

Tape Subject Log

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Conversation No. 711-1

Date: April 18, 1972

Time: Unknown between 9:18 am and 9:20 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

William P. Rogers
-Location

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

Conversation No. 711-2

Date: April 18, 1972

Time: Unknown between 9:18 am and 9:20 am

Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 23-13]

Conversation No. 711-3

Date: April 18, 1972

Time: 9:20 am - unknown before 10:02 am

Location: Oval Office

The President talked with William P. Rogers between 9:20 and 9:23 am.

[Conversation No. 711-3A]

[See Conversation No. 23-14]

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Henry A. Kissinger entered at 9:22 am.

[End of telephone conversation]

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Vietnam
     -Rogers's testimony
           -Julie Nixon Eisenhower
           -Calls from staff
     -Respect for the President
     -Press
           -Reports on Melvin R. Laird
                -Opposition to air strikes
           -Story from Saigon
                -Air strikes
                      -Laird's position
     -US policies
           -Show of strength
                -People's Republic of China [PRC]
PRC
     -Message to the President
           -Urgency
           -Call to Kissinger
     -Actions on air strikes
     -Message
           -Warning on territorial violation
                -Bombing of Haiphong
           -Significance
                -Hugh Scott and Michael J. Mansfield
     -Hainan Island
           -Geographic location
Vietnam
     -Laird
           -Release of story
                -Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.
                      -Staff
                -The President's call to Laird
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-Need for unity

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 9:23 and 9:27

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[Conversation No. 711-3B]
[See Conversation No. 23-15]
[End of telephone conversation]
     Vietnam
          -Laird
                -Release of story
                     -Motives
                     -Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
                           -Kissinger's trip
          -American public opinion
                -Support
                     -Lyndon B. Johnson
                           -Comparisons to current administration
          -Air strikes
                -Call to Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
                     -Number of sorties
                -Kissinger's trip to Moscow
The White House operator talked with the President at 9:27 am.
[Conversation No. 711-3C]
[See Conversation No. 23-16]
[End of telephone conversation]
     Vietnam
          -Battle report
                -Military Region One
                     -Army of the Republic of Vietnam [ARVN] action
                           -Effectiveness
                     -North Vietnamese casualties
                     -Fire base near Hue
                           -Encirclement
                                -Protection
                -Military Region Two
                     -B-52 strikes
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-An Loc
                     -North Vietnamese movements
                          -Direction
                     -ARVN actions
                -North Vietnamese movements
                     -Weaknesses
                -B-52 strikes
                -Phantoms
     -Air strikes
          -Weather
                -South Vietnamese strikes
                     -Moorer's comments
                -Need for study of US airpower
                -B-25s
                     -World War II
                          -Comparisons
          -A-1s
                -Capabilities
                -US air tactics
Israel
     -Yitzhak Rabin
     -Use of Phantoms
          -Altitude
Vietnam
     -Air strikes
          -Pilots
     -Naval action
          -Destroyers
                -Numbers
          -Surface to air missiles [SAMs]
     -Destroyers
          -US casualties
     -Air strikes against North
          -Secondary fires
          -Haiphong
          -Hanoi
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Manolo Sanchez [?] entered at an unknown time after 9:27 am.

Refreshment

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Sanchez [?] left at an unknown time before 9:49 am.

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Vietnam
     -Air strikes
          -Truck parks
     -Senate Foreign Relations Committee
          -Bill
                -Aid cut-off
                     -Timing
                     -Prisoners of war [POWs] release
                     -Mansfield
                          -Amendment
     -Battle reports
          -Further details
     -Soviet note
          -Mild nature
                -US response
          -Soviet ships
                -US response
     -Indian protests
          -US response
          -US aid
                -Further discussions
          -Friendly acts
                -Kenneth B. Keating
                     -Cable
                          -Possible dialog with India
                                -Keating
                                     -Respect from Kissinger
     -Rogers's testimony
     -Soviet ships
     -Charles W. Colson's staff
          -Public relations work
          -Discussions with Kissinger
                -News summaries
          -Attack on Edmund S. Muskie
                -Muskie's statements
     -Kissinger's attendance at Henry Brandon dinner
          -Charles D. Hamilton
                -Comments regarding the President
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-The Sunday Times

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-Acquaintance with the President
          -Roy H. Thomson
                -Date
          -Francis D. L. Astor
                -The Observer
                -Interest in Africa
     -Benjamin C. Bradlee
          -Washington Post
          -Criticism of Democratic candidates
          -Comments
                -Feelings towards the administration
     -Mood
          -Elliot L. Richardson
                -Discussion with critics
                -Defense of Vietnamization
                     -Arguments
                          -Potential success
                     -Bombing
                          -Diplomatic act
-Laird testimony
     -Vietnamization
-Bombing
     -Administration intentions
          -Kissinger's upcoming talk with Laird
                -Hanoi and Haiphong
     -Impact on Soviets
-Critics of Kissinger
     -Defensiveness
     -Current offensive
          -Bradlee's comments
          -Duration
                -September
                     -Possible end to hostilities
-Laird
     -Testimony
          -Line of argument
-Troop withdrawals
     -Goals
     -Abrams's assessment
          -Agreement with the President
     -Level in 1969
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-Ceiling

