



NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF

**Tape Subject Log**  
(rev. 10/06)

Conversation No. 701-1

Date: April 4, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 8:31 am and 9:05 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with an unknown person.

Meeting with the President

Conversation No. 701-2

Date: April 4, 1972  
Time: 9:05 am - 9:43 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

The President's schedule

- Meeting with John H. Chafee
  - Melvin R. Laird
  - Timing
  - The President's previous talk with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
  - Candidacy for Senate

The President talked with Haldeman at an unknown time between 9:05 and 9:08 am.

[Conversation no. 701-2A]

The President's meeting with Chafee

- Purpose
  - Laird
  - Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft
  - Secretary of the Navy
  - Candidacy for Senate
- Presence of others
  - Laird

[End of telephone conversation]

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Henry A. Kissinger entered at 9:08 am.

The President's meeting with Chafee

- Laird's presence
- Purpose

Butterfield left at 9:09 am.

- Press conference
- Possible location

Vietnam

- Laird
  - Criticism
    - Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
    - Laird's reaction
  - Reports
  - Meeting with the President
    - Purpose
- Air strikes
  - Authority
    - Possible criticism
    - Kissinger
      - Moorer's opinion
      - Laird
  - Weather
    - Impact
      - Number of sorties
  - Damage
    - Bridge
    - Convoy
      - Secondary explosions
    - Tanks
  - B-52s
    - Increase
      - Number
        - From the US
  - Naval Gunfire
    - Increase
  - North Vietnamese offensive
    - US intentions
      - Amount of preparation
      - Soviet Union and People's Republic of China [PRC]

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- Possible impact on the upcoming election
- Blockade
  - Preparation of the Navy
    - President's instructions
- Seriousness
  - Slow nature of mining
- Blockade
  - Selective nature
    - Food and medical supplies
- Air strikes
  - Weather
    - Impact
      - Months of activity
- Laird
  - Department of State
  - New ideas
    - Upcoming meeting
- Public relations
  - Demilitarized Zone [DMZ] crossing
    - New York Times*
      - Characterization of invasion
        - Impact
- Threefold US reaction
  - Protection of US forces
  - Withdrawal program
  - South Vietnamese resistance
- White House, Defense and State Department statements
  - Inadequacies
    - Correction
      - The President's displeasure
  - Sources
- Press coverage
  - Statement by Gen. Nguyen Van Thieu
    - New York Times* coverage
  - Quality
    - News summary
- II Corps-B-3 area
  - US actions
    - Reports
      - Answer to Kissinger's question
      - Moorer
        - Gen. John A. Vogt, Jr.
        - President's instructions to Kissinger

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- Problems
- Surface to Air Missiles [SAMs]
- Press reports
- Public relations
- US actions
  - Compared with Laos
    - Low profile
  - Laird's press conference
  - Press reports
    - Ronald L. Ziegler
    - Atmosphere in White House
      - Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS] story
      - Source
- US foreign policy
  - Soviet Union, PRC
  - Impact of current offensive
    - The President's November 3, 1969 speech
    - Cambodia
- North Vietnamese offensive
  - Success
    - Encouragement to domestic critics
      - Nuclear weapons
    - Blockade
      - Soviet Reaction
        - Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
- Soviets
  - The President's forthcoming trip
    - Poland
      - Dobrynin
    - Message from Leonid I. Brezhnev
- North Vietnamese offensive
  - US military
    - Possible obstacle

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The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 9:08 and 9:24 am.

[Conversation no. 701-2B]

[See Conversation no. 22-72]

[End of telephone conversation]

## Vietnam

- North Vietnamese offensive
- US reaction
  - Weather
  - Naval gunfire
    - Orders
    - Cessation
    - Location of targets
      - Accuracy
    - Bombing halt
  - B-3 area

The president talked with Thomas H. Moorer between 9:24 and 9:28 am.

[Conversation No. 701-2C]

[See Conversation No. 22-73]

[End of telephone conversation]

## Vietnam

- Kissinger's forthcoming contact with Ziegler
  - Report
    - Timing
- North Vietnamese offensive
  - South Vietnamese countermeasures
    - Dangers
      - Quang Tri and Dong Ha
        - Kissinger's concern
    - Retreat
      - Effect on North Vietnamese supply lines
        - Anticipated results

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- Hue
  - Symbolism
- Retreat
  - Counterattack
    - Laos operation
    - US Air Force [USAF]
- Third division
  - Kissinger's opinion
- Strength
  - Concentration
  - Effects of weather
- Crossing of river
- Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.
  - South Vietnamese retreats
- Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
  - Trip to South Vietnam
    - Possible options
  - Laird's reaction
- Laird

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

[Privacy]

[Duration: 3s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

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- Reaction to offensive
- North Vietnamese offensive
  - US counterattack
    - Restrictions on statements
      - Scali
      - Ziegler
    - Massive invasion
- The President's Responsibilities
  - Protecting human lives
  - Ensuring withdrawal

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- South Vietnamese resistance
- Public Reaction
  - Refugees
  - Anticommunism
    - Statements
      - Rhetoric
        - Scali and Ziegler
        - President's instructions to Kissinger
- Soviet Reactions
  - Impact of US bombing
- Blockade
  - Ships required
    - Kissinger's opinion
  - Legality
  - Mining
    - Implementation
  - Problems
    - Compared with Cuban missile crisis
  - Mines
    - Delayed fuses
      - Time allotted
  - Selectivity
    - Problems
      - Food and medical supplies
      - PRC
- Prisoners of War [POWs]
- Critics
  - Edmund S. Muskie
  - George S. McGovern
    - Statements on escalation
  - Muskie
    - Kissinger's view
    - Charges of escalation
  - US position
    - Consequences of victory and defeat
      - Reaction of the press
        - Compared with Cambodian operation
- North Vietnamese offensive
  - Impact on election
- The President's view
  - Impact on US foreign policy
    - Communist powers
    - Confidence in US

