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Conversation No. 337-1

Date: May 10, 1972 Time: Unknown after 9:11 and before 9:20 am Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

Weather

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 9:20 am.

Conversation No. 337-2

Date: May 10, 1972 Time: Unknown between 9:11 and 9:20 am Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger.

Meeting with the President -Location

Conversation No. 337-29

Date: May 10, 1972 Time: Unknown between 9:11 and 9:20 am Location: Executive Office Building

The President dictated a letter to Walter H. Annenberg.

Previous meeting with the President

Retention as ambassador -Tenure and performance -Leonore Annenberg

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Conversation No. 337-3

Date: May 10, 1972 Time: 9:20-9:50 am Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

Greetings

President's meeting with Walter H. Annenberg (?)

Weather

Vietnam -Air strikes -Completion -Report -Visibility -Damage -Bridge -Chinese and Soviet ships -Haiphong Harbor -Restrictions on pilots -Blockade -Soviet ships -Movement -North Vietnamese offensive -An Loc/Saigon area -Attacks -Army of the Republic of Vietnam [ARVN] [South Vietnam] divisions -Military Region One -Supplies -Air strikes -ARVN patrols -North Vietnam losses -Kontum -ARVN counterattacks -Weather -Rainy season -Kontum -Pleiku

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Conv. No. 337-3 (cont.)

-Central Highlands -Military Region One -An Loc -Loss -Compared to Quang Tri -Soviet Summit -Possible cancellation -North Vietnamese offensive -President's options -Blockade -Compared to Cambodia, World War III -Protests to Kissinger's staff -Public support -H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman -Volume

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2 [Personal Returnable] [Duration: 50s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

Vietnam -Blockade -President's peace offers Joseph C. Kraft commentary -Negotiations -George H.W. Bush -William J. Porter -Plenary session -Xuan Thuy -Moscow -Le Duc Tho -Paris -Blockade

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Conv. No. 337-3 (cont.)

-Public support -Comparison with missile crises -Washington Post -New York Times -Three networks -Republicans -Intellectuals -Comparison with Cambodian invasion -Fears of World War III Soviet Union and People's Republic of China [PRC] responses -Strength -US assessments -PRC -Kissinger's message -Contents -Soviet ships -Kissinger's call to Anatoliy F. Dobrynin -Soviet Summit -Soviet response -Timing -German treaties -US statement -Public relations efforts -Wording of statements -Kissinger call to Yitzhak Rabin -Jewish groups -Hijacking -Jewish groups -Position -Blockade -President's offers -Statement to Soviets -Support for the President -US actions -Soviet summit -Kissinger's backgrounder -Response -Department of Defense -Melvin R. Laird -Call -Speech for John C. Stennis -Tone

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Conv. No. 337-3 (cont.)

-William P. Rogers -Demeanor -The President's view -President's demeanor -Chou En-lai -Andrei A. Gromyko -Television -President's previious speech -Response -Marvin L. Kalb's party -Frank F. Church -Indonesian ambassador -Max Frankel -Soviets -Middle East -Jewish groups -North Vietnam offensive -Soviet arms -Soviet Summit -Compared with India-Pakistan crisis -Senate Democratic response -James B. Allen -Rebuttal to Church -Ted Stevens -Blockade -Soviet Summit -US stakes in Vietnam -North Vietnam offensive -South Vietnam Success -The President's view -An Loc -North Vietnam problems -Supplies from Soviets -PRC aid -Air strikes -Railroads -Petroleum, Oils, and Lubricants [POLs] -Targets -Frequency -Damage -B-52s -Supporting aircraft

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Conv. No. 337-3 (cont.)

-Adm. Thomas H. Moorer -Losses -Blockade -North Vietnam response -Bush -Porter -New York Times -James B. ("Scotty") Reston commentary -Public support -"Hawks" and "Doves" -Publicity -Telegrams -Volume -Television reports -"Man on the street" interviews -General Infantry [GI's] -Support for President -Prisoner of war [POW] wives

President's schedule -Florida trip -Advisability -Dinner for Duke Law School class -Future schedule

Kissinger's schedule -Return to Washington

Vietnam

-Blockade -Laird press conference -John B. Connally press conference

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Conv. No. 337-3 (cont.)

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6 [Personal Returnable] [Duration: <u>2m 57s</u>]

Vietnam

-Blockade -Kissinger's call to Anatoliy F. Dobrynin -US intentions -The President's view -Soviet ships -Compared to Cuban missile crisis -Compared to Laos -US troops in South Vietnam -Message to Soviets

Kissinger left at 9:50 am.

Conversation No. 337-4

Date: May 10, 1972 Time: Unknown between 9:50 and 10:05 am Location: Executive Office Building

The President dictated a letter to John S. Bradley.

Introduction

Bradley's letter to the Nixons -Appreciation -President's stay at Duke Law School -Faculty parties for students -Mrs. Bradley -An injury

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Conv. No. 337-4 (cont.)