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-Rate
          -Ceiling levels
                -Decline
                     -Reasons
     -The President's schedule
          -Trip to Moscow
          -Troop reduction
          -Trip to Moscow
                -Kissinger's upcoming meeting
                     -Timing
PRC
     -John A. Scali's concern
          -Table tennis team
                -Moscow
Vietnam
     -Air strikes
          -Haiphong
                -Kissinger's Moscow trip
                -US intentions
                     -Kissinger's previous conversation with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
                -Laird and Abrams
     -USSR
          -Benefits from war
                -Hanoi's dependence
          -Kissinger's trip
                -US position
                     -Haiphong
                     -Air strikes
           -Pressure on Hanoi
                -1972 election
           -Summit
                -Benefit for US
          -US pressure
                -Stance toward Hanoi
                     -US pressure on Moscow and Peking
                     -Concessions
                     -Options
          -Continuing relations
          -Kissinger's trip
                -Results
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-Further actions
                -Summit
                     -Advantages
                     -Conditions
                          -Attacks on North Vietnam
                                -Options
                                     -Strikes
                                     -Blockade
                                          -Soviet response
                                                -Timing of US position
                -Kissinger's trip
                     -Blockade
                          -Implementation
                          -Problems
                                -Soviet summit
                                     -Possible response from Hanoi
          -Blockade
               -Duration
                     -USSR
                -Public support
                     -Administration's demands to USSR
                -Possible results
                     -POWs
Alexander P. Butterfield entered at 9:49 am.
          -Table tennis game
               -Scheduling
                -Team
                     -Meeting with the President
                          -Possible photograph opportunity
                     -The President's remarks
                          -US-PRC relations
                          -Soviets
Butterfield left at 9:51 am.
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-Rogers's attendance at table tennis match, April 17, 1972

-Protesters

-Types

PRC

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Vietnam
     -Bombing
           -Protests at University of Wisconsin
                -Size
                     -Television coverage
     -Blockade
          -US capabilities
           -Laird
           -Ships to Haiphong
                -Interception
                     -Possible confrontation
                     -The President's previous conversation with Moorer
           -Mining
                -Moorer's opinion
                     -Mining over blockade
                -Problems
                     -Soviet minesweepers
                -Advantages
                -Preparations
                     -Heavy raids
     -Bombing
          -Effectiveness
     -Laird
           -Complaints
          -Release of story
                -Reaction of Hanoi
     -Negotiations
          -Le Duc Tho
                -Trip to Paris
                     -Significance
                           -Possible sign of weakness
     -Soviets
           -Further actions
                -Cautiousness
           -Kissinger's trip
                -Dobrynin
           -Summit
                -Kissinger's position
                     -Conditions from the President
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The President talked with Laird between 9:55 and 9:56 am.

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[Conversation No. 711-3D]

[See Conversation No. 23-17]

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam

-Bombing

-Laird's statement

-Military operations

-Alexander M. Haig, Jr.'s cable

-Abrams's assurances

-Air strikes

-Gen. John W. Vogt, Jr.

-Morale

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 9:56 am.

PRC

-Table tennis team

-Arrangements

-A platform

-Press coverage

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:00 am.

Vietnam

-Military operations

-Haig cable

-Thailand

-Encouragement

-Reassurances

-Battlefield situation

-North Vietnamese units

-Saigon area

-Abrams

-North Vietnamese capabilities

-Weaknesses

-Negotiations

-May meeting

Kissinger

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-Washington Special Actions Group [WSAG] meeting

Vietnam

-North Vietnamese capabilities

Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 9:56 am.

-Nikita S. Khruschev memoirs [?]
-Dien Bien Phu
-French

Kissinger left at 10:00 am.

Retention of something

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 10:02 am.

Conversation No. 711-4

Date: April 18, 1972

Time: 10:02 am - 10:58 am Location: Oval Office

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

News summary

Vietnam

-Captiol Hill
-News coverage
-George D. Aiken

-Charge against North Vietnam
-Support for administration's policies
-Unknown people

National economy

-Canada [?]

-Marina von N. Whitman

-Interview in U.S. News and World Report

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-Inflation -Food prices -Spiro T. Agnew's statement -Government action against supermarkets -Supermarket Institute -Prices -John B. Connally's statement Busing -Time's criticism of the President's policies Revenue-sharing -Vote in Ways and Means Committee -Passage in Congress -George P. Shultz ************************ BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1 [Personal returnable] [Duration: 49s] END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1 ************************ News summary Vietnam -Student strikes -Protest of bombing ************************* BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

[National security] [Duration: 1m 48s]

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CANADA

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 10:02 am.

The President's schedule
-Meeting with his barber

Bull left at an uknown time before 10:58 am.

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Demonstrators
     -Canada
          -Anti-US group
                -Positioning
                -Control
                -US Secret Service
                -Royal Canadian Mounted Police
                -Leader
                -Counteraction
                     -Release of story
                          -Kissinger
                                -Knowledge of story
                          -Method
                                -Patrick J. Buchanan
          -Pierre E. Trudeau
          -Release of story
                -Method
                     -Aldo B. ("Elbow") Beckman
                     -Jack N. Anderson
                     -Confidentiality
                          -Uses for Anderson
          -Anti-US group
                -Retaliation
                     -Method
                          -Buchanan release
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-Anderson

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-Credibility -Herbert G. Klein

International Telephone and Telegraph [ITT] case

- -Executive privilege
- -Klein
- -Peter M. Flanigan testimony
 - -Guidelines
 - -Limitations
 - -Advice to the President
- -William E. Timmons
 - -Testimony
 - -Republican convention
 - -Klein
- -White House aides
 - -Timmons
- -Jack Gleason
 - -Testimony
- -Timmons as witness

Senate Judicial Committee

- -Memorial service for Hugo L. Black
 - -Attendance
- -Schedule
 - -Harry D. Steward testimony
- -Flanigan letter

