



NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF

Tape Subject Log
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Conversation No. 720-1

Date: May 5, 1972
Time: 8:45 am - 8:48 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

John B. Connally
-Meetings with the President
-Time
-Subjects for discussion
-Time

Butterfield left at 8:48 am.

Conversation No. 720-2

Date: May 5, 1972
Time: 8:50 am - 8:51 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

Tricia Nixon Cox
-Television interview with Barbara Walters
-Woods's view
-Duration
-Taping

Woods left at 8:51 am.

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Conversation No. 720-3

Date: May 5, 1972
Time: Unknown between 8:51 am and 8:55 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 23-163]

Conversation No. 720-4

Date: May 5, 1972
Time: 8:55 am - 10:09 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Peter J. Brennan.

[Conversation No. 720-4A]

[See Conversation No. 23-164]

Rose Mary Woods entered at 8:56 am.

[End of telephone conversation]

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 8:58 pm.

Henry A. Kissinger
-Location
-Meeting with the President
-Time

Bull left at an unknown time before 9:14 am.

Tricia Nixon Cox
-Interview with Barbara Walters
-Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon's report
-Walters's demeanor
-Tricia Nixon Cox's appearance
-Walters's questions

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- Anti-war hecklers
 - George S. McGovern's appeal
 - Tricia Nixon Cox's handling
- Tricia Nixon Cox's appearance
- Tricia Nixon Cox's self-assessment
- Personal strength
- Manner
- Comments on the President's job
- Manner

Julie Nixon Eisenhower
 -Meeting with the President

Nixons' travel
 -Mrs. Nixon
 -Ronald L. Ziegler
 -Funding
 -Julie Nixon Eisenhower's public appearances
 -Woods's opinion

- Mrs. Nixon
- Democrats

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
 [Personal Returnable]
 [Duration: 10m 49s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

Forthcoming letter to Francis E. Meloy, Jr.
 -Retirement of Donald L. Jackson
 -Dictation

Kissinger entered at 9:14 am.

Kissinger's previous speech in New York
 -Response

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Conv. No. 72-4 (cont.)

- Soviet Summit
- Asia Society
 - People's Republic of China [PRC] trip
 - Foreign Affairs Council
 - Audience
 - Columbia University/Time-Life sponsorship
 - Kissinger statement on Vietnam
 - A heckler
 - Hedley W. Donovan
 - Applause

Vietnam

- Press reports
 - President's talk with Brennan
 - Effect of President's televised speeches
 - Lyndon B. Johnson comparison
 - Kissinger's Asia Society audience
 - Statement
 - Response
 - Donovan

Woods's schedule

- New York

Kissinger's schedule

- Speeches

Woods's schedule

- Camp David
 - Visit
 - President's trip
 - Departure time

Woods left at 9:15 am.

Soviet Union

- Kissinger's meeting with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
 - The President's instructions
 - Mrs. Nixon
 - Irina N. Dobrynin

Vietnam

- North Vietnam offensive

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- US response
 - Planning
 - Orders to Alexander M. Haig, Jr. and Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
 - Kissinger's schedule
 - President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board [PFIAB] meeting
 - Meeting with Haig and Moorer
 - Leak on blockade
 - Dan Rather's report
 - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
 - John A. Scali
 - Haldeman
 - John D. Ehrlichman

Haldeman entered at 9:21 am.

- Rather
- Ehrlichman
- Richard A. Moore
- Charles W. Colson
- Scali
- News reports
 - Rather
 - Wall Street Journal*
 - Rather report
 - Source
 - Melvin R. Laird
 - Moorer
 - State Department leak
 - Robert Keatley [?] report
 - Terms for settlement
 - Source
 - William H. Sullivan
 - Cable about cease-fire
 - William P. Rogers
 - Leonid I. Brezhnev
 - Haig
 - Rogers
- Department of Defense [DOD] briefing
 - Soviet arms
- Speculation
 - President's previous remarks
 - Settlement
 - Blockade

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Conv. No. 72-4 (cont.)