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- Support
  - Europe and Asia
    - Seven points
      - Communists
- The President's possible course of action in 1969
  - Seriousness
- The President's policy
  - Compared with Gen. Charles A. J. M. De Gaulle
  - Resistance to defeat
- North Vietnamese Offensive
  - Moorer's location
  - B-52s
    - Attacks on North Vietnam
      - Target areas
        - DMZ
      - Limits to target areas
        - Possible escalation
          - 18<sup>th</sup> parallel
- Criticism

## The President's meeting with Robert S. Ingersoll

- Instructions
- Kissinger's trip to Japan
- Length of meeting
- Meeting with Kissinger

## Vietnam

- Air strikes
  - Kissinger's trip to Japan
    - Delay
    - Decision
      - Delays
        - Possible duration
- Statements
  - Scali
  - Ziegler

Kissinger left at 9:43 am.



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Date: April 4, 1972

Time: 9:44 am - 10:08 am

Location: Oval Office

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

## The President's schedule

- Meetings
  - John B. Connally
  - Russell A. Kirk
  - Concentration on foreign policy
  - Kirk
  - Connally
  - John N. Mitchell
    - Delays
  - Arthur F. Burns
    - Length
    - Purpose
  - Connally
    - Possible call
    - Topics
    - Arrangements
    - The President's speech

## Education

- The President's speech to the National Catholic Education Association [NCEA]
  - Draft
    - Haldeman's opinion
    - Revisions
    - Parochial schools
    - Raymond K. Price, Jr.
    - Inadequacies
    - Revisions
  - Parochial schools
    - Patrick J. Buchanan
    - Charles W. Colson
    - Domestic Council
      - Opposition to aid to non-public schools
    - John D. Ehrlichman
    - Convention in Philadelphia
      - Dr. Sidney P. Marland's, Jr. speech
      - Reception

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- Reasons
  - Enthusiasm towards administration
- The President's appearance
  - Connally's view
    - Meeting with Ehrlichman
- The President's speech
  - Price
    - Article for *U.S. News & World Report*
- Revisions
  - Buchanan's and Colson's work on rhetoric
- Connally's advice
  - Politeness

## Vietnam

- Public relations situation
  - Henry A. Kissinger
  - Confusion
  - Ronald L. Ziegler
    - Previous meeting with the President
- Kissinger
  - Current work
- North Vietnamese offensive
  - New York *Times* editorial
    - Characterization of offensive
      - Compared with Laos and Cambodia operations
      - Criticism of press
  - Crossing of Demilitarized Zone [DMZ]
  - Counter strategy
    - B-52s
    - Problems
    - Unknown South Vietnamese General
    - US military's tendency
    - Orderly Retreat
      - Psychological impact

## Ambassadors

- Assignments
- Confirmation
  - Frederic V. Malek
- President's instructions
  - Unknown person
- Meeting with Richard S. Ingersoll

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## Vietnam

- Public relations
- Laos operation in 1971
- Kissinger's handling
  - Haldeman's view
- Weather
  - Pictures
    - Refugees
      - Ziegler's question
- US bombing
- State Department handling of diplomats
  - North Vietnamese violations
    - DMZ, Geneva Accords, 1968 bombing halt
  - News coverage
    - Clarity
- Muskie
  - Attacks on statements
    - John G. Tower
      - Charge of defeatism
        - Media involvement with story
- Haldeman's control of public relations efforts
  - Concern for GIs and Prisoners of War [POWs]
  - Protection of Americans
    - Number
      - News summary
  - Withdrawal program

## Vice-President Spiro T. Agnew's schedule

## Voice of America

- Bruce Herschensohn
  - Malek
    - [US Information Agency]
  - Resignation

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## Big business

- Contributions to Democrats
  - The President's instructions
  - Colson
- August A. Busch, Jr. [?]
- Lyndon B. Johnson
- Hubert H. Humphrey in 1968
- Analysis

## International Telephone and Telegraph [ITT] case

- Johnson administration
  - Antitrust record
  - Haldeman's reaction

## Administration

- TV coverage
  - Reports of crisis in White House
    - Ziegler and John A. Scali
    - Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
    - Thomas E. Jarriell
      - American Broadcasting Company [ABC]
      - Ziegler
      - Unknown reporter
  - Robert Pierpoint
  - Counterattack
    - Haldeman's upcoming conversation with Ziegler
  - Washington Special Action Group [WSAG] meeting
  - Kissinger

## Vietnam

- News reports
  - White House handling
    - Buchanan
    - Richard A. Moore

## 1972 campaign

- Contributions

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- Maurice H. Stans
- The President's campaign
  - Disclosure
    - John W. Gardner demands
- Other candidates
  - Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson
  - George C. Wallace
  - Shirley Chisholm
  - Eugene J. McCarthy
  - Lists of donors before April 7
- The President's campaign
  - Stans's position
- Jackson
  - Refusal to disclose

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 9:44 am.

The President's schedule

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:06 am.

