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Tape Subject Log
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Conversation No. 710-1

Date: April 17, 1972
Time: 4:56 pm - unknown before 4:59 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule
-Meeting with Henry A. Kissinger
-Time

Bull left at an unknown time before 4:59 pm.

Conversation No. 710-2

Date: April 17, 1972
Time: Unknown after 4:56 pm until 4:59 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

[Signing documents]

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 4:56 and 4:59 pm.

[Conversation No. 710-2A]

[See Conversation No. 23-9]

[End of telephone conversation]

The President's schedule
-Tuesday event
-Time

Butterfield left at 4:59 pm.

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Conversation No. 710-3

Date: April 17, 1972
Time: 4:59 pm - 5:02 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Tricia Nixon Cox.

[See Conversation No. 23-10]

Conversation No. 710-4

Date: April 17, 1972
Time: 5:02 pm - 5:50 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

Vietnam

- Kissinger's conversation with John A. Scali
 - The president's meeting with People's Republic of China [PRC] table tennis team
 - Location of possible match
 - Problems
 - Possible cancellation
 - Announcement
 - Possible cancellation
- Moscow trip
 - Bombing in North Vietnam
- Bombing
 - Risks
 - Consequences
 - Kissinger's and the president's soviet trips
 - Necessity
 - Kissinger's conversation with Stewart J.O. Alsop
- The President's Soviet trip
 - Scali
- Visit of People's Republic of China [PRC] team
 - Possible cancellation
- Michael J. Mansfield's trip to PRC

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- Possible cancellation
 - Hong Kong stopover
 - Mansfield's arrival in PRC
- Table tennis match
 - Scali's memorandum
- The President's meeting with Melvin R. Laird and Thomas H. Moorer
 - Kissinger's handling

H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman entered at 5:10 pm.

PRC

- Table tennis team visit and match
 - Arrangements
 - Possible cancellation of meeting with the President
 - Arrangements
 - Announcement
- Possible actions
 - Meeting with the President
 - Cancellation of team's tour
- Arrangements for team's visit and match
 - Scali's memorandum
 - Setting
 - Time
 - Tour of White House
 - Meeting with the president
 - Graham B. Steenhoven
 - Greetings
 - Chuang Tse-tung
- Table tennis team
 - Schedule
 - Tricia Nixon Cox's attendance at match
- Statements on US bombing of North Vietnam

Haldeman left at 5:12 pm.

Vietnam

- Meeting with Laird and Moorer
- Length

Laird and Moorer entered at 5:13 pm.

Greetings

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William M. Colmer luncheon

Vietnam

- Laird's testimony
 - Coordination with William P. Rogers's and the President's statements
 - Possible questions
 - Vietnamization
 - Failure
 - South Vietnamese performance
 - North Vietnamese invasion
 - Modern Soviet equipment
- Military operations
 - Soviet equipment
 - US bombing
 - South Vietnamese performance
 - New South Vietnamese division
 - Offensive
 - Demilitarized zone [DMZ]
 - Hue
 - Movement
 - Damage to North Vietnam
 - Fifth South Vietnamese division
 - Improvements
 - Commander
 - Change
 - An loc
 - Tanks
 - Air support
 - Air cover
 - South Vietnamese Air Force
 - Capabilities
 - Sorties
 - Number
 - B-52s
 - TACAIR
 - Damage to North Vietnam
 - South Vietnamese performance
 - Laird's testimony
 - Future fighting
 - South Vietnamese performance
 - Capabilities

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- Destruction of tanks
 - Figures
 - Weapons used
 - Antitank capabilities
- Nguyen Van Thieu
- South Vietnamese tanks
 - Number
 - Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.
 - Combat teams
- Military Region Two
 - Irregular forces
- An loc, Hue and other cities
 - Difficulties
 - South Vietnamese responsibilities
 - US support
- North Vietnamese invasion
 - Importance
 - Compared with Tet offensive
 - Casualties
 - US and South Vietnam
- US forces
 - Ground elements
 - Press
 - Medal and citation to unknown Lieutenant Colonel
- South Vietnamese performance
 - Improvements
- Laird's testimony
 - Bombing
 - Military targets
 - Military installations
 - Nuclear weapons
 - Exclusion
 - Bombing
 - Targets
 - Hanoi and Haiphong
- Soviets
 - Ships to North Vietnam
 - Caution
- Negotiations
 - Rogers and Laird testimony
 - Laird position
 - Conditions

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- Duress
- Need for substance
 - Edmund S. Muskie proposal
- Cease-fire
- North Vietnamese invasion
 - DMZ
 - Illegality
 - Continuation
 - US reaction
 - Support for South Vietnam
 - Protection for US personnel
 - Curb of aggression
 - South Vietnamese performance
- Cease-fire
 - US support
 - Risks
 - US personnel
 - South Vietnamese
- North Vietnamese invasion
 - Congress
 - Antiwar resolution
 - Condemnation of invasion
 - Bias
 - Charge of assisting the enemy
- Public relations
 - Television
 - Laird
 - John C. Stennis
 - Appearance on *Today Show*
 - F. Edward Hebert
 - Nelson A. Rockefeller
 - Stennis and Hebert
 - Hawks
 - Television appearances
- US policies
 - Congressional support
 - Possible erosion
 - Laos operation
- Naval action
 - Blockade
 - Further discussion
 - Newport News*

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- Other cruisers
- Effectiveness
 - Cruisers
- US forces
 - Strengthening
 - Public statements
 - Confidentiality
 - Number of ships
- Navy forces
 - North Vietnamese knowledge
 - Carriers
 - Panama Canal
 - Cape Hope
 - Arrival
- North Vietnamese invasion
 - Withdrawals
 - US strikes
- South Vietnamese performance
 - Air sorties
 - Effectiveness
 - Aircraft
 - Maintenance
 - Training
 - US goals
 - US support
- Prisoners of war [POWs]
 - Return
- Negotiations
 - Conditions
 - Previous discussions
 - Failures
 - North Vietnamese invasion
 - Withdrawals
 - DMZ
 - US position
 - Soviets
 - Support of North Vietnam
 - US reaction
- US credibility
 - Middle East
 - Surface to air missile [SAMs]
 - United Arab Republic

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- North Vietnamese aggression
 - Risks
 - Precedents
 - Soviets
 - US response
 - Vietnamization
 - South Vietnamese performance
 - Press reports
 - Errors
 - Success of program
 - Military operations
 - An loc
 - South Vietnamese control
 - North Vietnamese assaults
 - 21st South Vietnamese division
 - Roads
 - Clearance
 - North Vietnamese units
 - 271st regiment
 - Artillery and tanks
 - US Armed Forces
 - Honor and confidence of public
 - Blockade
 - Imposition
 - Time
 - Mining
 - Advantages
 - Advantages
 - Selectivity
 - Mining
 - Disadvantages
 - Elimination
 - Small ships
 - Supplies
 - US equipment
 - Military operation against the Do Son Peninsula
 - Commander [Forename unknown] Moss
 - Rescue from water
- US Navy
- Practice
 - Colebra

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-Ecological concerns

Vietnam

-US operations

The President's schedule

-Dinner with relatives

The President, Kissinger, Laird and Moorer left at 5:50 pm.

Conversation No. 710-5

Date: April 17, 1972

Time: Unknown between 5:50 pm and 11:59 pm

Location: Oval Office

Unknown persons met.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[Non-historical returnable]

[Duration: 43s]

THE PRESIDENT'S LOCATION

THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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