-The President's view -Message to class of 1937 -Copies to classmates -Bradley's advice to class -Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon

Conversation No. 337-5

Date: May 10, 1972 Time: Unknown between 9:50 and 10:05 am Location: Executive Office Building

The President dictated a letter to each member of his Duke Law School class.

Instructions

John S. Bradley's letter to the President -Dinner attendance -Message to class of 1937 -Enclosure

Conversation No. 337-6

Date: May 10, 1972 Time: Unknown between 9:50 and 10:05 am Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person.

Meeting with the President

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Conversation No. 337-7

Date: May 10, 1972 Time: Unknown between 9:50 and 10:05 am Location: Executive Office Building

The President dictated instructions to an unknown typist.

[This is a continuation of Conversation No. 337-5]

End of tape

Conversation No. 337-8

Date: May 10, 1972 Time: Unknown after 9:50 and before 10:05 am Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

Dictabelt tape -Delivery to Rose Mary Woods

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 10:05 am.

Conversation No. 337-9

Date: May 10, 1972 Time: 10:05 am-12:06 pm Location: Executive Office Building

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

Vietnam -Melvin R. Laird -Meeting with Haldeman -Henry A. Kissinger

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Conv. No. 337-9 (cont.)

-Support for the President's policies -Meeting with Haldeman and Charles W. Colson -Marvin L. Kalb's party -The President's view -Level of support -Colson -Coordination of public appearances -Responsibility -Blockade -Public support -Levels -Washington Post and New York Times -Publicity -Patrick J. Buchanan -Albert E. Sindlinger -Polls -Press conference -President's reelection -Compared with Dwight D. Eisenhower -Polls -Level of support -Questions -Results -George H. Gallup poll -Questions -Samples -Hawks -Laird -Reports -Subcabinet meeting -Press conference -Tone -Polls -Louis P. Harris poll -Results -Publicity -President's polls -Questions -Results -Publicity -Results -Compared to People's Republic of China [PRC] trip

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Conv. No. 337-9 (cont.)

-Publicity -Timing -Sindlinger -Questions -Peace offer -Significance of results -Publicity -Questions -Results -Questions -Peace offer -Results -Publicity -Support for the President -Media play -White House News Summary -Senate action -John W. McCormack's statement -Washington Post -George Meany's statement -Leonard Woodcock -President's polls -Effect on public opinion -Compared with President's previous speech -Military action -Approval rating -Compared with PRC trip rating

The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger at an unknown time between 10:10 and 10:19 am.

[Conversation No. 337-9A]

Vietnam -Poll results

Meeting with President

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam

-Blockade and mining -Support for President's actions

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Conv. No. 337-9 (cont.)

-President's polls -Publicity

The President talked with the White House operator at 10:19 am.

[Conversation No. 337-9B]

[See Conversation No. 24-60]

[End of telephone conversation]

Haldeman talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 10:19 and 10:21 am.

[Conversation No. 337-9C]

Vietnam

-Blockade and mining -Support for President's actions -President's polls -Publicity -Emphasis -Opinion Research Corporation [ORC] -Sindlinger -ORC

[End of telephone conversation]

-A press conference -Hugh Scott and Robert P. Griffin -ORC -Colson -Lawrence M. Higby -Buchanan -ORC use of material -Scott's press conference -ORC

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 10:19 am.

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 10:19 and 10:21 am.

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Conv. No. 337-9 (cont.)

[Conversation No. 337-9D]

[See Conversation No. 24-61]

[End of telephone conversation]

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 10:21 am.

-Elliot L. Richardson -Appearance at Capitol Hill Club -Television coverage

Kissinger entered at 10:21 am.

-Kissinger's evaluation -John B. Connally -Attack on Democrats -Timing -Laird and Richardson

The President talked with Colson between 10:21 and 10:22 am.

[Conversation No. 337-9E]

[See Conversation No. 24-62]

[End of telephone conversation]

-Connally -Vice President Spiro T. Agnew -Meeting with Haldeman -Possible speaking appearance -Forthcoming trip to South Vietnam and Thailand -Air strikes -Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, Jr. -B-52s -An Loc, Saigon -Effect

Colson entered at 10:23 am.

-Blockade

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-Support for President's actions -ORC poll -Haldeman -Ouestions -Responses -Publicity -Sindlinger poll -ORC -Questions -Responses -Sindlinger's call to Colson -Other results -Approval of President's actions -Changes -Compared with PRC trip rating -President's actions in Vietnam -Change in rating -President's previous speech on Vietnam -Compared with PRC trip rating -Percent of "peace at any price" supporters -"Hawks" -Laird -A press story -Previous call to Kissinger -Source -William P. Rogers -Central Intelligence Agency [CIA] -Connally -Statement by Ronald L. Ziegler -Unanimity of National Security Council [NSC] decision -Air strikes -Ellsworth F. Bunker's cable -Number of sorties -Abrams -An Loc -Message to Bunker from Kissinger -An Loc -Message to Kissinger from Bunker -Effect of President's speech -South Vietnamese morale -Abrams -President's decision