- Bombing
- Sources
- Marvin L. Kalb report
 - Sources
- Rather report
 - Sources
 - Haig
- Press
 - White House staff
 - The President's instructions
 - Moorer
- Plans
 - Kissinger meeting with Moorer
 - Attendees
 - Time
 - President's review
 - Haldeman
 - Notes

Haldeman left at 9:30 am.

- State Department involvement
 - Timing
 - Rogers
 - U. Alexis Johnson
- Blockade
 - Advantages
 - Disadvantages
- Bombing
 - Disadvantages
 - Peace demonstrations
- Blockade
 - Commitment
 - Soviet response
 - India's response
 - PRC response
- Bombing
 - Targets
 - Dissent
- Blockade
 - Advantages
 - Alternatives
- Ground action

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Conv. No. 72-4 (cont.)

- Latest reports
- Weakness
 - Kontum
- North Vietnam casualties
- North Vietnam attacks
- US response
 - US landing in panhandle
 - Effect
- US bombing
 - Effectiveness
- Blockade
 - Effectiveness
- Bombing
 - Impact
 - Haiphong
 - Hainan
 - President's instinct
 - Su Nan [Sp?]
 - William J. Porter walkout
 - Kissinger backgrounder
 - Talk with Henry Hubbard, Jerrold L. Schecter, and Max Frankel
- Blockade
 - Kissinger's view
 - Public support
 - Advantages
 - Decisiveness
 - Effect on forthcoming election
 - End of war
- Bombing
 - Advantages
 - John B. Connally's advice
 - Advantages
 - Soviet response
 - Cancellation of Summit

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 9:30 am.

- Soviet Summit

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 10:09 am.

- Timing with North Vietnam offensive
- Public perception

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Conv. No. 72-4 (cont.)

- Hue
- Kontum

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 9:30 am.

- Bombing
- Timing

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 10:09 am.

- Lines of communication
 - Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.
 - Ellsworth F. Bunker
 - Instructions
 - Abrams
 - The President
 - Kissinger
 - Bunker
 - Abrams
 - Laird
 - Moorer
 - Abrams
 - Laird
 - Abrams
 - Moorer
 - [David] Kenneth Rush
 - Bunker
 - Laird
 - Actions
 - Motives
- US position
 - Haig
 - Moorer
 - Connally
- Soviet reply to US message
- Bombing
 - Soviet response
 - Effect on bombing
 - PRC summit
 - Effect of Hanoi and Haiphong bombing
- Blockade
- Soviet goals
 - Kissinger's assessment

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Conv. No. 72-4 (cont.)

- Foreign Affairs Council speech
- Hubert H. Humphrey, McGovern, Edward M. Kennedy
 - Dealings with Soviets
- Connally's advice
- Escalation
 - Issues in Vietnam
 - Communist government
 - Control of US policy
 - US response
 - Peace offers
 - North Vietnam motives
- US long-term interests
 - Soviet Summit
 - Cancellation
 - Connally's advice
 - Public response
 - Dwight D. Eisenhower's cancelled trip to the Soviet Union
 - Eisenhower's cancelled trip to Japan
 - The President's trip while Vice President to Venezuela
 - Bombing
 - Soviet response
 - Summit
 - Comparison with blockade
 - Connally's advice
 - Avoidance of defeat
 - Bombing
 - Effectiveness
 - Blockade
 - Effectiveness compared with bombing
 - Commitment
 - Soviet Union response
 - PRC response
 - President's foreign policy
 - Risks
 - Legacy
 - PRC
 - Compared to Laos operation
- End of war
 - President's efforts
- Dealing with Soviets, PRC, Europeans, and Japanese
 - Alternatives to President
 - Connally
 - McGovern

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- Humphrey
- Kennedy
- Ability to conduct foreign policy
- US stakes
 - President's incumbency
 - US foreign policy
 - Rogers and Laird
 - Disentanglement from war
 - North Vietnam terms
 - Kissinger's view
 - May 31, 1971 proposals
 - Forthcoming election
 - Effect on South Vietnam
 - Blockade compared with bombing
 - North Vietnam actions
 - Break-off of talks
 - Responsibility
 - Porter
 - Peace groups
 - Press coverage
- Forthcoming election
 - Democrats
 - Draft of Connally
 - Possibility
- Vietnam
 - McGovern
 - Impact on US foreign policy
 - Humiliation
 - Blockade
 - Necessity
 - Bombing
 - Moorer
 - Extent
 - Civilian casualties
 - Targets
 - Petroleum, Oils, and Lubricants [POL] dumps
 - Dikes
 - Civilian casualties
 - Forthcoming study
 - President's familiarity
 - Evacuation of civilians