ITT case

- -Witnesses
 - -Gleason
 - -Scheduling
 - -Problems of scheduling
 - -Roman L. Hruska
 - -John N. Mitchell
 - -Timmons
 - -Testimony on convention
 - -Samuel J. Ervin, Jr.
 - -The President's involvement
- -Republican convention
 - -Robert H. Finch testimony
 - -Discussion with the President
 - -Site selection

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-San Diego
                -Chicago
                     -Mitchell
                -The President's role
                     -Robert J. Dole statement
                           -Midwest sites
          -ITT contribution
                -Significance
                     -Chicago site
     -White House staff
          -Testimony
                -Gleason
     -Hearings
          -Vote
          -Flanigan
People's Republic of China [PRC]
     -Table tennis event
     -Pandas
          -Scheduling of event
                -Day
                -Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
          -Publicity
                -Exploitation
                -Names
                -Age
                -Mating successes
                     -Process and difficulties
                -Housing
                -Crowds
                -Zoo director
                     -News conference
          -Ceremonies
                -Mrs. Nixon
                -Names
          -Eating habits
          -Publicity
                -Public interest
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Vietnam

-William P. Rogers's testimony -Kissinger's opinion

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-Tone
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-Rogers's assessment

Rogers

-Table tennis match

-Tricia Nixon Cox's attendance

Vietnam

-Melvin R. Laird

-Agnew

-Attack on Edmund S. Muskie

-Vietnam statement

-Location

-Fundraiser

-American Society of Newspaper Editors [ASNE] speech

-Timing

-Connally

-Statement

-Agnew

-Speech to ASNE

-Buchanan

-Agnew's speechwriter

-Attack on Muskie

-Vietnam developments

-Line of attack

-Proposed administration response

-Democrats

-Challenge

-Criticism of North Vietnam

-Charge of anti-Americanism

-Muskie

-Attacks

-Hubert H. Humphrey

-Attacks by others

The President's schedule

-Meeting with Earl L. Butz

-Report on Soviet trip

-Leonid I. Brezhnev

-Relationship with the President

-Kissinger

-Meeting with Butz

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-Jacob D. Beam's presence
                      -The President's "Kitchen Debate" with Nikita S. Khruschev
     -Value of meeting
           -Brezhnev
-Administration officials
     -Trips abroad
           -Reports to the President
                -Opinions of Brezhnev
                -Reports to Kissinger
     -Donald H. Rumsfeld's trip to Latin America
     -Procedures
     -Problems
           -President's view
     -Written reports
     -Trips abroad
           -Reports to the President
                -Allen J. Ellender
                -Written reports
                     -Kissinger
           -Senators
                -Hugh Scott and Michael J. Mansfield
-Butz
     -Meeting with the President
           -Subjects of discussion
           -Meeting with Brezhnev
                -Beam
                -Kissinger's report
                      -Kissinger's view
-Trips abroad
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- -Robert H. Finch and Rumsfeld
- -George P. Shultz and John D. Ehrlichman
 - -Importance
- -Agnew
 - -Importance
 - -Experience
 - -Value to the President
- -The President's reports to John Foster Dulles
- -Reports to the President
 - -The President's experience
- -Donald McI. Kendall
 - -Trips to Japan
- -John A. Volpe

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-Meetings	with	the	President
-Kissinger's role	e		

-Butz

-Meeting with the President

-Kissinger's presence

-Trip to Camp David

-Timing

-ASNE reception

-The President's remarks

-Arrangements

-Rose Mary Woods and Alexander P. Butterfield

-The President's position in room

-Receiving line

-Use of upstairs

-Lincoln Room, Queen's Room [?]

-Number of people

-Upstairs tour

-The President's trip to Camp David

-Value of party

-Upstairs tour

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

[Personal returnable] [Duration: 1m 47s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

Canada

- -Trudeau
- -Canadian nationalism question
- -Demonstrations against the President
 - -Organizer
- -The President's trip

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-Canadian Press Secretary
-Cooperation

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

[National security] [Duration: 1m 53s]

CANADA

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

- -Parliament rooms
- -The President's trip

The President's schedule

-A toast

Press

- -Richard A. Moore and John A. Scali
- -Ronald L. Ziegler's treatment
 - -The President's schedule
- -Hard line
- -Press pool
 - -Stories about White House
 - -Blind girl in Chicago
 - -Love of cookies
- -Future dealings by White House staff
 - -Enemies
 - -Hugh S. Sidey
 - -John F. Osborne
 - -Jerrold L. Schecter
 - -Kissinger
 - -Upcoming conversation with the President and Haldeman
 - -Sidey
 - -Ziegler and unknown person

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-Conversations
                -William L. Safire
                     -Leaking
                     -Boycott
                     -Schecter
The President's schedule
     -Meeting with Butz
          -Kissinger
     -Wednesday
     -Tuesday afternoon
          -Photograph session with Julie Nixon Eisenhower
          -Meeting with Butz
     -Drug abuse officials
          -Meeting with regional directors
                -Value of meeting with the President
     -Meeting with Ehrlichman
          -Busing issue
          -ITT case
ITT case
     -Ehrlichman
     -Clark MacGregor, John W. Dean, III and Wallace H. Johnson
          -Maneuvering
White House staff
     -Division of issues
          -Charles W. Colson
                -War
          -Ehrlichman
                -Busing
          -Responsibilities
Crime
     -Ehrlichman's work
     -Washington, DC
          -Decline
                -Publicity
                     -Washington Star
                     -Washington Post
                     -Wire services
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-Ehrlichman

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-Washington establishment summit, 1969
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-Katharine L. Graham, Joseph A. Califano, Jr., John H.