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-Bunker's view -Support for President's actions -Polls -Publicity -Dissemination -Media -Vietnam veterans -Los Angeles Times -General Infantry [GIs] in Vietnam -Morale -Press reports -Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS] -Prisoners of war [POWs] wives -Press reports -Opposition -Democrats -A California Marxist -POW wives -Possible meeting with President -Arrangements -Donald Rodgers (?) -Possible meeting with Kissinger -Possible meeting with the President -Timing -Conditions -Sindlinger poll results -Dates -Sindlinger's operation -Emotional response -Interviews -Democrat support -Midwest -David E. Bradshaw -Comparison to Cambodian action -Labor leaders -Hard hats -Peter J. Brennan -An unknown person -Frank E. Fitzsimmons -Hard hats -Brennan -Response to anti-war protests

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Conv. No. 337-9 (cont.)

-Meany's statement -Woodcock -Importance -Jay Lovestone -I[lworth] W. Abel -Unions -Nebraska primary -George S. McGovern -J. James Exon -Support for the President -Omaha -Hubert H. Humphrey vote -McGovern victory -Significance -Humphrey -McGovern's effort

Vietnam

-Support for the President's actions -Publicity -Sindlinger's press conference -Anatoliy F. Dobrynin -Kissinger's morale -Washington Post editorial -Marvin L. Kalb's party -US power -The President's view

Kissinger left at 10:40 pm.

Kissinger -The President's view

President's demeanor -Chou En-lai

Duke Law School reunion -Classmates -Age -Appearance -Described -Classmates

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Conv. No. 337-9 (cont.)

-Political affiliation -Great Depression effects -President's remarks -David Cavers -Classmates -Political views -Harvard -Duke

Haldeman talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 10:40 and 11:40 am.

[Conversation No. 337-9F]

Vietnam -Support for the President -ORC poll -Dissemination

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam

-Support for the President -ORC poll -Publicity -Use by White House -Press conference -Use -Calls to Congressmen -Clark MacGregor -Doves -Publicity -Method -Possible Kissinger briefing for columnists -Laird -A press report

-Call from Colson

-President's instructions

Colson talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 10:40 and 11:40 am.

[Conversation No. 337-9G]

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[See Conversation No. 24-63]

The President conferred with Haldeman.

Colson talked with Melvin R. Laird at an unknown time between 10:40 and 11:40 am.

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam

-Blockade -Support for the President -Laird -A press story -Connally -Connally -Possible press conference -Criticism of Democrats -Forum for criticism -Support for President -The President's view -Laird -Interview format -Networks and wire services -Impact on morale -White House -Release of poll -Democrats -Caucus -Barry M. Goldwater, Jr. speech -Agnew speech -Publicity -Ohio State -Demonstrators -Number -Violence -Publicity -Ziegler -Wire stories -Telegrams -Volume -Blockages at Western Union

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-Expression of support -Letters -Telephone calls -Telephone calls to senators -Undecided senators -Volunteers of help -Demonstrations -Petitions -Unions

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4 [Personal Returnable] [Duration:<u>1m 9s</u>]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

Vietnam
-Blockade
-Support
-Herbert G. Klein
-Robert H. Finch
-Donald H. Rumsfeld
-"Hawks"
-Commentators
-George Bunche (?)
-Mobilization
-Telephone calls
-Commentators
-Poll results
-Los Angeles
-Chicago
-Texas
-Philadelphia
-Right wing
-Mobilization

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-Democrats -"Hawks" -Telegrams -Rhetoric -Counter to Democrats -North Vietnam offensive -Opposition -Democratic candidates -Washington Post story -Media reports -Criticism -Biases -Administration criticism -Test for 1972 campaign -"Dove" Democrats -Supporters -John McCormack -Publicity -President's critics -John G. Dow -Laird -A press story -Response -William P. Rogers -Call to Colson -Public statements -Frank F. Church -North Vietnam -Negotiations -Poll results -Sindlinger -Poll results -Circulation to President's supporters -Vaughn (?) Collins -Washington Post story -Kenneth W. Clawson -Buchanan -Public release -Media coverage -Administration response -Support -Scope

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-Intensity -Media reports -Boston -Government employees -Response to demonstrators -Media reports -Kalb -Popularity -President's critics -White House countermeasures -White House staff beliefs -Media -Howard K. Smith -Previous conversation with Colson -Harry Reasoner -Retraction -Kalb, Dan Rather, CBS -Countermeasures -Press bus incident -Robert D. Novak, Rowland Evans -Commentary -Channel 5 -Countermeasures -President's travels -Washington press corps -Methods -Haldeman's view -The President's view -Washington press corps -Negative publicity -"Georgetown set" -Support -Novak column -Circulation -Copyright -Congressional Record -Gordon L. Allot -George D. Aiken -Administration efforts -Michael J. Mansfield

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6 [Personal Returnable] [Duration: <u>3m 53s</u>]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6

Vietnam -Blockade -Support -Scott and Griffin -Laird -Connally -Richardson -President's previous speech -Richardson's view -Cabinet -George W. Romney -John A. Volpe -President's speech -Richardson's impression -Support -Publicity -ORC poll

Haldeman talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 10:40 and 11:40 am.