1972 campaign

- Contributions
  - The President's campaign
    - Stans's position
    - Primary efforts
      - Wisconsin
        - Television
    - Problems
      - Amount of money
        - Reports to federal government
    - Stans's position
      - Full reports
      - Compliance with law
  - Sums of money
    - Importance
    - Amounts
      - Disclosure
        - Problems
    - Alternatives to reporting
      - Limits to disclosure
    - Reports
      - Problems

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-E. Howard Hunt, Jr.

Henry A. Kissinger entered at 10:06 am.

Vietnam

-Air strikes

-Numbers

-Kissinger's conversation with Adm. Thomas H. Moorer

Haldeman left At 10:06 am.

-Target areas

-Moorer's statement

-Damage

Tanks and bridges

-Effectiveness

-Public relations efforts

-Ziegler

-Scali

-Robert J. McCloskey

-Daniel Z. Henkin

Kissinger left at 10:08 am.

Conversation No. 701-4

Date: April 4, 1972

Time: Unknown between 10:08 am and 10:09 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 15s.]

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The President's schedule

-The President's meeting with Robert S. Ingersoll

-Duration

-Interruption by Bull

-Adm. Thomas H. Moorer

-Location

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:09 am.

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Conversation No. 701-5

Date: April 4, 1972

Time: 10:09 am - 10:43 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Robert S. Ingersoll, Henry A. Kissinger and Stephen B. Bull[?].

Introductions and greetings

Bull [?] left at an unknown time before 10:39 am.

Ingersoll's assignment

- Preparations
- Departure
- Timing

US-Japan relations

- Current status
  - Possible problems
- Ingersoll's role as ambassador
  - Importance
    - Compared to West Germany
      - Berlin agreements
        - [David] Kenneth Rush
    - Compared to the Soviet Union
  - Ingersoll's method of handling
    - Relations with Eisaku Sato, Takeo Fukuda and power elite
  - Identification of potential leaders
    - No need for limitation
- Japan's leadership
  - Fukuda
  - Mitsujiro Ishii
- Ingersoll's role
  - Relationship with the President
    - Importance
      - Armin H. Meyer
    - Personal confidence
      - Representative to the government
  - Use of special channels to communicate with the President
    - Ingersoll's staff
      - Ingersoll's relationship with the Japanese business community



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- The President's knowledge of Japan
  - Importance of US-Japanese alliance
  - The President's visits to Japan
    - Number
  - The President's relationship with Japanese leaders
  - Potential power
    - Economic, political and military
  - Eastern Pacific
    - US-Japanese alliance and friendship
      - Strong emphasis from the President
- Economic competition
  - US respect
  - Avoidance of protectionism, isolationism and Japanese counter reaction
- Ingersoll's dealings with Japanese leaders
- John B. Connally's theory
  - US relationship with Japan, Latin America and Canada
- Ingersoll's approach
  - Closer relations
    - Mutual respect
- People's Republic of China [PRC] issue
  - US-PRC opening of relations
    - US and Japanese interests
      - PRC nuclear capability
    - Possibilities of influence
    - Possibility for conflict
      - Similarities to Korea and Vietnam
  - Reasons
    - Soviet Union
  - Effect on US-Japan ties
  - Difference in relationships
    - Social, economic, political ties
    - Trade ties between US and Japan
      - PRC, Soviet Union, and Canada
  - Mutual security interests
  - US intentions
    - Viable policy in the Pacific
    - Japan's role
      - Frequent dialogue
  - Joint communique
    - Development of US-Japan ties
      - Support For Clause

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[National Security]

[Duration: 23s]

JAPAN

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Nixon Doctrine

- The President's conversation with Chou En-Lai and Mao Tse-Tung
  - State Department view
- Purpose
  - US role in world and the Pacific
    - Low profile
    - Commitment to South Vietnam
  - Continued US presence in Asia
    - PRC
- Japan
  - Neutrality
    - Rearmament
      - Likelihood
      - Economic power
      - World War II

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[National Security]

[Duration: 21s.]

SINGAPORE

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- Choices in future
  - Nuclear guarantee
    - Firm US alliance
    - Possible Japanese rearmament
- Development of US ties

## US-Japan relations

- Competition in PRC
  - Possible Japanese role
  - US Success
    - Possible discussions
      - Potential Japanese actions
  - The President's Meeting With Chou en-Lai
    - Mao Tse-Tung
  - Need for US-Japan cooperation
    - Dangers of competition
      - Soviet Union
- Kissinger's trip to Japan
  - Kissinger's work with Ingersoll
  - Translator
    - Use
- Ingersoll's dealings with Sato and Fukuda
  - Use of channels
  - Other channels
    - Danger of leaks in Tokyo
      - State Department
        - Arthur K. Watson
          - Georges J. R. Pompidou
- Private dinner

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- Sato
  - Meeting with Kissinger
    - Privacy
  - Meeting with Ingersoll
    - Fukuda
    - Arrangements
    - Scheduling
      - Timing
        - North Vietnamese offensive
        - The President's upcoming visit to the Soviet Union
- President's instructions to Ingersoll
  - Letters to Sato and Fukuda
    - President's signature
    - Drafts
    - Content
    - Dispatch
      - Arrangements
        - State Department files
        - Contact with the Japanese ambassador
        - Meyer
- US Asian policy
  - Message to Japan
    - Quotation of the President
    - Shanghai communique
    - US presence in Asia
  - US-Japan alliance
    - Importance
      - Peace
  - Taiwan, Republic of China
    - US policy
  - Korea
    - The President's message for Ingersoll to the Japanese
- Ingersoll's assignment
- Visits
  - Kissinger
  - The President
    - Upcoming trip to Soviet Union
      - Timing
        - Dwight D. Eisenhower's visit
  - [Emperor of Japan] Hirohito's visit
    - Timing
  - The President
    - Election

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- Respect for the Japanese
- Problems
  - Economic
- The President's message to Japanese leaders
  - Europe and Pacific
- Ingersoll's assignment
  - Conversations with Fukuda, Sato and Ishii
  - Dealings with Japanese
    - Toughness
    - Eisenhower's comments on British as allies
      - Suez crisis
      - Contrasts in war and peace
- Cameras
  - Kodak
  - Film
  - Cost

Presidential gifts

- Golf balls

Kissinger left and Stephen B. Bull entered at 10:39 am.