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- Destruction
 - Impact
- Questions raised by Kissinger
 - The President's view
- Effectiveness
 - Coordination with blockade
 - Relationship to averting defeat
- Return of prisoners of war [POWs]
- South Vietnam performance
 - Collapse
 - Losses
 - Kontum
 - Provincial capitals
 - Slow movement
 - Quang Tri
 - Capture
 - Value
- Blockade
 - Effectiveness
 - Only sure option
- Peace terms
 - Nguyen Van Thieu
 - US dignity

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 9:30 am.

Forthcoming PFIAB meeting

- Delay
- Refreshments

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

Vietnam

- Blockade and bombing
 - Effect on South Vietnam
 - Effect on North Vietnam
 - Connally's comment
- Haig
 - Trip to South Vietnam
 - Haldeman
- Trip to South Vietnam
 - Abrams
 - Lt. Col. W.E. Depuy

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- Kissinger's view
- Assignment
 - Bunker
- Responsibility to the President
- New assignment
- Replacement for Abrams
 - Laird involvement
 - Kissinger's view
 - Kissinger's call to Laird
- President's meeting with Laird and Rogers
 - Johnson
- Cable from Bunker
 - Kissinger's view
 - Contents
 - Abrams
 - Moorer
 - Abrams
 - Bunker
 - Moorer
 - Rush
 - Laird
- President's meeting with Laird about the blockade
 - Kissinger's instructions
 - Secrecy
 - Rogers and Cambodia comparison
 - President's need for Laird's support
 - Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT] comparison
 - President's decision on blockade
- Rogers
 - Meeting with the President
 - Time
 - Day
 - Kissinger's schedule
 - Day
- President's speech
- President's meeting with Rogers
- Laird
 - Meeting with Kissinger
- Briefings
 - Congressmen
 - Rogers
 - John J. McCloy
 - Announcement

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Conv. No. 72-4 (cont.)

- Time
- J. William Fulbright
- Michael J. Mansfield
- Rogers
- Laird
- Kissinger's briefings
- Press
 - Timing
 - The President's view
- Kissinger meeting with Dobrynin
 - Manner
 - Speculation
 - Response to questions
 - Chou En-lai

Kissinger left at 10:09 am.

Conversation No. 720-5

Date: May 5, 1972
Time: 11:37 am - unknown before 11:40 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's forthcoming meeting
-Press

Gifts
-Costs

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:40 am.

Conversation No. 720-6

Date: May 5, 1972
Time: 11:40 am - 11:46 am

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Conv. No. 72-5 (cont.)

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Frank J. Rauscher, Elliot L. Richardson, Kenneth R. Cole, Jr., and James H. Cavanaugh; the White House photographer and members of the press were present at the beginning of the meeting.

The President's schedule

- Previous meeting with the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board [PFIAB]

Greetings

- Rauscher
- Accomplishments

Photograph

- Arrangements

Steuben crystal ["Star of the President"]

- Walter H. Annenberg gift

[Photograph session]

Cancer program

- President's support
 - Instructions to Rauscher
 - New approaches
 - Other health fields
- Concentration of resources

Gifts

- Cuff links
- New set

Congress

- Duplicity
- Health program
- Revenue sharing
- Welfare reform
- Social Security
- Spending policies

Rauscher, et al., left at 11:46 am.

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Conv. No. 72-6 (cont.)