[Conversation No. 337-9I]

Vietnam -Blockade -Polls -Scott and Griffin -ORC results -Release

[End of telephone conversation]

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Polls

-ORC

-Influence of Administration -Sindlinger -ORC -Harris -ORC -Credibility -Questions -Press releases -Sindlinger -Harris -Gallup -Questions -Results on President's Vietnam action -ORC poll -Public support for President's policies -Release of results -Buchanan -Scott and Griffin Buchanan -Haldeman's view -Colson's view Vietnam -Support for the President -Nelson A. Rockefeller -Ronald W. Reagan -Statements of support -Release -Rockefeller -Labor meeting speech -James L. Buckley, Brennan -Strength of statement -Staff -The President's view -Kissinger's view -President's statements -Timing -Press conference

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Conv. No. 337-9 (cont.)

-Soviet Summit, Vietnam -Timing -Support -Meetings with President and supporters -Meeting with POW wives -Timing -American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars [VFW] -Agnew's statements -Timing -Press conference -Report to the President -Press conference -Demonstrations -Size and character -Albuquerque -Violence -Press reports -Freeway traffic -Berkeley -City employee day off -Blocking traffic -Madison -Size -Michigan State -Effect -Santa Barbara -Blocking of airport runway, traffic -Arrests -Urbana, Illinois -Armory -University of Maryland -National Peace Action Coalition -Rally in Washington, DC -Size -Significance -Appearance of demonstrators -Counterreaction -Boston example -Congressional galleries -Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] reports -Media reports -Violence

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Conv. No. 337-9 (cont.)

-New York -Columbia University -Wisconsin -Columbia University -New York police -Hard hats -Jews -Communist conspiracy -Thomas W. ("Teddy") Gleason -Coordination -FBI and Central Intelligence Agency [CIA] -Links to Hanoi -President's speech -Section on student opposition -Kissinger -Deletion -President's attitude toward enemies -Polls -Gallup results

-Harris results -Release -Harris poll

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8 [Personal Returnable] [Duration: 4m]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8

Vietnam -Blockade support -Cabinet -Speeches and briefings -Rogers -Encouragement from Colson

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-Adm. Thomas H. Moorer

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 9 [Personal Returnable] [Duration:_1m 46s_]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 9

Colson left at 11:40 am.

President's schedule -Public appearances -Frequency -Meeting with Soviet Trade Minister -Meeting with Wilbur D. Mills, Ray C. Bliss -Florida trip -Meeting with Soviet Trade Minister -Timing

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 12 [Personal Returnable] [Duration: <u>44s</u>]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 12

-Meeting with Mills -Day -Time -Meeting with Connally -Public appearances

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-FBI

-L. Patrick Gray, III -Nomination

Richard G. Kleindienst -Senate confirmation hearings -Delay -Reasons -Vietnam -Likelihood of confirmation Connally -Resignation -Announcement date -Meeting with Haldeman -Timing of announcement -Soviet summit -George P. Shultz -Knowledge of resignation -Relationship with Connally -Caspar W. Weinberger -Information on resignation -Resignation -Timing -Soviet Summit -Possible cancellation -Kissinger's view -Delay -Help to administration -Rogers General Services Administration [GSA] administrator

Federal Reserve Board [FRB] -Andrew Brimmer -Removal -Possible ambassadorship -Arthur F. Burns -Connally -Burns -Quadriad -Shultz's view

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Conv. No. 337-9 (cont.)

-Milton Friedman -Economic views -Changes -Interest rates, monetary aggregates -Conflict with board -Votes -Compared with William McChesney Martin, Jr. -Control of board -Businessmen -Economists -Bankers -[Forename unknown] Carter -Effectiveness -Shultz -Quadriad meeting -Stock market -Recent drop -Cambodia -Jews Legal Services Corporation -Agnew letter

Family's official schedule -Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon -Tricia Nixon Cox -Public appearance in Boston -Cancellation

President's schedule -Florida trip -Manolo Sanchez -Crowds at Homestead -Support for the President

Democrats -Meeting with Kissinger -Harvard

Vietnam -Blockade -South Vietnam performance

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Conv. No. 337-9 (cont.)

-Morale -Withdrawal -POWs

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 15 [Personal Returnable] [Duration: 1m52s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 15

Vietnam -Polls

Haldeman left at 12:06 pm.

Conversation No. 337-10

Date: May 10, 1972 Time: Unknown after 12:06 and before 12:32 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown man.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1 [Personal Returnable] [Duration:<u>3s</u>]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:32 pm.