Golf balls and tie clips

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:43 am.

The President's foreign policy

- Ingersoll's admiration

Ingersoll's family

- Visit to Lincoln Memorial
  - Abraham Lincoln
  - Compared with the President

Presidential gifts

- Golf balls
  - Donald McI. Kendall
- Money clip
- Presidential seal

Bull entered at an unknown time after 10:39 am.

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Photograph session  
-Standing pictures

Presidential gifts  
-Bronze compacts

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:43 am.

Photographs  
-Copies

George P. Shultz  
-Qualities  
-Previous relationship with Ingersoll  
-Dedication  
-Eisenhower

The White House photographer entered at an unknown time after 10:39 am.

Photographs  
-The President's instructions

The White House photographer left at an unknown time before 10:43 am.

Gifts  
-Bronze compacts  
-Cuff links  
-Tie clasps  
-Presidential seal  
-Money clips  
-Kendall  
-"Bowser" [doggie] bags

Ingersoll's assignment  
-Ingersoll's father, Roy C. Ingersoll  
-Message to Japanese  
-State Department  
-The President's initials

Ingersoll left at 10:43 am.

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Date: April 4, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 10:43 am and 10:45 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule  
-Meeting with Julie Nixon Eisenhower  
-Timing

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:45 am.

Conversation No. 701-7

Date: April 4, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 10:43 am and 10:45 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation no. 22-74]

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Conversation No. 701-8

Date: April 4, 1972  
 Time: 10:45 am - 10:46 am  
 Location: Oval Office

The President talked with George P. Shultz.

[See Conversation no. 22-75]

Conversation No. 701-9

Date: April 4, 1972  
 Time: 10:46 am - 11:46 am  
 Location: Oval Office

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

Robert S. Ingersoll

- Praise from the President
- Comments on the President's foreign policy
- Lincoln Memorial
  - Abraham Lincoln
  - Compared with the President

Political support for the President

- General public
- Gallup poll
- Press

Press

- Ronald L. Ziegler's list of names
  - Number
  - Hugh S. Sidey
  - John F. Osborne
- Friends of the President
  - Return calls
    - Peter C. Andrews of *Buffalo Courier Express*
    - New Republic* and *Life*
- News summary
  - References to Sidey and Osborne



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- Importance
- Friendly journalists
  - Potential importance
  - Andrews
    - Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
- Unfriendly journalists
  - Dwight D. Eisenhower
  - Ziegler
    - Osborne
      - Possible influence
        - Sidey
          - Henry A. Kissinger
- Avoidance
  - Haldeman's enforcement

Julie Nixon Eisenhower entered at 10:49 am.

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1  
[Personal returnable]  
[Duration: 3m 46s]

Julie Nixon Eisenhower left at 10:53 am.

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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White House Staff

- Parties
  - The President's concern
  - Movies
    - Paul Fisher

Photographs of the President

- Julie Nixon Eisenhower
- Problems
  - William L. Safire
  - Oliver F. ("Ollie") Atkins

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- Selection
- Frank Leonard
- John R. ("Tex") McCrary
- Leonard
  - Similarities of style
- Atkins
  - Photographs of the President
    - Image presentation
    - Eye on Nixon*

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 1m 19s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

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News summary

- Comments on the President's personality
  - Source
    - Osborne
      - Spectrum*
    - Unknown journalist
- The President's trips
  - Human interest stories
    - Trip to People's Republic of China [PRC]
- Press reports
  - Trip to PRC
    - Impact
  - Presentation of the President as a person
    - The President's image

Julie Nixon Eisenhower entered at 10:58 am.

Photograph session

- Scheduling
- Atkins

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- The President's availability
- Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
- Location

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 [Personal returnable]  
 [Duration: 5s]

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- Time and day
- Family picture
  - Preparations
  - Timing
- Mrs. Nixon

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4  
 [Personal returnable]  
 [Duration: 3s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

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- Preparations
- Mrs. Nixon

Julie Nixon Eisenhower left at 11:00 am.

