



NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF

**Tape Subject Log**  
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Conversation No. 655-1

Date: January 25, 1972  
Time: 9:18 am - 9:19 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Charles W. Colson.

The President's schedule

- The President's Vietnam peace proposal speech, January 25, 1972
- Meeting with Richard M. Scammon
  - Postponement
  - Rescheduling
    - Colson and H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- Books written with Benjamin J. Wattenberg, *The New Majority* (1970)
- The President's reading

Conversation No. 655-2

Date: January 25, 1972  
Time: Unknown after 9:19 am until 9:53 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

Speech draft [?]

Butterfield left at 9:53 am.

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Conversation No. 655-3

Date: January 25, 1972

Time: Unknown before 9:55 am and 12:32 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

India-Pakistan

- Unknown person's conversation with Haldeman
- Questions

Butterfield left and H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman entered at 9:55 am.

The President's Vietnam peace proposal speech, January 25, 1972

- Scheduling
  - Networks
    - National Broadcasting Company [NBC] special
    - Ronald L. Ziegler
  - Problem
- Ziegler's knowledge of content
  - Kissinger's informing
  - Contact with Haldeman

John A. Scali

- Henry A. Kissinger's assessment
  - State Department
- Opinion of William P. Rogers
  - State Department
- Kissinger's conflict with Rogers
- Haldeman's reluctance to inform about Kissinger-Rogers conflict
  - Scali's possible book
  - Kissinger
- Kissinger's view
  - Haldeman's view

Kissinger

- Handling
  - Clark MacGregor
    - Problems with Congress
- Relations with White House staff
  - Disagreements

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- Patrick J. Buchanan [?]
- The President's talk with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 9:55 am.

Unknown object

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 10:36 am.

Scali

- Knowledge of content of US peace proposal for Vietnam
  - Timing of release
    - White House staff
- Leaks
  - Kissinger
  - Background information
    - Networks
    - Credibility
  - Previous actions
  - People's Republic of China [PRC] trip preparations
    - Kissinger
      - Talk with the President
      - Newsmen in PRC
  - PRC
    - Release of information

US peace proposal for Vietnam

- Edward W. Brooke
  - Speech before Republicans, January 24, 1972
    - Troop withdrawals
      - Prisoners of war [POWs]
  - Possible leaks from administration
    - Kissinger
    - The President
    - Defense Department
      - Brooke's administrative assistant
    - Relation to Murrey Marder story
      - Melvin R. Laird's concern
        - Kissinger's view
        - Speculation
  - Speech

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- Importance
- Effect on the President's address
- Publicity
- Effect on the President's address
  - Speculation
  - Possible lessening of impact
  - Administration strategy
- Perception of the President's forthcoming speech
  - Secret talks
  - Nguyen Van Thieu's resignation
- Publicity
  - Public perception of senators' speeches
- Haldeman's talk with Kissinger
- Kissinger's briefing, January 26, 1972
  - Preparation
- The President's schedule, January 24, 1972
  - Talk with Kissinger
- Preparation for television set-up
  - The President's schedule

The President's schedule

- Richard M. Scammon
  - The President's recent call to Charles W. Colson
- Robert H. Finch

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

[Personal Returnable]

[Duration: 6m 18s]

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Finch

- Speeches
  - Importance

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- Constituency
- News coverage
  - Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
    - Attacks on opponents
- Example
  - Dartmouth College
- Schedule
- News summary

Speeches

- News coverage
  - News summary
  - John B. Connally
  - John A. Volpe
  - George W. Romney
  - Elliot L. Richardson
    - Edward M. Kennedy
- Volpe
  - New Hampshire
- Rogers C. B. Morton
  - Julie Nixon Eisenhower

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4  
[Personal Returnable]  
[Duration: 16s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

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- Budget message, January 24, 1972
  - Buchanan's news analysis
    - Economy
  - Conservatives' reactions to budget proposal
    - Holmes Alexander
    - Unknown person

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- News summary
  - Connally and George P. Shultz
    - Network appearances
- The President's refusal to comment
  - Ziegler's reaction
- Ziegler
  - Performance
- Quality as a news story
  - Connally's view
    - Compared to that of rest of Cabinet
    - Blame and credit for the President
      - Rogers's and Laird's reactions
  - Connally's actions
    - Shultz
- Deficits
  - Problem
  - Significance as issue
    - State of economy
- Democrats' suggestions
  - Human resources
  - Defense
  - Ceiling
  - Concrete alternatives
    - Press coverage