Conversation No. 337-11

Date: May 10, 1972 Time: Unknown between 12:06 and 12:32 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person.

Return of Stephen B. Bull (?)

Conversation No. 337-12

Date: May 10, 1972 Time: Unknown between 12:06 and 12:32 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person.

Vietnam -Melvin R. Laird -Press conference

Meeting with the President

Conversation No. 337-13

Date: May 10, 1972 Time: Unknown between 12:06 and 12:32 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

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[See Conversation No. 24-64]

Conversation No. 337-14

Date: May 10, 1972 Time: Unknown after 12:06-12:35 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

Letters -Telephone calls

The President talked with Manolo Sanchez between 12:32 and 12:33 pm.

[Conversation No. 337-14A]

[See Conversation No. 24-65]

[End of telephone conversation]

Sanchez -Health

Telephone calls -Letters -Handling

Duke Law School dinner -White House staff efforts

Butterfield left at 12:35 pm.

Conversation No. 337-15

Date: May 10, 1972 Time: Unknown between 12:35 and 12:36 pm Location: Executive Office Building

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Conv. No. 337-15 (cont.)

The President talked with an unknown person.

Vietnam -Editorials -Notes

Conversation No. 337-16

Date: May 10, 1972 Time: 12:36-1:02 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

Vietnam -Blockade -Melvin R. Laird -A press story -Source -John B. Connally -Connally -Confrontation with Democrats -Laird statement -North Vietnam -Xuan Thuy -Moscow -Le Duc Tho -Soviets -Meeting in Paris with US official -Statement on US-Soviet meeting -New proposals -Kissinger's message -Tenor -North Vietnam offensive -Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, Jr. -B-52 strikes -Kontum -Targets

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Conv. No. 337-16 (cont.)

-Hue area -Central Intelligence Agency [CIA] analysis -Long Binh -Number of divisions -Quality -B-52 strikes -Number -Hue -North Vietnamese failure to take -US retaliation -Methods -Damage to North Vietnam -Mining -Railroads -Air strikes -Petroleum, Oil, and Lubricants [POL] -Haiphong area -Accuracy -Damage -Bridge -Soviet Summit -Cancellation -Ronald L. Ziegler statement -Blockade -Press reaction -New York Times -Washington Post -James B. ("Scotty") Reston -Motives -Stewart J.O. Alsop -Soviet Summit -Conally (?) -Cancellation -Possibility -Soviet actions -US response -Vietnam -Middle East -Agreements -Conditions -Connally statement -Press reports

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Conv. No. 337-16 (cont.)

-US stakes in Vietnam -North Vietnam offensive -Consequence of US defeat -Southeast Asia -Blockade -Success

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 12:36 pm.

Food order

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 1:02 pm.

Vietnam

-Blockade -Mobilization of Army of the Republic of Vietnam [ARVN] support -Nguyen Van Thieu's statement -Vietnamization policy -President's decision -Timing -Election year -H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman -Soviet Summit -Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT] -Kissinger's Georgetown friends -Consequences of US defeat -Domino Theory -Thailand -Blockade support -Marshall Green -Malaysia -Cambodia -Australia -New Zealand -Philippines -Japanese

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 12:36 pm.

A delivery

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 1:02 pm.

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Vietnam -Blockade support -British -Letter to George R.S. Baring [Earl of Cromer] -Summit -Cancellation -Compared with US victory in Vietnam -Future Summits -North Vietnam offensive -Consequences for US -President's opponents -North Vietnam offensive -People's Republic of China [PRC] -Soviet Union -Blockade -Soviet Union -PRC -Soviet Summit -European Security Council -Soviet Summit -Possible postponement -Kissinger's view -North Vietnam offensive -Hue -Soviet Summit -Possible postponement -Press -Columnists -Kissinger's press conference -Laird's press conference -Clifford P. Case-Frank F. Church amendment -Provisions -Effects for administration -Compared with Michael J. Mansfield proposal -Chances of passage in House -Effect of polls -A memorandum -Charles W. Colson -Public opinion -Edward M. Kennedy -Washington Post

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Conv. No. 337-16 (cont.)

-New York Times -John Kenneth Galbraith -Kennedy -Newsweek -Henry Hubbard -Meeting with Kissinger -Meeting with Alexander M. Haig, Jr. -Criticism of the President -North Vietnam offensive -South Vietnam defeat possibility -Prisoners of war [POWs] -Soviet Summit -President's attendance -Possible public impression

A vote on the German treaties -Time

Vietnam
-Possible South Vietnam collapse
-Air strikes
-An Loc
-Destruction
-Kontum
-Casualties expected
-Hue
-Ground action
-North Vietnam reserve strength
-Peace offers
-Negotiations
-Kissinger's meeting with columnists

Kissinger left at 1:02 pm.

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Conversation No. 337-17

Date: May 10, 1972 Time: Unknown after 1:02 and before 3:35 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown person.

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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 3:35 pm.

