abrams -Palmer -Assistants -A Navy commander -Vogt -Effectiveness -Supreme allied command for Southeast Asia -Abrams -Replacement -Timing -Ambassadorship to Spain

# German treaties

-Kissinger

## Soviets

-Meeting with Dobrynin -Length

#### Vietnam

-North Vietnam offensive -US response -US command -Kissinger -Palmer -Assistant -Shake-up -The President's view -Extent of command -President's orders -Haig's view -Plans -Laird -Political problems

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-South Vietnam

Haig left at 3:15 pm.