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 16s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

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## Press

- Attacks
- Press conferences
  - Unknown White House staffer's suggestion
    - Imitation of John F. Kennedy
  - Kennedy's conferences
    - Comparisons to current administration
    - Reports in press
    - Contents
  - The President's conferences
    - Handling by media
      - Comparisons
- Osborne and Sidey
  - Meeting with the President
    - Timing
  - Ziegler
- Osborne
- Journalists
  - Cultivation of friends
    - President's instructions
      - 1972 election
  - Ziegler

## Drug speech

- TV appearance
  - John D. Ehrlichman's advice
  - Other's view
  - Need for reason
    - President's previous conversation with Ehrlichman
  - Fireside chats
- Radio
  - Value
  - Photographs

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- Value
- Florida trip
- Timing
- Hotline
- Timing
- Plans
- TV coverage
- Haldeman's opinion

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6  
[Personal returnable]  
[Duration: 8s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6

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- George S. McGovern
- Statements
- Denials
- Corporate taxes
- Amount
- International Telephone and Telegraph [ITT] reports
- Misrepresentation
- Media hostility to the President
- McGovern's reception by press

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7  
[Personal returnable]  
[Duration: 53s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7

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**Tape Subject Log***(rev. 10/06)*

- Contributions
  - Republicans
    - Maurice H. Stans's statement
    - Richard A. Moore
    - Legal requirements
    - John N. Mitchell
  - Amounts
    - Publicity
    - W. Clement Stone
    - John A. ("Jack") Mulcahy
    - Problems
- List of contributors
  - Publication of list
  - Problems
  - Current actions
- Jackson
  - List of contributors
  - Publication
- The President's contributors
  - List of names
  - Publication
    - Effect on primaries
  - A mailing
    - Results
  - List
    - Publication
- Publicity
- John W. Gardner's criticisms
  - Public reaction
- Criticisms of the President's campaign
  - Reaction
  - ITT
  - Democrats
    - Edward M. Kennedy

William P. Rogers

- Trip
  - Announcement
  - Possible timing

George H. Gallup group

- Call to Haldeman's office

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- PRC trip
- Relations with White House
- Louis P. Harris
- Albert E. Sindlinger
- Charles W. Colson
- Reports to the White House
  - Interest in the polls
- Figures
- Problems
  - Sampling techniques

## Media

- Writers
  - Appearances on Television
    - Credibility
    - Neil MacNeil from *Time*
      - Spectrum* television show
      - ITT case
        - Harm to administration
      - Credibility
- Press relations
  - Peter Lisagor
  - Sidey
  - James Keogh
    - Osborne
      - Boycott
    - President Nixon and the Press*
      - Condensation in *Reader's Digest*
      - Readership
        - Comparisons

## Acupuncture

- Interest
  - Hobart D. ("Hobe") Lewis
    - Articles
- Gen. Walter R. Tkach
  - Article
- Interest
  - Fascination
- Age of technique
- PRC
  - Abolition and reinstatement by Mao Tse-tung
    - Cultural revolution

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-Article by James A. Michener

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 1m 11s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8

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An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 11:00 am.

The President's schedule

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 11:46 am.



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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 9

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 1m 17s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 9

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## Polling Presidential popularity

-Thomas W. Benham's analysis and numbers

-Major issues

-Reversals in public opposition

-November 3, 1969 speech on Vietnam

-Cambodia

-Economic discussions of Phases I and II

-PRC trip

-High points

-Attrition

-Reasons

-Beginning of term

-Successes

-High approval

-Compared with Lyndon B. Johnson and Harry S. Truman

-Unsolvable problems

-Approval downturn

-Vietnam

-Impact

-Republican minority

-Public support

-Depth

-Expectations

-Current strategy

-Problems

-Inflation

-Food prices

-Labor

-Food prices

-Food chains

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- Reduction of prices
  - Safeway stores
    - Advertisements
      - Possible price freeze
- Weak areas
  - Groups
    - Independents
      - Reasons for voting
- Party loyalty
  - Importance
    - Mitchell
- New voters
  - Party affiliation
  - Independence
  - The President's inroads
    - Vietnam
    - PRC opening
    - End of draft
- Women
  - High prices
  - Administration record
    - Equal opportunity
    - Appointments
  - Nixon family
  - Concerns
    - Status of women
      - Patricia R. Hitt
      - Young women
  - Liberal leanings and idealism
    - ITT
  - Budget consciousness
    - Cost of goods
      - The President and Muskie
        - Comparisons
  - The President's personality
    - Projection
      - Importance
      - Press
  - Awards
- Presentation of awards
  - Timing
    - Image as President rather than as candidate
- Course of the President's popularity over first term

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- High and low points discussed
  - Moon landing
  - November 3, 1969 speech on Vietnam
  - Withdrawal from Cambodia
  - Laos
  - Pentagon papers
  - Phase I and Phase II discussions
  - PRC trip
- Gallup poll
- Range
  - John F. Kennedy
  - Johnson

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 10

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 1m 48s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 10

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Media

- Radio speech on drugs

Education

- Forthcoming speech to the National Catholic Education Association [NCEA]
  - Ehrlichman
  - Draft
    - Timing
  - Problems
  - Non-public schools
    - Aid
      - Colson
      - Administration's position
      - Division within White House
      - Harris polls
        - Results
        - Catholic attitudes
        - George P. Shultz's study

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-Ehrlichman

-Financing

-Tuition

-Parish funds

-Contributions

-Tax deductibility

-Problems

-Non-Catholic students

-Percentage

-Shultz and Ehrlichman

-Opposition to aid

-Shultz

-Support for private schools

-Ehrlichman

-Busing issue

-Busing

-Forum for handling

-Television press conferences

## Media relations

-The President's recent press conference

-Press reports on the President's tone and physical condition

-Osborne

-Sidey

-Lisagor

-Sidey

-The President's aging

-Description from Sidey

-Osborne

-Comments

-Difference of opinion

-The President's press conferences

-Reports

-The President's tenseness

-Dan Rather

-Inaccuracies

-Press conferences

-President's dislike

-Keogh's book

-Osborne's review

-Possible press corps view of the President

-Press boycotts

-Osborne

## NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF

**Tape Subject Log***(rev. 10/06)*

- Ziegler's role
- Sidey
- Osborne

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 11:00 am.