Kauffmann and Edward Bennett Williams

-Ehrlichman's criticism

-Lack of publicity

-Washington Post and Washington Star

-Graham

-Lack of support

-Suppression of favorable news

- -Washington Post
- -Wire services
- -Washington Star

-Publicity for decline

-The President's activities

-Value

-Meetings with DC officials

-Ehrlichman

-Showcase value

-Example for country

Busing

-Press support

-Time

-Impact on public

-Public hostility

The President's schedule

-Meeting with PRC table tennis team

-Scali

-The President's remarks

-White House tour

-Receiving line

-Chou En-lai

-Meeting with US table tennis team

PRC

-Table tennis team

-Demonstrators

Vietnam

-Agnew

-Appearance before Congress

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-Timing

-Laird

-Testimony to Congress

-Timing

-Debate in Congress

-Hard-liners

-Barry M. Goldwater

-Colson's work

-Kissinger

-Attacks on administration's critics

-Support for enemy

-Press reports

-Rogers's testimony

-News reports

-George D. Aiken, Gerald R. Ford and Peter A. Peyser

-James L Buckley

-Edward M. Kennedy

-Human Events

-Goldwater

-Statement

-Robert P. Griffin

-Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson

-Statement

-Hard line

-Kissinger

-William J. Casey

-Statement of support

-The President's policies

-Advantages

The President talked with Kissinger at an unknown time between 10:02 and 10:58 am.

[Conversation No. 711-4A]

Kissinger's meeting with the President

-The President's meeting with PRC table tennis team

[End of telephone conversation]

Kissinger

-Trips abroad

-Conditions

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Vietnam

-US bombing

-Soviet reaction

-Kissinger's trip to Moscow

Haldeman left at 10:58 am.

Conversation No. 711-5

Date: April 18, 1972

Time: 11:00 am - 11:24 am Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

Vietnam

- -Kissinger's staff
- -Soviets
 - -Strikes against Hanoi and Haiphong areas
 - -Kissinger's conversation with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
 - -Domestic situation
- -Bombing
 - -Intensity
 - -Lyndon B. Johnson
 - -Orders
 - -Kissinger's trip to Moscow
 - -Massive attacks
 - -Number of sorties
 - -Possible cutbacks
 - -Kissinger's conversations with Adm. Thomas H. Moorer and [David]

Kenneth Rush

-Intensity

-Concentration of bombing

-Press stories

- -Current number in north
 - -Melvin R. Laird
- -Number in south
 - -Distribution

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-Military Region Three

- -Impact
- -Increases
 - -B-52s
- -The President's previous conversation with Moorer
 - -Enemy retreat
 - -Increases
- -Naval action
 - -Destroyers
- -Bombing
 - -Resumption
 - -North Vietnam
 - -Haiphong
 - -Soviets

Soviets

- -H.R. ("Bob") Haldeman's previous conversation with the President
 - -Earl L. Butz's meeting with Kissinger
 - -Scheduling
- -Butz's meeting with the President
 - -Trips abroad
 - -Haldeman
 - -Problems
 - -George W. Romney, Butz, and John A. Volpe
 - -Reporting
 - -Meeting with Leonid I. Brezhnev
 - -Evaluations of Jacob D. Beam and Butz
 - -The President's past conduct
 - -The President's view
- -Brezhnev
 - -The President's view
 - -Meeting with Butz
 - -Butz's knowledge of Soviets
 - -Grain deal
 - -Relevance to US-Soviet relations
 - -Dobrynin
 - -US bombing of North Vietnam

Vietnam

- -Bombing
 - -People's Republic of China [PRC] reactions
 - -US overflights of PRC

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-Channels of protest

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PRC
     -Visit by Hugh Scott and Michael J. Mansfield
          -Possible Mansfield statement
Vietnam
     -Bombing
          -Supporters
                -Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson
                     -Statement
                          -Significance
                          -The President's previous conversation with Haldeman
                     -Charles W. Colson
                     -Timing
          -Provocation
                -North Vietnamese mistakes
          -Impact on Kissinger's trip to Moscow
     -Soviets
          -US-Soviet relationship
                -Kissinger's trip
                     -Possible results
                          -Summit
     -Bombing
          -Impact on North Vietnam
     -Blockade
          -Risks to summit
                -Kissinger's view
     -Laird
          -Statements
                -Aggresiveness
          -Statements
                -J. William Fulbright
                     -Questioned by Laird
     -US policies
          -Supporters
                -Barry M. Goldwater
                     -Soviets
     -War in south
          -Moorer and unknown person [?]
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-Halt in action

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

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Barber
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-The President's appointment

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:24 am.

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Vietnam
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-Past offensives

-Llewellyn E. ("Tommy") Thompson, Jr.'s report [?]

-Laos and Cambodia

-North Vietnamese strength

-III Corps

-The President's opinion

-An Loc

-Army of Republic of Vietnam [ARVN] divisions

-North Vietnamese loss of momentum

-B-52 strikes

-Sir Robert Thompson

-Impact of bombing on enemy

-The President's experience in Bougainville

-Japanese planes

-Impact

-Latest report

-Naval action

-USS New Jersey

-Impact

-Use

-Kissinger's previous conversation with Moorer

-USS Newport News

-Employment

-USS New Jersey

-Inadequacies

-North Vietnamese reaction

-North Vietnamese small boats

-Torpedo boats

-Military operations

-Moorer

-Previous telephone conversation with Kissinger

-Gen. John W. Vogt, Jr.

-Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

-Message to Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.

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-Vogt

-Effectiveness

- -Abrams
- -US policies
 - -Effectiveness
 - -Accomplishments
- -Vietnamization
 - -Laird's statements
 - -Success
 - -Demilitarized Zone [DMZ]
 - -Dependence on US
- -US policies
 - -Joseph C. Kraft article
 - -Hostility to summit
 - -Hostility to the President
- -Soviets
 - -Summit
 - -Cancellation
 - -Kissinger's note to Dobrynin
 - -Timing
- -Negotiations
- -Kissinger's trip to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
 - -Failure
 - -Vulnerability of US position
 - -Blockade
 - -Message to Soviet leaders

Kissinger left at 11:24 am.

Conversation No. 711-6

Date: April 18, 1972

Time: 11:24-unknown before 11:52 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with unknown persons.

The President's schedule

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The President left at 11:25 am.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1 [Non-historical] [Duration: 18s]
END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

The conversation was cut off at an unknown time before 11:52 am.

Date: April 18, 1972

Time: Unknown between 11:52 am and 11:55 am

Location: Oval Office

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

John A. Scali

-The President's meeting with People's Republic of China [PRC] table tennis team

Conversation No. 711-7

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at an unknown time after 11:52 am.

Tricia Nixon Cox

-The President's call

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 11:55 am.

The President's schedule

- -Meeting with PRC table tennis team
 - -Scali
 - -The President's comments and the team's comments

Tape Subject Log

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-Length

-The President's review

-Time devoted to reading

-Schedule

-Meeting with Earl L. Butz

-Butz's trip to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]

-Butz's announcement

-Publicity

-Henry A. Kissinger's trip to Moscow

Butz

-Announcement

-Reasons

-Work with administration

-Problems

-Compared with John A. Volpe

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 11:52 and 11:55 am.

[Conversation No. 711-7A]

[See Conversation No. 23-18]

[End of telephone conversation]

Haldeman left at an unknown time before 11:55 am.

Conversation No. 711-8

Date: April 18, 1972

Time: Unknown after 11:52 am until 11:55 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown woman.

Tape Subject Log

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American table tennis team
-Trip to People's Republic of China [PRC]
-Date

The unknown woman left at 11:55 am.

Conversation No. 711-9

Date: April 18, 1972

Time: 11:55 am - 11:58 am Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Tricia Nixon Cox.

[See Conversation No. 23-19]

Conversation No. 711-10

Date: April 18, 1972

Time: 11:58 am - unknown before 12:04 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown woman.

Meeting with Stephen B. Bull

The unknown woman left at an unknown time before 12:04 pm.

Tape Subject Log

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Conversation No. 711-11

Date: April 18, 1972

Time: Unknown between 11:58 am and 12:04 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

People's Republic of China [PRC] table tennis team

-Tour of White House

-Tour guide

-Tricia Nixon Cox

-Michael J. Farrell

-Arrangements

-Meeting with the President

-Handshakes

-Translations

-Number of players

-Photographs

-The President's remarks

-Response

-Translation

-Charles W. Freeman, Jr.

-Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters

-John A. Scali's remarks

-The President's remarks

-Tour of White House

-Meeting with the President

-American table tennis team

-Handshakes

-Graham B. Steenhoven

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:04 pm.

Tape Subject Log

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Conversation No. 711-12

Date: April 18, 1972

Time: Unknown after 11:58 am unitl 12:04 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

People's Republic of China [PRC] table tennis team -Meeting with the President

The President and Bull left at 12:04 pm.

Conversation No. 711-13

Date: April 18, 1972

Time: 12:04 pm - unknown before 12:21 pm

Location: Oval Office

<u>Unknown persons met.</u>

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[Non-historical] [Duration: 21s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

The conversation was cut off at an unknown time before 12:21 pm.

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Date: April 18, 1972 Time: 12:21 pm - 1:46 pm Location: Oval Office

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

The President's schedule

-Meeting with People's Republic of China [PRC] table tennis team

Tricia Nixon Cox

-Trip to University of Maryland

-William P. Rogers

-Advisability

-Radicalism

-Trips

-William and Mary College

-Detroit

-Cobo Hall

-Demonstrators

-Avoidance

-First Family

-Purpose

-University of Maryland

-Scheduling

-Mistakes

-Bombing in Vietnam

-Demonstrators

-Purpose

-Violence

-Arrests

-Public appearances

-Demonstrations

-Campuses

-Problems

-Fieldhouse

-Comparisons to other events

-Schedule

-Haldeman's review

-Demonstrations

-The President's trip to Canada

-Protests

Tape Subject Log

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Henry A. Kissinger entered at 12:28 pm.