Conversation No. 337-18

Date: May 10, 1972 Time: Unknown between 1:02 and 3:35 pm Location: Executive Office Building

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

Vietnam -Blockade -Melvin R. Laird's press conference -Riots -Polls -Support for the President

President's schedule

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Conv. No. 337-18 (cont.)

-Camp David -Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo -Sequoia cruise -Camp Hoover -Work

Vietnam -Prisoners of war [POWs] -Importance

Conversation No. 337-19

Date: May 10, 1972 Time: Unknown between 1:02 and 3:35 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President played a recording.

Vietnam -Weapons -Navy, Army, Air Force -South Vietnam compared with North Vietnam -Dien Bien Phu -Henry A. Kissinger -North Vietnam offensive -South Vietnam capabilities -Tanks -Counteraction -US response -Navy, Army, Air Force

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Conversation No. 337-20

Date: May 10, 1972 Time: Unknown between 1:02 and 3:35 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President dictated a memorandum to Henry A. Kissinger.

Vietnam -Central Intelligence Agency [CIA] -Propaganda -South Vietnam, Hanoi area -Support for the President -US military action -Impact on North Vietnam leaders and people -Air strikes -Supervision -Improvement -Quantity, quality -Needs

Conversation No. 337-21

Date: May 10, 1972 Time: Unknown after 1:02 and before 3:35 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown man.

Dictation -Delivery to Rose Mary Woods

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 3:35 pm.

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Conversation No. 337-22

Date: May 10, 1972 Time: Unknown between 1:02 and 3:35 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Rose Mary Woods.

Dictation -Delivery

Meeting with the President -Time

Conversation No. 337-23

Date: May 10, 1972 Time: Unknown between 1:02 and 3:35 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President dictated a memorandum for the file.

[Unintelligible]

Conversation No. 337-24

Date: May 10, 1972 Time: 3:35-3:55 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

Gifts -Official party, unofficial party, technicians -Cufflinks, tiebars

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Conv. No. 337-24 (cont.)

Duke Law School reunion

Gifts

-Cufflinks -Placement -President's use

Manolo Sanchez -Health -Telephone call from the President

Dinner for law school classmates -Appearance of classmates compared to President -Entertainment -President's remarks -Caspar W. Weinberger's comments

Vietnam

-Blockade -President's speech -Public response -Polls -Protests -Violence -Public response

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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

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Conv. No. 337-24 (cont.)

President's previous speech on Vietnam blockade and mining -Drafting -Walter H. Annenberg -Call

President's schedule -Camp David -Miami -Camp David

Vietnam

-President's previous speech on blockade and mining

-Response
-John F. Kennedy
-Initial US involvement
-Gen. James D. ("Don") Hughes

-Tonkin Gulf incident

-President's comments

-American soldiers

-Congress
-Lack of support for General infantry [GIs]

-President's policies

-US role in the world
-Critics

-Communists and left-wing
-Joseph McCarthy

American society -Schools -Religion -Protestants -Catholics -Presbyterians

Camp David -Bowling -Birch Lodge

Ernest F. Hollings -Future

People's Republic of China [PRC] ping-pong team

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Conv. No. 337-24 (cont.)

A Chinese artifact

Woods left at 3:55 pm.

Conversation No. 337-25

Date: May 10, 1972 Time: Unknown between 3:55 and 3:59 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President dictated a memorandum for an unknown person.

[Forename unknown] Jackson -Plea in North Carolina -President's recollection

Marilyn Phillips (?) -A letter

Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] -Appropriation

Conversation No. 337-26

Date: May 10, 1972 Time: Unknown between 3:55 and 3:59 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 24-66]

Conversation No. 337-27

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Date: May 10, 1972 Time: Between 3:59 and 4:00 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Charles W. Colson.

[See Conversation No. 24-67]

Conversation No. 337-28/339-1

Date: May 10, 1972 Time: 4:04-unknown before 5:45 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Charles W. Colson.

Colson talked with an unknown person between 4:04 pm and 4:25 pm.

[Conversation No. 337-28/339-1F]

[See Conversation No. 24-68]

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam

-Blockade -Melvin R. Laird press conference -Evaluated -Television coverage -Wire service coverage -Length -Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS] live coverage -Duration -Assessed by Colson -Attack on critics -Appeal for support -Gerald R. Ford and Hugh Scott press conference -Names of critics -Network coverage

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Conv. No. 337-28/339-1 (cont.)

-Polls -Opinion Research Corporation [ORC] -Copies for press -Validity -White House polls

H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman entered at 4:05 pm.