Conversation No. 720-7

Date: May 5, 1972

Time: 11:47 am - 12:09 pm

Location: Oval Office

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

President's schedule

- John B. Connally
 - Meeting with the President
 - Day
- Camp David
 - Speechwriters
 - William L. Safire
 - Speech content
 - Henry A. Kissinger
 - Patrick J. Buchanan
 - John K. Andrews, Jr.
 - Safire
 - The President's view
 - Draft
 - President's efforts
 - Andrews
 - Kissinger's draft
 - Previous speech
 - Kissinger collaboration

Vietnam

- President's forthcoming speech on the blockade
 - Winston Lord
 - Kissinger's follow-up briefing
 - Contents
 - Public acceptance
 - Conclusion of war
 - Blockade
 - Haldeman's view
 - Andrews's assistance
 - Safire
 - Andrews's instructions

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An unknown man entered and left at an unknown time before 12:09 pm.

President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board [PFIAB] meeting

- Dr. Edward Teller
- Dr. William O. Baker
 - Advice on speech
- Dissent
 - Ivy League college presidents
 - Media
 - Networks
 - Los Angeles Times
 - University presidents
 - Religious leaders
 - William F. ("Billy") Graham
 - John Cardinal Krol
 - Press opposition
 - Supporters of President's policies
 - International Brotherhood of Teamsters
 - Frank E. Fitzsimmons, Joseph ("Joe T.") Trerotola
 - George Meany
 - Franklin D. Murphy
- Leaders of American society
 - Failures
 - Nelson A. Rockefeller's comments
 - Murphy's comments
 - Support for People's Republic of China [PRC] trip
- President of Massachusetts Institute of Technology [MIT]
 - Criticism of South Vietnam policy
 - Lack of criticism of North Vietnamese offensive

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[Personal Returnable]

[Duration: 3m 42s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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Vietnam

- President's forthcoming speech on the blockade
 - Andrews
 - Trip to Camp David
 - Time

Haldeman's schedule

- Trip
 - Return to Washington, Dc
 - Time

Vietnam

- President's forthcoming speech on the blockade
 - Kissinger
 - William P. Rogers's return
 - Kissinger briefing
 - President's briefing of congressional leaders
 - J. William Fulbright
 - Michael J. Mansfield
 - Rogers's briefing
 - Foreign Relations Committee
 - Melvin R. Laird's briefing
 - Armed Services Committee
 - Mansfield's schedule
 - Hugh Scott
 - President's briefing
 - Size of group
 - Relationship to speech delivery

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 11:47 am.

President's meeting with Delbert L. Latta

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:09 pm.

Vietnam

- Clifford P. Case-Frank F. Church Amendment
 - John Sherman Cooper-Church Amendment
 - Provisions
 - Defeat
 - Likelihood
 - Possible vote
 - Mansfield Amendment

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Conv. No. 72-7 (cont.)

- Delay by "doves"
- Negotiations breakdown
- Soviet Summit
 - Possible cancellation
- "Hawks" position
- Democrats and "Doves"
 - Blame for North Vietnam intransigence
 - Publicity
 - The President's instructions
 - Speeches
 - Encouragement of enemy
- American leader class
 - Murphy
 - Failures
 - Businessmen
 - Economic concerns

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 11:47 am.

Instructions

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 12:09 pm.

Vietnam

- Scientists
 - Soviet weapons for North Vietnam
 - Quality compared with South Vietnam weapons
 - American scientists refusal to work on weapons
 - Contrast with Soviet scientists
- MIT
 - Resolution on weapons research
 - Defeat
 - Grants

Haldeman's schedule

- Trip
 - Time of departure

Bull entered at an unknown time after 11:47 am.

Latta

- President's meeting
 - Ronald L. Ziegler's comments

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Conv. No. 72-7 (cont.)

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:09 pm.

Vietnam

- President's forthcoming speech on the blockade
- Trip to Camp David
 - Andrews
 - Kissinger
 - Alexander P. Butterfield
 - Rose Mary Woods
 - Kissinger

Haldeman left at 12:09 pm.

Conversation No. 720-8

Date: May 5, 1972

Time: 12:09 pm –12:15 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Delbert L. Latta, Delbert Springer, Mrs. Delbert Springer, Jill Springer, and John E. Nidecker; the White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

Greetings

- Latta
- Springer
- Mrs. Springer
- Miss Springer

Photographs

Springer's woodcarving

- The President's praise
- Time spent

Photographs

- Arrangement

Wood

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-Type and amount used

Springer's hometown

- Size
- Small-town America
 - The President's view
- Latta
 - The President's view
 - Support for the President

Gifts

- Cuff links
- Bow
- Ashtray

Jill Springer

- First name
- Request for President's autograph
 - For Jill
 - For Rose Ellen
- Gift of pen

White House tour

Goodbyes

- Latta

Latta, et al., left at 12:15 pm.