-Soviets

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Soviets
     -Statements
          -Contents
                -Approval
PRC
     -Statements
          -Relation to US bombing in Vietnam
                -Hanoi and Haiphong
                -Visit of table tennis team
                     -Scali
     -Table tennis team
          -Press reactions
                -Sympathy for enemy
                     -President's view
Vietnam
     -Melvin R. Laird testimony
          -Effectiveness
          -Exchange with J. William Fulbright
                -Interruptions
     -Foreign Relations Committee
          -Caliborne Pell
          -Public opinion
          -Lack of support
     -Press reports
          -Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS] News
                -Walter L. Cronkite, Jr.
                     -Editorializing
                     -Spiro T. Agnew
                           -Comment by Charles D. Hamilton
                           -Compared with British press
                                -British Broadcasting Corporation [BBC]
          -Shanahan [sp?] [first name unknown] piece
     -British
          -Kissinger's meeting with George R.S. Baring [Earl of Cromer]
          -Support for the President and administration
     -News stories
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Tape Subject Log

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Tricia Nixon Cox
         -Trip to University of Maryland
             -Demonstrations
             -Scheduling
                  -Mistakes
             -Catcalls
             -Introduction
                  -Crowd reaction
                       -The President's previous experience with crowds
    People's Republic of China [PRC]
         -Meeting with Kissinger
             -Report on Soviet trip
                  -Timing
             -Discussion of Vietnam
                  -Chou En-lai [?]
         -The President's trip to Moscow
         -Reaction to Kissinger's trip to Moscow
             -Discussion of US-PRC relations
                  -The President's instructions to Kissinger
         -Soviet summit
         -Vietnam
             -PRC statements
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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5
[National security]
[Duration: 29s]
    PRC
END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5
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    Agnew
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-Previous conversation with Haldeman

-Statements

Tape Subject Log

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The President's schedule
         -Meeting with Earl L. Butz and Kissinger
             -Timing
             -Picture
             -Termination
Kissinger left at 12:36 pm.
    Tricia Nixon Cox's schedule
         -Attendance at sporting events
             -Introduction
                  -Rogers
         -Public appearances
             -Experience
             -Comparisons
    The President's schedule
         -Public appearances
             -Capitol visit, April 17, 1972
             -Protests
         -Agnew
             -Confrontation with protesters
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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 51s]
END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6
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    Vietnam
         -Protests
             -March in Washington, DC
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-Date -Event, April 15, 1972

Tape Subject Log

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-Milton Pitts
-Organization
-Size
-Arrests
-Pitts's comments
-Appearance of protesters
-Events, April 22, 1972
-Washington, DC
-Other cities
-Build-up
-National student strikes
-Haldeman's view
-Public reactions
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-Interests

-Teacher incitement

Certificates

- -Pictures
- -Preparations

Press

- -Meeting with reporters
 - -Wilson [first name unknown], Herbert E. Kaplow and Helen A. Thomas
 - -Arrangements

Vietnam

- -Protests
 - -Campuses
 - -Issues
 - -Protesters
- -Rogers and Laird
 - -Testimony
 - -Questions
- -Cabinet officers
 - -Appearance before Congressional committees -John B. Connally

Charles W. Colson

- -Meeting with the President
 - -Timing

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[Conversation No. 711-14A]
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Request that Colson join them

[End of telephone conversation]

The President's meeting with table tennis teams

-American team

-Women

-The President's view

-Korean

-Blacks

-Hippie

-Absence

-Handshakes

-Trip to PRC

-Match with PRC team

-Losses

-Compared with PRC players

-PRC team

-Physical condition

-Compared with Americans

-Physical appearance of American team

-Sports teams

-Tennis and basketball

-Blacks

Colson entered at 12:47 pm.

Vietnam

-Administration's counterattacks against critics

-Agnew

-Patrick J. Buchanan

-Drafting of speech

-Christine Jorgenson [?]

-Houston speech

-Food prices

-Speechwriter

-Speechwriters

-Kenneth W. Clawson

-Abilities

Tape Subject Log

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-Laird and Rogers testimony
          -Transcripts
                -Readiness
     -Rogers
          -Briefing of senators
          -Morale
                -Barry M. Goldwater
                     -Resolution for Senate
                          -North Vietnamese invasion
     -Colson's role
     -Critics' disadvantages
          -Victory of administration
          -Edmund S. Muskie statement
                -President's view
                -Need to attack
          -Accusation to treason
          -Defense of enemy
-North Vietnamese offensive
     -Compared with Laos, Cambodia and Tet
     -Compared to Lyndon B. Johnson administration
          -US peace offers
          -Number of withdrawals
          -US determination to win
     -Colson's role
          -Kissinger's support
          -Attack on critics
                -Muskie
                -Hubert H. Humphrey
                -Edward M. Kennedy
                -George S. McGovern
                     -President's instructions
-Critics
     -Muskie
     -McGovern
          -Administration assistance
     -Attacks
          -Humphrey
                -Agnew
                -United Nations [UN] suggestion
                     -PRC and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
                          -Membership in UN Security Council
                     -Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson
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-Democrats
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-Mood of nation

-Misleading

-Polls

-The President's policies

- -Disregard of summit and election
- -Raymond K. Price, Jr.
- -Leonard Garment

-Peace

-Superpowers

-US motives

-US deliberation

-Stewart J.O. Alsop

-Rogers and Laird

-Support for the President

-Reevaluation

-The President's relationship with Rogers

-New York Times article [?]

-Call from Colson

-Cabinet

-The President's calls

-Dwight D. Eisenhower

-Charles E. Wilson

-Conversation with the President

-John Hannibal

-Eisenhower

-Rogers

-Initiative

-Polls

-Albert E. Sindlinger

-Hawkishness

-Increase

-North Vietnamese offensive

-Condemnation

-Senate

-Accusations against Senate

-Clifford P. Case, Jacob K. Javits and J. William Fulbright

- -Use of rhetoric
- -Anticommunism
- -The President's instructions to Colson
 - -The President's speeches