-Albert E. Sindlinger -Level of support for the President -Release -Press conference -New York Times and wire services coverage -Ronald L. Ziegler's briefing -ORC poll -New York Times editorial -ORC poll -Possible use in New York Times advertisement -Attack on critics -Public support -Press reports -Washington Post sports section -Theodore S. ("Ted") Williams -Support for President's decision -Criticism of Democratics candidates -Support for President -Soviet Union -Robert F. Kennedy [RFK] Stadium [Washington DC] -National Broadcasting Corporation [NBC]'s Today show -President's critics -Language -William L. Safire -Telegram from Thomas W. ("Teddy") Gleason -Ziegler -Support for the President's decision -Walt W. Rostow -Dock strike -Rhetoric -Memorandum to Henry A. Kissinger regarding Central Intelligence Agency [CIA] -Propaganda efforts in Vietnam -Choice of words

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Conv. No. 337-28/339-1 (cont.)

-Speechwriters -Deficiencies -John B. Connally -Laird -Speechwriters -Patrick J. Buchanan -[Forename unknown] Brooks (?) -Recruitment -Mel Grayson -Frank Gannon -Grayson -Colson's view -Instructions -Grayson

Kissinger entered at 4:15 pm.

-Mines -A talk by Robert H. Finch -Atlanta -Assessment of President's previous speech -Dick Sykes -Support for the President -Televison talk show -Man-on-the-street -Kissinger's meeting with Prentis Hale -Statements -Roger L. Stevens -Polls -Support for President -Scott -Ford -Poll in Pennsylvania -Polls -Sindlinger, ORC -Support for President -Support for President -Rhetoric -Camp David -Propaganda efforts -Central Intelligence Agency [CIA] -President's memorandum to Kissinger

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Conv. No. 337-28/339-1 (cont.)

-Richard M. Helms -Competence -World War II -Office of Strategic Services [OSS] -Communists -The President's view -Haldeman call to Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters -Propaganda -Content -South Vietnam -North Vietnam -Blockade -Laird press conference -Assessment -Ouestions -Demeanor -Support for President -Robert P. Griffin and Scott press conference -ORC poll

-Polls -Sindlinger -Press conference -Level of public support for the President -Dwight D. Eisenhower -New York Times advertisement -Support for the President

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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

Vietnam -Blockade -Elliot L. Richardson -Statement -James D. Hodgson

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Conv. No. 337-28/339-1 (cont.)

-Ziegler -Cabinet -President's instructions on statements -President's previous speech -Wording regarding Soviet Union -Richardson -Hodgson's statement -Soviet Summit -Possible cancellation -Responsibility

Colson left at 4:25 pm.

-Soviet ship -Note of protest -US apology -Kissinger's meeting with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin

US-Soviet Summit -Arrangements -Advance party -Cancellation -President's options -President's meeting with Nikolai S. Patolichev -Subjects for discussion -Vietnam -Time

Kissinger talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 4:25 and 4:45 pm.

[Conversation No. 337-28/339-1A]

[See Conversation No. 24-69]

[End of telephone conversation]

US-Soviet Summit -Dobrynin's remarks -President's speech -Dobrynin's response -Kissinger's meeting with Dobrynin -Mood

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Conv. No. 337-28/339-1 (cont.)

-Politburo -Leonid I. Brezhnev -Meeting with President -Tenor -German treaties -Delay -Egon Bahr -Moscow

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 4:25 pm.

President's schedule -A commercial flight -Time of arrival

An unknown left at an unknown time before 4:45 pm.

Kissinger talked with Dobrynin at an unknown time between 4:25 and 4:45 pm.

[Conversation No. 337-28/339-1B]

[See Conversation No. 24-70]

[End of telephone conversation]

-President's meeting with Patolichev and Dobrynin -Peter G. Peterson, Peter M. Flanigan -Notification -Time -Reason

-Cancellation -Likelihood -Peterson -Patolichev meeting -Notification -Subjects for discussion -German treaties -Status -Significance -Cancellation

Vietnam

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-Blockade and mining -People's Republic of China [PRC] -Statement -Options -North Vietnam offensive -Hue -US air strikes -Impact -US-Soviet Summit -Cancellation or postponement -Likelihood -Blockade -Soviet response -Hanoi statement -Soviet ships -Departure from ports -Air strikes -Docks -Warehouses -Petroleum, Oil, and Lubricants [POL] -Rails -Impact on North Vietnam -Repairs -Evacuation -Rationing -Intensity -Compared with Lyndon B. Johnson's 1968 bombing -Tet offensive -North Vietnam offensive -Build-up -Gains -An Loc -Populated areas -Air strikes in North Vietnam -1968 Tet offensive -Cessation by Johnson -Soviets -Support for North Vietnam -Blockade -Soviets -PRC

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President's meeting with Patolichev and Dobrynin -Publicity -Peterson -Kissinger's view

Kissinger's schedule -Briefing on Vietnam -John C. Stennis -Hawks -Liberal Republican senators -Day -Possible appearance by the President

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 4:25 pm.

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 4:45 pm.