**Economy**

- Wage and price controls
  - Colson
  - Donald H. Rumsfeld
  - Connally's outline
  - Dan Rather's question during interview, January 2, 1972
    - Paul W. McCracken
    - The President's response
      - Duration of controls
      - Inflation
  - Connally's view
  - Shultz's view
  - Buchanan's comments
  - Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson
  - Reaction
    - Shultz's understanding

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- McCracken's assessment
  - Administration reaction
    - Herbert Stein
    - Shultz
    - Connally
    - Result
    - Rumsfeld and Shultz
- Connally's plan
  - Cabinet meeting
    - Need for Administration unity
  - Duration of controls
    - Inflation
      - Goal
  - Press

News summaries

- Buchanan
  - Work
    - Organization
    - Quality
- Frequency
  - Need for perspective
- Coverage of issues
- News coverage of administration policy issues
  - Forthcoming campaign
  - The President's annotations
  - Buchanan's outlook
  - Vietnam
  - PRC announcement
  - Economy
    - Inflation

Economy

- Economic writers
  - Buchanan's assessment
  - Left wing
  - Equivocation
    - McCracken's memoranda

News coverage of administration

- Hugh S. Sidey article

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- Criticism of the President's forthcoming trip to PRC
  - Expense of television coverage
  - Compared with John F. Kennedy's foreign travel
- Thesis
  - Democrats
    - Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson
    - Publicity
- The President's trips, 1961-69
  - Publicity
    - Time-Life Corporation
    - New Hampshire
      - Television networks
        - Primary
- Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson
  - Televised news conferences
- Double standard
- Sidey
  - Possible conversation with Haldeman
  - Possible conversation with Ziegler
  - Recent article
    - Fairness
    - Effect
  - Writing about underdogs
- Power of the presidency
- Sidey
  - Purpose of writing
- Frustration of the President's opponents
  - New Hampshire primary
    - PRC trip
- The President's Vietnam peace proposal speech
  - The President's talk with Kissinger, January 24, 1972
    - Kissinger's concerns
      - Criticism
      - Press anger, attacks
- Bias
  - Kissinger's backgrounders
- Television
  - Press conferences
  - Vietnam announcements
    - November 3, 1971
  - Cambodia announcement, April 30, 1970



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- Effect on polls
- The President's efforts
  - Press conference, statement
  - California
- Laos invasion
  - Handling
- Budget
  - Connally
- Laos
  - Handling
  - Kissinger's backgrounders
- The President's Vietnam peace proposal speech
  - Public reaction
- POWs
  - Wives
- Thieu resignation
  - Possible reaction
    - Intellectuals
    - Accusation of surrender
  - Initiation of offer
  - Election
- PRC trip
  - Jack N. Anderson [?]
  - Vietnam
    - Kissinger's view
    - Fear of US victory

The President's State of the Union Address

- Buchanan and Raymond K. Price, Jr.'s theses
  - John D. Ehrlichman's view
  - The President's view

The President's interview with Rather

- The President's tactics
  - Buchanan's view
    - Alexander column
  - Other officials' views
    - Desire for fight

Buchanan thesis on the presidency

- Controversy in issues

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- Desirability
- Compared with presidential stature
  - Ehrlichman's view
  - Incumbency
  - Price's view
- Campaigning
  - 1970 election
    - Media reaction
  - 1972 campaign
    - Edith Efron's book [*The News Twisters*]
- Credibility
  - [Forename unknown] Weiner [sp?]
    - Ehrlichman
  - Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1944
    - World War II

Ziegler entered at 10:36 am.

The President's Vietnam peace proposal speech

- Scheduling
  - American Broadcasting Corporation [ABC] and Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
- NBC
  - Special, *The Search for the Nile*
- West Coast viewers
- ABC movie
- NBC special
  - Audience make-up
    - School children
    - Size
- NBC
  - Compared to ABC, CBS
- Scheduled network programs
  - CBS
    - Hawaii Five-O*
    - Special, *I'm a Fan*
      - Dick Van Dyke
      - Carol Channing
- Ziegler's call to the networks
- ABC, CBS preference
- NBC preference