The President's meeting with Prisoner of War/Missing in Action [POW-MIA] lawyers

- Press picture
  - Advantages
  - American Bar Association [ABA]
  - Format
- Number
  - [Louis] Patrick Gray, III
  - Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:45 am.

- John B. Connally
  - Illness
    - Return home
    - Postponement of meeting with Arthur F. Burns

Haldeman left at 11:45 am.

Conversation No. 701-10

Date: April 4, 1972

Time: 11:46 am - 11:58 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Robert P. Murray, Harry Hathaway, Walter S. McLin III, John Mitchell Eger, L. Patrick Gray III and Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft; members of the press and the White House photographer were present at the beginning of the meeting.

- Greetings and introductions
  - Murray

Photograph session

Introductions

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**Tape Subject Log***(rev. 10/06)*

- Hathaway
- McLin
- Eger
- Gray

## Unknown person's visit to White House

- Law Enforcement Assistance Act [LEAA] grant

## Press picture

## Meeting with the President

- Appreciation
- American Bar Association [ABA] program for Prisoners of War [POWs] and Missing in Action [MIAs]
  - Purposes
    - Contacts with families
    - Civil problems
      - Judge Advocate General [JAG]
  - Remedial legislation
    - Power of attorney
    - State legislatures
      - California
  - Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act
    - Problems
      - Department of Defense [DoD]
      - Jurisdiction
    - US Air Force [USAF] Reserve lawyers
      - Possible amendments
    - Hearings in California
  - Coordination with military
    - Contacts with families
- The President's help
  - Endorsement
  - Contact person at White House
    - Scowcroft

## POWs

- Efforts at release
- Importance of subject
- US bargaining power
  - Maintenance
    - Reasoning
- North Vietnamese offensive

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**Tape Subject Log**

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- Air strikes
  - Possible resolution
- Conclusion of war
  - Critics
    - Withdrawal
      - Problems for POWs
  - The President's January 25, 1972 speech
  - US bargaining power
- POW group
  - Position on war
    - Commitment from the President
- Legal problems
  - Titles

Photographs

- Copies

POWs

- Attorney group

Gray

- Appearance

Murray et al left at 11:58 am.

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**Tape Subject Log**  
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Conversation No. 701-11

Date: April 4, 1972  
Time: Unknown after 11:58 am until 12:11 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull and Alexander P. Butterfield.

The President's schedule

- Meeting with Prisoner of War/Missing in Action [POW/MIA] lawyers
- Gifts
- Pens

John B. Connally

- Idanell (Brill) ("Nellie") Connally
- Use of Camp David

Bull and Butterfield left and Oscar Dystel, Markus Jaffe, Samuel Schulman, Richard L. Wilson and Herbert G. Klein entered at 12:00 pm; the White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

Greetings

Introductions

- Klein
- Dystel
- Jaffe
- Schulman
- Wilson

Photograph session

Presentation of *The President's Trip to China*

- Copies
- Page of book
- Production quality
- Time
- Value

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 36s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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The President's trip to the Soviet Union

- Possible book
- Leningrad
- Kremlin
- Iran And Poland
- Impact on world
  - Comparison to World War II
- Substance
- News stories
  - Pictures
    - Kremlin
    - Leningrad
    - Warsaw
    - Teheran
    - Crowds
  - Railroads and trains
- Size of press corps
  - Television
  - Compared to PRC trip

Presidential gifts

- Cuff links
- Pens

Book on the President's trip to Soviet Union

- Pending decision
- Raymond K. Price, Jr.
- Preface by the President
- Possible contents
- Arms control
- Middle East

Middle East

- Ceasefire

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**Tape Subject Log***(rev. 10/06)**The President's Trip to China*

- Binding
- Cost
- Subsequent book on Soviet Union trip
  - Topics
    - Arms control
    - Trade
    - Space
  - Wilson

## Gridiron Dinner

- The President's absence
  - Women
- Henry A. Kissinger's attendance
- The President's schedule
  - Florida
- Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo

## Unknown person's support

## San Diego Chargers

- Status
- Seattle Supersonics
- Season's record
- John Hadl

Dystel, et al left at 12:11 pm.

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Conversation No. 701-12

Date: April 4, 1972

Time: Unknown between 12:11 pm and 12:12 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule

- Meeting with Melvin R. Laird and John H. Chafee
- Meeting with LynRae McClintock
  - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
  - Gordon C. Strachan
  - McClintock's husband
    - Justice Department lawyer

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:12 pm.

Conversation No. 701-13

Date: April 4, 1972

Time: 12:12 pm - 12:13 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull, LynRae McClintock and Gordon C. Strachan.

Introduction

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:13 pm.

Change of jobs

Photographs

Home

- New job
- Hometown
- College [University of Southern California]
  - Major
- Hometown [Riverside]
  - High School

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**Tape Subject Log***(rev. 10/06)*

-Gift

Gift

McClintock et al. left at 12:13 pm.