Vietnam -Blockade -Liberal Republican senators -Briefing -Withdrawal -Support for the President -Appearance by the President -Rogers and Laird -Advisability -The President's view -Questions for the President -Request for briefing by the President -Clark MacGregor -Steven S. Karalekas -Stennis -Barry M. Goldwater, Jr. -John G. Tower -Griffin -Bryce N. Harlow -Margaret Chase Smith -Kissinger -Arrangements -Soviet Summit -Time

-US-Soviet Summit

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Possible cancellation
Peterson and Soviet Union trade delegation meeting

Scheduling

Cancellation

Hue

Possible delay

Date

Cancellation

Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Kissinger left at 4:45 pm.

Haldeman talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 4:45 and 5:45 pm.

[Conversation No. 337-28/339-1C]

President's schedule -Sequoia cruise -A dinner -Time -Peterson -A smaller boat -Chief of Naval Operations -Time -Peterson

[End of telephone conversation]

Sequoia -Rules of use -Peterson -The President's view -Use -President's dinner at the White House -Changes -Use by the President -Use by others

President's schedule -Camp David -Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo -Sequoia

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-Alexander P. Butterfield -Camp David -Use by others -Cabinet officers -Use by the President -Florida -Use by others -John N. Mitchell -Richardson -Conflicts with President's use -Laurel Cabin -President's trip to California -Sequoia -Purpose -Meeting with senators -MacGregor -Advisability -The President's view -Publicity -Kissinger briefing -Telephone calls Vietnam -Blockade -Public support -1972 election -Duration -Polls -Release by Colson -ORC poll -Release to Congressional offices and press -Ronald McMahon -Scott press conference -Press questions -Sindlinger poll -Quayle poll -ORC

An unknown person entered at an unknown time between 4:45 pm and 5:45 pm.

Delivery of a note

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Haldeman talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 4:45 and 5:45 pm.

[Conversation No. 337-28/339-1D]

Soviets

-Dinner cancellation -Reports -Patolichev -Health

[End of telephone conversation]

-Confirmation -Kissinger

[The above portion of the conversation took place simultaneously with Conversation No. 337-28/339-1D]

The unknown peron left at an unknown time between 4:45 pm and 5:45 pm.

Haldeman talked with Kissinger at an unknown time between 4:45 and 5:45 pm.

[Conversation No. 337-28/339-1E]

-Patolichev -Reasons -Meeting between the President and Patolichev -Dinner cancellation -Significance

[End of telephone conversation]

-Peterson meeting with Patolichev

Haldeman's schedule -Meeting with Connally -Meeting with Kissinger -Message from Dobrynin

Vietnam -Blockade -Senate Republicans

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-Meeting with President -Kissinger briefing -Public support -Support for the President -White House staff -Initiative -Harlow -Public support -Reasons -The President's efforts -Republicans -Charles H. Percy, Richard S. Schweiker -Constituents President's schedule -Sequoia -New rules for use -Camp David -Uses -Emergency -Family retreat -Conferences -Other locations -Airlie House -The Homestead -The Greenbrier -Airlie House -Departmental facilities -Value to users -Facilities -Other locations -Williamsburg -Washington -Sans Souci -A country club -John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts -Movie Association Center Social events -Movie Association

-Movie Association -Arthur F. Burns -Social activities

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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6

-Kissinger's social activities -Effect -Pace of work -President's pace

Press

-White House News Summary -President's reading -New York Times, Washington Post -President's reading -Reasons -Bias -President's reading -Duration

Vietnam

-Blockade -Polls -Release

Polls

-Sindlinger -Financial status -Publicity -ORC -The President's view -George H. Gallup -Public polls

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-Expense -Publicity advantages -ORC -Louis P. Harris -Syndication -Costs -ORC -Mutual benefits of White House work -Sindlinger -Colson -Work with Harris and Sindlinger -News summary -Harris poll -Past polls compared with current polls -Timing of release -Topics -Questions -Gallup poll -Questions -John A. Scali -Republican preferences -Release -Work with White House -Ouestions Vietnam -Support for the President's decision on blockade and mining -Gallup poll -Results -Ouestions -Results -President's peace offer -Call from James B. ("Scotty") Reston -Kissinger -Reston column -President's previous speech on blockade and mining -Kissinger -Duration -News reports on previous speech on blockade and mining -Military aspect -Peace offer -1971 peace offer

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-Congress -A resolution supporting the President's peace offer -Passage -Funds cutoff -Kissinger's view -Peace offer -Prisoners of war [POWs] -Ceasefire -Troop withdrawal -Congressional approval -Ceasefire -Troop withdrawal -Consequences -Reston's column -Congress -Funds cutoff -Effect -US troop withdrawal in Indochina -Possible ceasefire violations -Cambodia -Thailand -Laos -Navy ships -Bases -President's peace offer -Compared with possible Congressional proposal -Kissinger's view -Political settlement -Nguyen Van Thieu -The President's instruction -Kissinger -Soviets -Cancellation of Patolichev dinner -Significance -Meeting with the President -Peterson Dinner -Maurice H. Stans dinner -Effect on Sequoia schedule -Peterson dinner -Sequoia -Patolichev, President, and Dobrynin meeting

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The conversation was cut off at an unknown time before 5:45 pm.