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- Administration review and decision-making
- Audience
  - West Coast consideration
- Advance announcement
- News build-up
  - Brooke
- Audience
- Replaying out-takes
  - West
  - Value
- Scheduling
  - Press briefing
    - Congress
  - A Day in the Life of the President*
  - NBC special on the Nile River
    - Serialization
    - Audience make-up
      - Compared with probable audience for CBS and ABC scheduled programs
        - Hawaii Five-O*
        - All in the Family*
          - Archie Bunker
          - Michael Stivick

*All in the Family*

- ABC
- Writers
  - Background
    - Paul W. Keyes
  - Intentions and results
    - Bunker
      - Compared to Stivick
        - Prejudices
      - Possible changes to character
    - Changes
    - Social message
      - Compared to entertainment value
    - Compared with movie, *Joe*
  - Ziegler's viewing
  - Portrayal of blacks

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The President's Vietnam peace proposal speech  
-Scheduling

Kissinger entered at 10:48 am.

- Notification of Thieu
- West Coast consideration
- Networks' preferences
- Radio audience on West Coast
- NBC special
  - Compared with ABC movie and CBS special
  - Audiences
- Ziegler's briefing

Ziegler left at 10:51 am.

- Connally's views
  - Lack of proposals in Johnson Administration
    - Johnson's possible reaction
    - Paris talks
      - “Shape of the table” phrase
    - Release of text
    - The President's May 14, 1969 announcement
  - Origins of wars
    - Study
    - Possible deletion
      - Public opinion
      - Private comment
      - Safire's view
    - Purpose for inclusion
- William L. Safire's work
  - Deletions
- Connally's views
  - Diction
  - Thieu's forthcoming statement
  - Quality of suggestions
    - Rogers
- Safire's work
  - Cute phrases
  - Deletion
- Kissinger's forthcoming briefing

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- Details of agreement
  - Complexity
    - Press reception
  - Residual force
  - POWs
    - Eight-point plan
- Previous withdrawal and cease-fire for POWs offers
  - May 31, 1971
- Kissinger's call to Ellsworth F. Bunker, January 24, 1972
  - South Vietnamese perception of plan
    - Complexity
- Two stage plan, October 11, 1971
  - US flexibility
- Residual force
- North Vietnamese reaction
  - POW for troop withdrawal proposal
    - Cease-fire
- Variations on terms
  - Public statements
  - Duration
- David Kraslow's call to Kissinger, January 25, 1972
  - Brooke's speech
  - Kissinger's speech to Women's National Press Club in New York City, January 26, 1972

The President left at an unknown time before 11:07 am.

- Brooke speech
  - Leak to Brooke
    - Laird
  - Possible effect
    - Speculation
    - Leaks
      - Laird's call to Kissinger, January 22, 1972
        - Vietnam bombing
        - Troop withdrawal for POWs proposal
- State Department reaction
  - Robert J. McCloskey
    - Compared with Dwight L. Chapin's probable reaction
      - Call to Haldeman or Ziegler
  - Ziegler

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- Kraslow's call to Kissinger
  - Accusation
  - POW troop withdrawal for POWs proposal
    - North Vietnamese refusal
      - New York Times*
  - Kraslow's deadline

The President entered at an unknown time after 10:56 am.

- Troop withdrawal for POWs proposal
  - North Vietnamese reaction
    - Kraslow's call to Kissinger
  - Differentiation from previous proposal
    - Kraslow
  - Possible media reactions
    - Washington Post*
    - New York Times*
    - Time*
    - Newsweek*
    - Compared with reaction to Cambodia and November 3, 1969 statements
    - Agreement
    - Administration strategy
    - Reasons behind disagreement
    - Compared with criticism on PRC trip and India-Pakistan policy

India-Pakistan

- US policy
  - Kurt Waldheim's views
    - United Nations [UN] vote

Waldheim

- Compared to U Thant

The President's trip to PRC

- Initial reactions
- Revised reactions
  - Possible success
  - Edward Kennedy's comments
    - PRC embassy in Ottawa

The President's Vietnam peace proposal speech

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- Connally's view
  - Initial reaction, January 20, 1972
  - Current view
  - Suggestions
- Deletions
- Qualities

POW families

- Kissinger's forthcoming meeting
- Organizing for campaign
  - News summary
  - Sidey's [?] view
  - Primaries
  - Democrats
- Possible effect of the President's speech
- Previous talks with Kissinger
  - Plea for deadline
- Previous talks with the President
- Cease-fire and Thieu resignation
  - POWs

*Time's* scenario on Vietnam

- News summary
- The President's trip to PRC
  - Possible North Vietnamese offensive against South Vietnam
    - Possible effect
      - Likelihood
      - Effect of the President's speech

Ziegler entered at 11:07 am.