-Kissinger

Tape Subject Log

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-Need for strong talk
                        -William J. Porter
                             -Rogers
              -Press
                   -Hostility for administration
                   -Counter-rhetoric
                        -Name calling and toughness
                             -Speechwriters
                                  -Price and Lee W. Huebner
                                  -Buchanan
                                  -Kenneth L. Khachigian
                                       -Hawks
                                  -Noel Cook
                                       -Robert J. Dole
                                  -Clawson
         -Rogers
              -Testimony
                   -Reception
              -Table tennis match attendance with Tricia Nixon Cox
                   -Reception
                        -Television coverage
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 11
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 57s]
END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 11
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    Vietnam
         -The President's supporters
              -Joseph L. Vicites [?] of Veterans of Foreign Wars [VFW]
                   -Statement
                        -Herbert R. ("Chief") Rainwater
                        -Charge against Democrats
                             -Desire for US loss
         -North Vietnamese offensive
              -Resolution by Goldwater
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-Appeal for Democrats' support
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-House Resolution [HR]

- -Condemnation of North Vietnam
- -Support for the President
- -Wording

-Kennedy and McGovern

-Entrapment

-Language

- -The President's critics
 - -Attacks by administration
 - -Condemnation
 - -Ads
 - -Draft with Colson
 - -Networks
 - -Harassment

-Cronkite

-Attacks by administration

-Human Events

-William F. Buckley, Jr.

-Goldwater

-Use of White House materials

-Support for the President

-Public sentiment

-Sindlinger poll

-Sindlinger's attitude on foreign policy

-Hawkishness

-North Vietnamese invasion

-Sympathy for the President

-The President's peace offers and conditions

-North Vietnamese violations

-Sindlinger poll

-Public anger at North Vietnam

-Percentage

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 12

[Personal returnable] [Duration: 3m 29s]

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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 12

Vietnam

- -North Vietnamese invasion
 - -Critics of the President
 - -Reticence
 - -Administration response
 - -Kennedy
 - -Public opinion
 - -Hostility
 - -Sindlinger
 - -Timing of new poll
 - -Attacks by administration
 - -Newsweek
 - -Public support for the President
 - -[Arnold] Eric Severeid
 - -Statement on the news
- -Public opinion
 - -Support for the President
 - -Press hostility and fears
 - -Cambodia invasion
 - -Media reports
 - -War as issue
 - -Lessening personal involvement
 - -Draft calls and casualties
 - -Cambodia
 - -Kent State University
 - -Laos
 - -Photojournalism
 - -North Vietnamese invasion
 - -South Vietnamese performance
 - -Press reports and photography
 - -Battlefield proficiency
 - -North Vietnamese soldiers
 - -Enchainment to seats of tanks
 - -Julie Nixon Eisenhower's report to the President
 - -Unknown Associated Press [AP] reporter
 - -Press reports
 - -Purpose

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-Casualties

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International Telephone and Telegraph [ITT] case
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- -Latest news
- -Peter M. Flanigan letter
 - -Executive session
 - -Disputes in committee
 - -Samuel J. Ervin, Jr.
 - -Reaction of Kennedy and John V. Tunney
 - -Lack of agreement
 - -White House staff testimony
 - -Herbert G. Klein, William E. Timmons, John D. Ehrlichman and Colson
 - -Republican position in committee
 - -John N. Mitchell
 - -Advantages
 - -Ervin
 - -Robert C. Mardian
 - -Edward J. Gurney, Roman L. Hruska and Marlow W. Cook
 - -Statement
 - -Kennedy
 - -Democrats
 - -Questions
 - -Armco Steel
 - -American Airlines
 - -DC subway lines
 - -Richard G. Kleindienst
 - -Disadvantages of position
 - -Ervin's position
 - -Flanigan
 - -Opposition to Kennedy and Tunney
 - -Clark MacGregor
- -Testimony
 - -Jack Gleason
 - -Hugo L. Black memorial service
 - -Harry D. Steward
 - -C. Arnholt Smith
 - -Recommendations for job of San Diego US attorney
 - -Background
 - -Link with Robert H. Finch
 - -Gleason
 - -Delays

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- -Flanigan
- -Departure from town
- -Latest options
 - -Delays
- -Senate debate
 - -Timing
 - -Maneuvering
 - -Charles McC. Mathias, Jr.
 - -MacGregor
 - -Contacts with committee
- -Flanigan testimony
 - -Benefits for administration

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 13

[Personal returnable] [Duration: 18m 50s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 13

War issue

-Appeals to patriotism -Rogers

Haldeman and Colson left at 1:46 pm.

Conversation No. 711-15

Date: April 18, 1972 Time: 1:48 pm - 1:50 pm Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

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The President's schedule

Butterfield left at 1:50 pm.

Conversation No. 711-16

Date: April 18, 1972

Time: Unknown between 1:50 pm and 2:45 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 23-20]

Conversation No. 711-17

Date: April 18, 1972

Time: Unknown between 1:50 pm and 2:45 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1 [Personal returnable]

[Duration: 3s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:45 pm
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Conversation No. 711-18

Date: April 18, 1972 Time: 2:45 pm - 2:49 pm Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Tricia Nixon Cox.

[See Conversation No. 23-21]

Conversation No. 711-19

Date: April 18, 1972 Time: 3:02 pm - 3:03 pm Location: Oval Office

The President met with Julie Nixon Eisenhower.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1 [Personal returnable] [Duration: 28s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

The President's schedule
-Photograph session
-Location

Tape Subject Log

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-Delay
-Meeting with Earl L. Butz
-Henry A. Kissinger's schedule
-Arrangements
-Timing

Julie Nixon Eisenhower left at 3:03 pm.