Conversation No. 701-14

Date: April 4, 1972

Time: 12:13 pm - 1:15 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

Kissinger's schedule

-Meeting

Vietnam

-Weather

-Naval gunfire

-Mining operations

-Kissinger's previous conversation with Adm. Thomas H. Moorer

-Plans

-Preparations

-Philippines

-Richard M. Helms

-Information

-Reaction

-[David] Kenneth Rush

-Conversation with Kissinger

-Dated statement

-Review of requests for bombing authority

-Melvin R. Laird's approval

-Surface to Air missiles [SAMs]

-Air strikes

-Increase

-Marine planes

-Location

-Support personnel

-US Air Force [USAF]

-Marine Aircraft

-Marines compared to USAF

## NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF

## Tape Subject Log

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- USAF pilots
- Aircraft
  - Quality
    - The President's view
- Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
  - Haig's opinion
- Moorer
  - Response to the President's orders
- The President's orders
  - Politics
  - US foreign policy
  - Military's role and responsibilities
    - Ground troops
    - Moorer
- B-52s
  - Increase
- F-4s
- Carriers
  - Number
- Destroyers
  - Number
  - The President's opinion
- Cruisers
- Naval gunfire
  - Targets
    - Dong Hoi airfield
    - Logistics
  - Lyndon B. Johnson
- Air strikes
  - Weather
    - Improvement
    - Possible delays
  - Moorer's plans
    - Kissinger's previous conversation with Moorer
      - Authority
        - 18<sup>th</sup> parallel
        - Extension
        - 48 hour strike
        - US position
- Mining
  - Impact
  - Delays
  - Impact

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**Tape Subject Log***(rev. 10/06)*

- North Vietnamese offensive
    - Challenge
    - South Vietnamese strategy
      - Retreat and consolidation
        - The President's theory
          - Winston S. Churchill on World War I
            - Comparisons to present situation
            - Lt. Gen. Sir Hubert de la Poer Gough
            - Allied victory
            - German losses and victories
              - Ypres
              - Numbers
            - British retreat
              - Erich Ludendorff
              - Churchill's point
              - Necessity
    - Hue and Da Nang
    - Gen. Nguyen Van Thieu
      - Possible strategy
    - Formation of line
      - Exposure of North Vietnam
        - Demilitarized Zone [DMZ]
        - Impact on North Vietnam
          - Compared to Laos
          - Possible end to the war by year's end
  - Political impact
    - Election
      - Timing
        - Democratic National Convention
  - North Vietnamese Offensive
    - Need for decisive defeat
    - Break in weather
      - Negotiations
        - Probability before trip to Soviet Union
- Announcement on Warsaw
- Notification of State Department and Warsaw
    - Laird

The President talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 12:13 and 12:25 pm.

[Conversation No. 701-14A]

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- Message for Herbert G. Klein
  - Message for Richard L. Wilson
  - Announcement on Warsaw
  - Delay
  - Diplomatic channels

[End of telephone conversation]

- US-Soviet Union relations
  - Kissinger's meeting with Leonid I. Brezhnev
  - Note to the President
  - Purpose

Laird and John H. Chafee entered at 12:25 pm; the White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

Greetings

- Chafee
  - Departure from administration

[Photograph session]

Seating

- Cabinet officers
  - Subcabinet officers
  - Importance
  - Gratitude for Chafee's work

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2  
[Personal returnable]  
[Duration: 7m 59s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

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Kissinger's departure  
-Phone call

Kissinger left at 12:35 pm.

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3  
[Personal returnable]  
[Duration: 5m 43s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

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Portsmouth Navy Yard  
-Decision to keep open  
-Described  
-Norris Cotton  
-Value  
-Laird  
-Cotton  
-Uses

Henry A. Kissinger entered at 12:42 pm.



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Tape Subject Log  
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- Submarine-Launched Ballistic Missiles [SLBMs]
  - Passage
    - Submarine-Launched Ballistic Missiles [SLBMs]
- Naval vessels
  - Submarines
    - Technical problems
    - Keel laying

- Presidential gifts
  - Money clip

- Chafee
  - Laird

- 1972 election
  - Chafee
    - Campaign practices

Chafee left at 12:44 pm.

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5  
[Personal returnable]  
[Duration: 41s.]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

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- SALT
  - SLBMs
    - Laird's position
      - US negotiating position
        - Helsinki
    - An agreement
      - Undersea Long-Range Missile System [ULMS]
        - Keel laying
    - Limitations
      - Appeal
        - Powered by the State Department and Joint Chief of Staff [JCS]

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**Tape Subject Log***(rev. 10/06)*

- Problems
  - Public apprehensions
  - Soviet Union
- Submarine agreement
  - Political problems
    - Development of facilities
  - Soviet [Delta Class] submarines
    - Missiles
      - Range
      - Number
    - Facilities
- US facilities
  - Limitations

## Vietnam

- President's instructions to Laird
- North Vietnamese offensive
  - Stakes For US
    - US withdrawal
- President's view
  - US defeat
    - Consequences
      - US foreign policy
      - Presidency
  - President's awareness of situation
- US counteraction
  - National Security Council [NSC]
    - William P. Rogers
    - State Department
  - Risks
    - Election
    - Necessity for strong action
      - Air and naval power
        - Increase
  - The President's meeting with Adm. Thomas H. Moorer and [David] Kenneth Rush
    - Washington Special Actions Group [WSAG] reports
  - Laird's Role
  - Criticism
    - Assessing success and failure
  - Laird's recommendation
    - Cancellation of bombing
      - Target areas