The President's Vietnam peace proposal speech

- Scheduling
  - ABC movie
  - CBS interruption of *Hawaii Five-O*
- Ziegler's forthcoming press briefing
  - Length of speech
    - Complications of reporting approximate length
  - Address
    - Compared to statement
  - Questions from reporters

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- Nature of speech
  - Ziegler's conversation with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
- The President's possible meeting with William J. Porter
  - Photograph
- Kissinger's meeting with Porter
  - Length
- Significance of address
- Caution to reporters about speculation
  - Fixed withdrawal date
  - Previous North Vietnamese refusal of proposal to *New York Times*, January 21
  - Ziegler's credibility
- Porter
- Schedule

Ziegler left at 11:14 am.

## Thieu

- Speech, January 26, 1972
- Speech
  - Reference to reelection
  - US stance
- Possible resignation
  - Possible effect
- Laird
  - Kissinger's call, January 25, 1972
    - Briefing by Haig
  - Testimony before Congress
  - Bunker
  - Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.
  - Porter

## Vietnam

- Laird
  - Bombing attacks
    - Call to Kissinger, January 22, 1972
  - Dealing with Haldeman
- Bombing
  - Washington Post* story by Mike Getler
    - Accuracy
  - Duration



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- The President's effort
- Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
- Defense Department
- Targets
  - Joint Chiefs of Staff [JCS]
  - Gen. Robert E. Pursley
  - Restrictions
- Haig's return from PRC
- Congressional schedule
- Weather
- Possible success
- Protest to French by Hanoi
- Damage
- Washington Post* story
  - Leaks
    - Possible call to Laird
    - Rogers
- Duration
  - Laird's view
  - JCS view

Ziegler entered at 11:17 am.

- Vietnam peace proposal speech
  - Brooke speech
    - POWs for deadline
    - Viet Cong reaction
  - Ziegler's briefing
    - Caution to reporters about speculation
  - Viet Cong

Ziegler left at 11:18 am

- Vietnam
  - Bombing
    - Possible calls to Laird and Moorer
    - Duration
      - JCS
        - The President's order
          - Compared to JCS request
  - Targets

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- Restrictions
- Record
  - Possible White House publication
- Washington Post* story leak
  - JCS
    - Pursley
      - Clark M. Clifford
    - Doves
    - Air Force
  - Air Force
    - Weather
      - Visibility
    - Laos
      - Restriction
    - Weather
      - February, March 1971
  - Duration
    - Washington Post* story leak
      - Robert C. Seamans, Jr.
        - Knowledge of bombing
        - Laird
      - Defense Department and JCS
    - Moorer
      - Kissinger's forthcoming meeting with the President
      - Possible White House action

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 12  
[Privacy]  
[Duration: 5s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 12

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- Position
  - Recent meeting

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-Compared to Laird

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 28

[Privacy]

[Duration: 19s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 28

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- Laird
- Targets
  - White House position
- Haldeman's forthcoming talk with Laird
  - Selection of targets
    - Restrictions
    - JCS and Defense Department
  - Duration of bombing
    - Extension

Leaks

- Laird
- State Department
  - Rogers
- Troop withdrawals
- Departments
- White House

Responsibility for issues and actions

- Connally
- Shultz
- John N. Mitchell
- Connally
  - Philosophy
    - The President's role
      - Compared to that of staff and Cabinet

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- Compared with John F. Dulles with Dwight D. Eisenhower
- Kissinger's experience during Kennedy administration
- Bureaucracy
  - Difficulty for Republican president
- Connally
- Bureaucracy
  - Leaks

U. Alexis Johnson

- Conversation with Kissinger, January 24, 1972
  - Views of political climate of Washington, DC
  - Difficulty of meetings
- Loyalty
- Foreign service
- Compared to John N. Irwin, II

Irwin

Ambassadorial position

- Richard M. Paget
  - Connally
  - Roy L. Ash Council
- William P. Clements
- Irwin
- [David] Kenneth Rush
  - Rogers