Conversation No. 720-9

Date: May 5, 1972

Time: Unknown after 12:15 and before 12:16 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's meeting with Dr. Jerome H. Jaffe

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:16 pm.

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Conv. No. 720-8 (cont.)

Conversation No. 720-10

Date: May 5, 1972
 Time: 12:16 pm - 12:18 pm
 Location: Oval Office

The President met with Dr. Jerome H. Jaffe, Mrs. Jerome H. Jaffe, Miriam Jaffe, Celia Jaffe, and Ari Jaffe; and Egil ("Bud") Krogh, Jr.; the White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

Greetings

- Celia Jaffe
- Ari Jaffe

Photographs

Jaffe's job

- Confirmation

Photographs

- Arrangements
- Oliver F. ("Ollie") Atkins
 - People's Republic of China [PRC] trip
 - Cameras used

Gifts

- Cuff links
- Tie clasps
- Bows

Jaffe's work

Jaffe, et al., left at 12:18 pm.

Conversation No. 720-11

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Conv. No. 720-10 (cont.)

Date: May 5, 1972
Time: Unknown after 12:18 and before 12:19 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's meeting with John D. Rockefeller III group

- Length
- Kenneth R. Cole, Jr.
- Seating
- Refreshments
- Length
- Seating

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:19 pm.

Conversation No. 720-12

Date: May 5, 1972
Time: 12:19 pm - 12:32 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with John D. Rockefeller III, Grace Olivarez, Dr. Christian N. Ramsey, Jr., Kenneth R. Cole, Jr., and Raymond J. Waldmann; the White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

Greetings

- Rockefeller
- Nelson A. Rockefeller
- Olivarez
- Ramsey

Photographs

- Arrangements
- Oliver F. ("Ollie") Atkins
- Arrangements

Father Theodore S. Hesburgh and Father Edmund Patrick Joyce
-President's acquaintance

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Conv. No. 720-11 (cont.)

Commission on Population

- Dorothy Buffum Chandler
 - Discussion with the President on population problems
 - Rockefeller's commission [Commission on Population Growth and the American Future]
- Beginning
 - President's population message to Congress
 - Daniel P. Moynihan
- Abortion issue
 - Sensitivity
 - Differences between commission and the President
- President's message
 - Goals
 - Means
 - Bureau of the Budget
 - Department of Health, Education, and Welfare [HEW]
- Report
 - Service of commission
 - Abortion issue
 - Handling
- Population problem
 - Scope
 - Elliot L. Richardson
 - Legislation
 - Latin America
 - Urban areas
 - Rio De Janeiro
 - Sao Paolo
 - Buenos Aires
 - Africa
 - India
 - People's Republic of China [PRC]
 - Japan
 - PRC
 - India
 - Difficulties
 - Political leadership
 - Indira Gandhi
 - Studies
 - Speeches
 - Citizens committees
 - Moynihan's role
 - Bill Draper

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- Dwight D. Eisenhower administration
- John D. Ehrlichman
- Richardson
- Recommendations
 - Citizens committees
 - Representation
 - West Coast
 - Chandler
 - Nationwide
 - Youth and minority representatives
- Population problem
 - Gandhi's problems
 - US problems
 - Minority and younger members
- President's leadership
- Reports
 - Follow-up report
 - Work with Cole, Ehrlichman
 - Richardson
 - The President's view

Gifts

- Cuff links

Walter H. Annenberg gift

- Steuben piece ["Star of the President"]

Gifts

- Bow

Commission

- Work
 - President's appreciation

Doctors, lawyers

Rockefeller, et al., left at 12:32 pm.

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Conv. No. 720-12 (cont.)

Date: May 5, 1972
Time: Unknown after 12:32 pm and before 12:34 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown person.

Meetings

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 12:34 pm.