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## Tape Subject Log

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- Geographical limit
- US options
- Air strikes
  - Laird's recommendation
    - 18<sup>th</sup> parallel
    - No restrictions on authority
    - Timing
  - Authority
    - Extension
  - Time frame
    - US actions
  - Resources
  - Support role
  - Target areas
    - B-3 area
    - Activity
  - Weather
    - Forecasts
    - Timing
  - USAF reluctance
    - Battle of the Bulge
    - Comparisons
    - Risks
- Naval Gunfire
  - Ships
    - Number
  - Guns
    - Capacities
    - Accuracy
  - Shore batteries
  - Destroyers
- Targets
  - Tactical Air Support [TACAIR]
    - Performance
  - Tanks
  - Personnel
  - Sir Robert Thompson
  - North Vietnamese vulnerability
- South Vietnam military
  - Hue
  - Thieu
  - Retreat
    - Advantages

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- Battle of Verdun
- French
- Reports of battle
  - Criticism of Department of Defense [DoD]
  - Bombing requests
    - Possible problems coming from Laird's office
  - Blame on Laird for reluctance
  - JCS
    - Lack of forthcoming information to the President
- Air strikes
  - Laird's role
  - Loyalty to the President
  - Possibly questioned
- Press conference
  - Rogers
    - Timing
    - Demilitarized Zone [DMZ] violations
    - Schedule changes
      - Recognition of Bangladesh
      - Rogers's responsibilities
      - Laird's previous conversation with the President
      - Previous telephone conversation with Robert J. McCloskey
  - Ronald L. Ziegler
    - Line for the press
      - Conversation with Laird's people
- President's instructions for Laird
  - Points to make
    - US purposes for air strikes
      - Protection of Americans
      - Vietnamization
        - Continuation
        - Aid to South Vietnam's defense
        - Prisoners of War [POWs] return
    - US actions
      - Ground troops
      - Air power
        - Target areas
    - Violation of international law
      - Strong, hard line from Laird
  - Rogers
    - Comparison to Laird
  - Cambodia

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- Changes in character of war
  - Compared with Korean Conflict
- Violations by North Vietnam
  - 1954 agreement, 1968 bombing halt
  - Rogers
- Air strikes
  - Targets
- Protection of Americans
  - Number
- Escalation of war
  - Edmund S. Muskie's charges
  - The President's response
- Hubert H. Humphrey
  - Demands for more aid to South Vietnam
- North Vietnamese offensive
  - Vietnamization
    - Impact
    - Laird's statement
      - Possible credibility problem
  - South Vietnamese strength
    - Chances of success
      - Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.
      - Thieu
    - US confidence in South Vietnamese Abilities
      - Abrams comment
        - Football analogy
      - Past retreats
        - Battle of the Bulge
        - World War I
          - Great Britain and Germany
  - Public relations response
    - Laird's statements
      - Follow-up from the President
      - Timing
    - Scheduling
      - Rogers and Laird
    - Coordination of various agencies
    - Authorities
    - Ziegler
      - Report of meeting between Laird and the President
  - Laird
    - Loyalty to the President

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**Tape Subject Log***(rev. 10/06)*

- Questions
- Laird's relationship with JCS
- Hardline from Laird

The President talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 12:44 and 1:11 pm.

[Conversation No. 701-14B]

Request that Ziegler join them

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam

- North Vietnamese offensive
  - Laird
    - Loyalty to the President
    - Problems of communication within the DoD and between the DoD and the White House
- Weather
  - Forecasts
  - Effect on air sorties
    - Number
    - B-3 Area
      - Possible psychological impact
      - Effect on air sorties
- B-52s
  - Problems
  - Surface-To-Air Missiles [SAMs]
    - Countermeasures
  - Target Areas
    - DMZ
  - Effectiveness
    - SAMs
  - Target Areas
    - Risks
      - DMZ
      - SAMs
  - Losses
    - Florida
- US countermeasures
  - Options

Ziegler entered At 1:11 pm.

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**Tape Subject Log***(rev. 10/06)*

- Impact on People's Republic of China [PRC] and Soviet Union
  - US credibility
- Impact on US allies
  - Asia, Europe and Latin America

Kissinger left at 1:12 pm.

- The President's meeting with Laird
  - Ziegler's report
    - Statement for press
    - Laird's press conference
      - Timing
        - Rogers
  - Presentation

Laird left at an unknown time before 1:15 pm.

- Weather
  - Impact on air strikes
    - Public reaction
- Air strikes
  - Muskie's criticism
- Escalation of war
  - Responsibility
- North Vietnamese offensive
  - McCloskey
  - Ziegler's report
    - Administration's stance
      - Ziegler's previous conversation with Haig
- Public relations
  - Strategy
  - Comments to press
  - Confidence
    - Possible outcome
- Press
  - Contradictory reports
    - Robert Pierpoint
    - Crisis in White House
      - Ziegler's previous conversatin with Bill Jarriel [?]
  - WSAG meetings
  - Templeton [first name unknown]

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Ziegler left at 1:15 pm.

Conversation No. 701-15

Date: April 4, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 1:15 pm and 1:17 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger.

Unknown person's schedule  
-Meeting with the President

Conversation No. 701-16

Date: April 4, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 1:15 pm and 1:17 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 1:17 pm.

Conversation No. 701-17

Date: April 4, 1972  
Time: 1:17 pm - 1:32 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.



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**Tape Subject Log**  
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Vietnam

- Melvin R. Laird
- Protestations of loyalty

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[Privacy]

[Duration: 5s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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- Public relations efforts
- North Vietnamese offensive
  - Importance
    - Weather
    - Pessimism
  - Weather
    - US Air Force [USAF]
      - Reluctance in bad weather
      - B-52s
- Naval gunfire
  - Laird's evaluation
  - Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
    - Kissinger's trust
  - Range
  - Employment
- Laird's Pessimism
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The President and Kissinger left at 1:32 pm.