State Department

- Reorganization
  - Schedule
  - 1972 election

The President's Vietnam peace proposal speech

- Kissinger's briefing of Congressmen and Senators
  - Carl B. Albert
  - [Thomas] Hale Boggs
  - Gerald R. Ford
  - Allen J. Ellender
  - John C. Stennis
  - Michael J. Mansfield
  - Hugh Scott

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- J. William Fulbright
- George D. Aiken
- Stennis
- Margaret Chase Smith
- Thomas E. Morgan
- William S. Mailliard
- F. Edward Hebert
- Leslie C. Arends
- Barry M. Goldwater
- Stennis
- Complexity of plan
- Hebert
- Possible meeting, January 26, 1972
- Ronald W. Reagan
- Nelson A. Rockefeller
- Lyndon Johnson
- Goldwater and Stennis
- John G. Tower
- Schedule
- Attendance
  - The President
- Leadership meeting, January 25, 1972
  - The President's attendance
  - The President's comments
    - Haig
- Kissinger's briefing
  - TV press
  - Leaders
  - Writing press
  - Complexity
    - Alteration
      - Kissinger's meeting with the President, January 24, 1971
      - Stages
        - Ceasefire and withdrawal
- Acceptance of terms
  - North Vietnamese and Viet Cong
    - Brooke speech
  - Alternate plans
    - Administration strategy
      - Seven points
      - Colson

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- Scali
- Herbert G. Klein
- MacGregor
- Attack on opponents
- List of US concessions
  - Reading by Kissinger, January 26, 1972
  - Summer 1971
- Thieu's offer to resign

Ziegler entered at 11:30 am.

- Ziegler's briefing
  - Brooke speech
  - Release of nature of speech
    - Speculation
    - Effect
    - Diplomacy

Ziegler left at 11:31 am.

- Public interest
- Brooke speech
  - Benefits
    - North Vietnam's turndown of proposal of withdrawal for POWs
      - Kissinger's forthcoming briefing
        - US compliance with nine points
        - Resignation of Thieu
        - Installation of communist government in South Vietnam
- Liberals
- Administration opponents
- Analogy to May 14, 1969 statement
- Probable media reaction
  - Withdrawal date
    - POWs
  - North Vietnam's turndown of proposal
    - Publicity
      - New York Times* proposal
      - Laotian military victories
      - Porter
  - Possible rejection of Administration proposals
- Secret talks

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- Compared with reaction if the President did not make speech
  - Senate
  - Military victory
    - Negotiations
  - POWs wives
- Rather's interview with the President
  - The President's responses
  - Rather
- Public reaction
  - Negotiations
    - Vietnamization
    - Possible military action
- Fulfillment of the President's promises
  - Criticism
- Administration line
  - News summaries
  - Colson's efforts
  - Obstacles facing Administration
    - Historical perspective

PRC trip

- Press
  - Number of invitees
  - Robert B. Consideine
    - Influence
    - Previous trip to Soviet Union
    - Credibility
- Number
  - Trade-off
    - Secret Service
    - Communications staff
    - PRC's views
    - Ziegler
      - Conversation with Haig
      - Technical staff
- Writer

The President's Vietnam peace proposal speech

- Final draft
  - Timing
  - Typing problems

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- Safire
  - Schedule
- Connally's changes
- Deletion
  - Conference table shape

PRC trip

- Invitations
  - Safire
  - Buchanan
    - Soviet Union trip
    - Conservatives
  - Safire
  - Klein
    - Benefits after return
    - Scali
    - Previous Administration inaction
  - Mark I. Goode and William H. Carruthers
  - Television coverage
    - Importance
  - Goode and Carruthers
  - Appearance of public relations presence
    - PRC
    - Press
  - Television experts
    - Goode and Carruthers
    - Chapin
      - Ability
      - Recognition of photograph opportunities
        - Great Wall, Forbidden Palace
        - Hawaiian opportunity with astronauts
      - Goode
    - Goode
  - Klein
    - Press staff
      - Scali, Buchanan, Ziegler
    - Official party status
    - Ability
      - Salesmanship
      - Contact with the President
  - Emil ("Bus") Mosbacher, Jr.