Conversation No. 711-20

Date: April 18, 1972

Time: Unknown between 3:03 pm and 3:09 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule
-Meeting with Earl L. Butz
-Timing
-Change
-Henry A. Kissinger
-Length

Bull left at an unknown time before 3:09 pm.

Conversation No. 711-21

Date: April 18, 1972 Time: 3:09 pm - 3:37 pm Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

US-Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] relations
-Kissinger's conversation with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
-Kissinger's trip to Moscow

Tape Subject Log

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-Senior Soviet official
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- -Soviet intentions
- -Kissinger's Soviet trip
 - -Preliminary papers
 - -The President's perusal
 - -Vietnam
 - -Discussion
- -Vietnam
 - -Soviet influence
 - -Kissinger's trip
 - -Kissinger's opening statement
 - -Secrecy
 - -Involvement of the People's Republic of China [PRC]
 - -Assurances to Chou En-lai
 - -North Vietnamese ambassador to Moscow
 - -Return to Hanoi
 - -Negotiations

The President's meeting with Earl L. Butz

- -Grain deal
- -Length
 - -Kissinger's schedule
 - -The President's schedule
 - -Photograph opportunity

US-USSR relations

- -Kissinger's Moscow trip
 - -Newsmen
 - -David Craslow [?]

Butz entered at 3:12 pm.

Greetings

Butz's trip to the USSR

- -Report
 - -Length
- **-US-USSR** relations
 - -Soviet interests
 - -Support on German treaty
 - -Middle East
 - -Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]

Tape Subject Log

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- -Trade
- -Agricultural agreements
- -US interests
 - -Agriculture agreements
 - -Usefulness
 - -Posture
 - -The President's instructions to Butz
 - -Settlement in Vietnam
 - -Negotiations
 - -US posture
 - -Mining and blockade of North Vietnam
 - -Haiphong
 - -Leonid I. Brezhnev
- -Trade with USSR
 - -Need for cash
 - -Peter G. Peterson's work
 - -Maurice H. Stans
 - -Credit
 - -Chromium
 - -Comments by Brezhnev
- -Butz's role
 - -Dealings with Dobrynin
 - -Appearance on Capitol Hill
 - -Statement on trip
 - -Carl T. Curtis and George H. Mahon
 - -Meeting with Brezhnev
 - -Brezhnev's meeting with Glenn T. Seaborg in 1963
 - -Peculiarities
 - -Mao Tse-tung
 - -Head of state meetings with Brezhnev
 - -Continuing relationship
 - -Publicity
 - -Logistics
- -Butz's press conference in Moscow
 - -Transcripts
 - -Taping by Claude W. Gifford
 - -Statements for press
 - -Pitfalls
 - -Credits
 - -Congress
- -Butz's statement
 - -Future trade

Tape Subject Log

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-Improvement of relations
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-Existing conditions

-Credits

-Possible problems

- -Soviet expectations
- -Trade discussions

-US and USSR terms of trade

- -Butz's meeting with Soviet officials
 - -Mikhail R. Kuzmin
 - -Credits

-Terms of interests

-Number of years

-Deal with Soviets

-Storage costs

-Percentage

- -Brezhnev
 - -Most Favored Nation [MFN] status
 - -Ramifications
 - -Other nations
 - -Export-Import [Ex-Im] Bank [?]
- -Credits
 - -Length
- -Trade
 - -Agriculture interests in US
 - -Soviet interests
 - -Credit problems
 - -Resolution
 - -Soviet payment
 - -Hard currency countries
- -Butz's meeting with Brezhnev
 - -Insight
 - -Location
 - -Kremlin
 - -Party headquarters
 - -Brezhnev's availability
 - -Butz's impressions
 - -Self-confidence
 - -Interpreters
 - -Photograph
 - -Arrangements
 - -Minister of Agriculture, Vladimir Matskevich
 - -Previous visit to the US

Tape Subject Log

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-Background
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-Photograph

-Age

-Brezhnev's previous meeting with the President

-"Kitchen Debate"

-Matskevich and Nikita S. Khruschev

-Interpretation of remarks

-Criticism of the President

-Jacob D. Beam

-Brezhnev's remarks

-The President's trip to USSR

-Brezhnev's remarks

-Seriousness of talks

-Topics

-Soviet imports

-Winter wheat crop failures

-Soybeans

-Trade

-Vietnam

-Message to the President

-Beam

-US bombing

-Brezhnev's demeanor

-Soviet understanding

-Brezhnev

-Knowledge of situation in Vietnam

-Concern of the Soviet people

-Message to the President

-Vietnam

-Response

-Intelligence

-Brezhnev's attire

-Brezhnev's office

-Size

-Furniture

-The President's trip

-Courtesies at the Kremlin

-Accomodations

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 3:12 pm.

The President's meeting with Julie Nixon Eisenhower

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Bull left at an unknown time before 3:37 pm.

Butz's meeting with Brezhnev

-The President's Soviet trip

-Transportation

-Beam

-Communication

-Soviet Agriculture Minister [Matskevich]

-Entertainment of Butz

-Cognac

-Trip to Yalta

-Entertainment

-Courteous behavior

-Vietnam

-Unknown Soviet reporter

-Questions for Butz

-Beam

-Rebuttal

-Responsibility

-First meeting with Brezhnev

-Brezhnev

-Compared with Khrushchev

-Grain sale

-Terms

-Arrangements

-Conclusion

-Butz's press conference

-Scheduling

-Topics

-Financing

-Soviet imports

-Livestock production

-Further discussions

-US-USSR relations

Agriculture

-Situation in US

-Food prices

-Attacks on middlemen

Kissinger and Butz left at 3:37 pm.

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