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- Ambassadorship to Spain
  - Acceptance
- Value
  - Gifts
- Gifts
  - Chapin
- Value
- Klein
- Alvin Snyder
  - Benefits
    - TV transmission
- Incorporation of duties
  - Klein, Scali, Ziegler
- Klein
  - Benefits
    - Value
      - Return from trip
- Briefing

## The President's Vietnam peace proposal speech

- Release to Ziegler
  - Timing
- Kissinger
  - Check with Rose Mary Woods
  - Preparation for briefing
- Complexity
  - Improvements in text
    - Kissinger's previous meeting with the President
- Kissinger's schedule
  - Relaxation
  - Study of previous record
  - Woods
- Probable reaction

Kissinger left at 11:52 am.

## PRC trip

- Invitations
  - Klein
  - Snyder
- Goode and Carruthers

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- Chapin
- Television experts
  - Compared with Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon's trip to Africa
  - Staff
- Goode
  - Work with the President on State of the Union
- Snyder
- Klein
  - Soviet Union
- Scali
- Klein
  - Administration efforts
  - Value
  - Emphasis on domestic issues
    - Ehrlichman
    - Shultz
  - Public relations impact of PRC trip
  - Rank
- Military aides
  - John V. Brennan
  - Vernon C. Coffey, Jr.
- Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
  - Brennan
  - Michael Schrauth
  - Family
- Schedule
- Hangchow
- Talks
- Length of stay
  - Kissinger's view
- Hangchow and Shanghai
  - Value
- Compared with Soviet Union trip
  - Moscow
  - Leningrad, Novosibirsk and Sverdlovsk
- Spontaneous events
  - Television

Kissinger

-Health

-Dr. W. Kenneth Riland

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- Work on peace proposal speech
  - Effect
- Riland
  - Transportation to White House

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 20  
 [Personal Returnable]  
 [Duration: 40s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 20

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- PRC trip
  - Invitations
    - Klein
      - Domestic work
    - Ehrlichman
    - Shultz
    - Possible misinterpretation
    - Colson
    - Ehrlichman
    - Cabinet officers
  - Klein
    - Performance
    - Domestic work
    - Soviet trip
      - Previous trip
  - Soviet trip
    - White House staff
  - Official party status
    - Woods and Buchanan
    - Social functions
      - Receiving line
  - Secretaries
    - Kissinger's office

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- Nellie L. Yates
  - Marjorie P. Acker
- Acker
  - Qualifications
- Rogers's office
- Security concerns
  - Secret Service
  - Press coverage
  - Car
  - PRC airplane
  - Taiwan, Republic of China [ROC] story

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 21

[National Security]

[Duration: 16s]

CHINA

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 21

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-Car

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 29

[Federal Statute]

[Duration: 1m 43s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 29

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- PRC trip
  - Staff
    - Shortages
      - Communications
        - Kissinger and Rogers
        - Telephones
      - Schedule reminders
      - Advancemen
    - Marshall Green and Alfred Le S. Jenkins
    - Kissinger
      - Staff
      - Anticipated work
    - Staff
      - Follow-up upon return home
        - Exhaustion
    - Advance staff
      - Health
        - Time change
        - Food
        - Ehrlichman
        - Weather
        - Work level
    - Doctors
      - Riland
      - Gen. Walter R. Tkach
      - Need
        - Number of people
          - Press
      - Advance staff
      - Riland
        - Rockefeller's trip
        - Duties
      - Tkach
        - The President
      - Staff illness
    - Mrs. Nixon
      - Constance M. (Cornell) Stuart
      - Ziegler
      - Schedule
        - Schrauth
        - Television coverage

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- Events
  - Petroleum factory
  - Art museum
  - The President's schedule
- Stuart
  - Independent activity
  - Television coverage
- Mosbacher
  - Ambassadorship to Spain
  - Haldeman's conversation with Chapin and Haig
  - Need
- Haldeman
  - Rank
  - Role
- Klein

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 11:52 am.

- The President's schedule
  - Finch

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:15 pm.

- PRC trip
  - Staff
    - Duties
    - Klein, Mosbacher, Goode and Carruthers
  - TV coverage
    - Snyder
    - Scali
    - Buchanan
  - Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
    - Buchanan
  - Kissinger's staff
  - Price
  - Lee W. Huebner
  - Safire
  - Buchanan
    - Soviet trip

Soviet trip

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- Price and Safire
- Press corps
- Admission to the Soviet Union

Vietnam

- Washington Post* story
- Haldeman's forthcoming conversation with Laird

Finch entered at 12:15 pm.

Finch's schedule

Kissinger

- Riland's schedule
- [Unintelligible name]
- Riland's and Tkach's schedule

Haldeman left at 12:16 pm.

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 25

[Personal Returnable]

[Duration: 36s ]

The President left at an unknown time before 12:18 pm.

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 12:16 pm.

Alexander P. Butterfield entered and Sanchez left at 12:18 pm.

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 25

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Finch's health

- Charlotte M. Butterfield's health

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Conv. No. 655-3 (cont.)

The President entered at an unknown time after 12:18 pm.

The President's schedule

- Congressional leadership meeting
  - William E. Timmons
- Schedule
  - Budget presentation
    - Probable length
- Stein

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 12:23 pm.

Woods

[The President talked with Woods at an unknown time between 12:18 pm and 12:23 pm.]

[Conversation No. 655-3A]

Speech draft

- Schedule

[End of telephone conversation]

The President's Vietnam peace proposal speech

- Schedule
- Liberals
- North Vietnam

Vietnam

- Secret negotiations
  - Paris
  - Xuan Thuy
  - Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters
- Origin
  - Fall 1969
  - Le Duc Tho
  - Xuan Thuy
  - Georges J.R. Pompidou
    - Airport landings
    - Walters
- Meetings with Xuan Thuy and Le Duc Tho



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Conv. No. 655-3 (cont.)

Woods entered at 12:23 pm.

- The President's speech draft
  - Changes
    - Legibility
    - Grammar
    - Deletion
      - Kissinger
    - Addition
      - Connally

[The President talked with Kissinger at an unknown time between 12:23 pm and 12:32 pm.]

[Conversation No. 655-3B]

- Paris negotiations reference
- Retention

[End of telephone conversation]

- Ziegler
- Woods's work

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 27

[Privacy]

[Duration: 17s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 27

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Woods left at an unknown time before 12:32 pm.

- The President's schedule
  - Executive Office Building [EOB] office
  - Oval Office

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Conv. No. 655-3 (cont.)

- TV set-up for speech
- California

Finch

- Conversation with Maj. Gen. James D. ("Don") Hughes [?]
- POW's
- Finch's fundraising effort for Hughes's [?] activities

Lunch

The President and Finch left at 12:32 pm.

Conversation No. 655-4

Date: January 25, 1972  
 Time: Unknown between 12:32 pm and 8:19 pm  
 Location: Oval Office

Unknown men [Secret Service agents] met.

- The President's location
- Executive Office Building [EOB]

[An unknown agent talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 12:32 pm and 8:19 pm.]

[Conversation No. 655-4A]

- The President's location
- EOB

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[National Security]

[Duration: 2s]

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Conv. No. 655-4 (cont.)

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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[End of telephone conversation]

Recording was cut off at an unknown time before 8:19 pm.

Conversation No. 655-5

Date: January 25, 1972

Time: 8:19 pm - unknown before 11:59 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Mark I. Goode, William H. Carruthers, and unknown television technicians.

[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

Preparation for forthcoming speech

- Placement of lighting [?]
- Microphone
- Placement of speech pages
- Lighting
- Microphone
  - Placement of speech pages
- Camera angles
- Air time
- Temperature of room
- Air time
- Running time
- Earpiece
  - Connection
- Air time
- Outside camera shot
- Air time
- Outside shot
- Air time

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Conv. No. 655-5 (cont.)

- The President's hair
- Cue

The President delivered his *Address to the Nation Making Public a Plan for Peace in Vietnam* between 8:30 pm and an unknown time before 8:55 pm.]

[A transcript of the final version of this speech appears in Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard M. Nixon, 1972, pp. 100-105]

Lights

- Shadows

The President's gratitude

Christmas program, 1971

- Quality
- Compliments
  - Compared to other Columbia Broadcasting Corporation [CBS] programs
- The President's performance
- Film crew
- Unknown person's work

The President's interview with Dan Rather, January 2, 1972

- Set-up

Ronald L. Ziegler entered at an unknown time after 8:19 pm.

Gerald R. Ford's and Leslie C. Arends's schedule

- Flight
- Wives

Unknown person's [Goode's] schedule

The President and Ziegler left at 8:55 pm.

Production staff

Clean-up

- General Services Administration [GSA] crew

[General conversation]

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Conv. No. 655-5 (cont.)

- Gratitude
  - Wide angle camera shot
- Paper

Recording was cut off at an unknown time before 11:59 pm.