Conversation No. 720-14

Date: May 5, 1972
Time: Unknown after 12:32 pm and before 12:34 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

Documents for signature

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 12:34 pm.

Conversation No. 720-15

Date: May 5, 1972
Time: 12:34 pm - 12:41 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

Tricia Nixon Cox
-Television appearance
-Follow-up call
-Tricia Nixon Cox's schedule

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 12:34 pm.

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

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 12:41 pm.

President's viewing of interview videotape

- President's schedule
 - Camp David
 - Time
 - Woods's schedule
 - Speech draft

- Julie Nixon Eisenhower
 - Schedule
 - Trip to Camp David
 - Time with the President

- President's schedule
 - Blockade of Haiphong
 - Forthcoming announcement
 - Timing
 - William P. Rogers and Melvin R. Laird
 - The President's view
 - Number of people

- Vietnam
 - Blockade
 - Necessity
 - Soviet Summit
 - Cancellation

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 17s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

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Tricia Nixon Cox's television appearance

- Call from Woods
- Call from Carol (Crothers) Finch
- Barbara Walters
 - Possible letter
 - Anonymity
- Appearance

Camp David trip

- Woods's preparation
- Time of departure

Woods left at 12:41 pm.

Conversation No. 720-16

Date: May 5, 1972

Time: Unknown between 12:41 pm and 12:43 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President talked with an unknown person.

Unknown person's schedule

- Lunch
- Meeting with the President
- Time

Conversation No. 720-17

Date: May 5, 1972

Time: Unknown after 12:41 pm and before 12:43 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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Conv. No. 720-17 (cont.)

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 2s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 12:43 pm.

Conversation No. 720-18

Date: May 5, 1972
Time: 12:43 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

- President's schedule
 - Camp David
 - Julie Nixon Eisenhower
 - Rose Mary Woods

Bull left at 12:43 pm.

Conversation No. 720-19

Date: May 5, 1972
Time: 12:44-unknown before 1:59 pm
Location: Oval Office

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

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Conv. No. 720-19 (cont.)

Haldeman's schedule

- Weekend
- Camp David
 - Day of arrival
 - Purpose

Vietnam

- President's forthcoming speech on the blockade
 - John K. Andrews, Jr.
 - The President's view
 - Concerns
 - Confrontation compared with compromise
 - Assignment
 - Schedule
 - Instructions
 - Raymond K. Price, Jr.
 - Compared with Price and William L. Safire
 - John B. Connally
 - Connally
 - Meeting with Haldeman and Henry A. Kissinger
 - Contribution to President's decision

Soviet Summit

- Possible cancellation
 - Kissinger's position
 - President's previous position
 - Connally's position
 - Soviet position
 - Responsibility

People's Republic of China [PRC]

- The President's trip
 - Dr. Franklin D. Murphy
 - Support for the President's trip
 - Reasons
 - American leader class
 - Attitude toward Nixon's stand on communism
 - Mao Tse-tung
 - Chou En-lai
 - PRC relations with Soviet Union
- President's policies
 - Reasons
 - American leader class

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- Chou En-lai
- Expectations
- Public's attitude
- Decision makers' attitudes

William P. Rogers

- The President's view
- Relationship with Andrei A. Gromyko
- Attitudes

Vietnam

- Blockade
 - Kissinger
 - Criticism
 - Public support
 - Criticism
 - Media
 - Possible Soviet Summit cancellation
- Announcement
- Soviet Summit
 - Kissinger's views
 - Soviet experts
 - Helmut Sonnenfeldt
 - Importance
 - Comparison with Vietnam
- Stakes in Vietnam
- Bombing
 - Effectiveness
- Blockade
 - Impact
 - Scope
 - Comparison with bombing
 - Effectiveness

Kissinger entered at 12:52 pm.

- President's decision
 - President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board [PFIAB] meeting
 - Murphy
 - A previous dinner
 - Frank Pace, Jr.'s conversation with Kissinger
 - Support for President
 - Social circles

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PFIAB meeting

- The President's view
- Nelson A. Rockefeller
- Dr. Edward Teller
- Rockefeller
 - Support for the President's Vietnam policy
 - The President's view
 - Possible role in an administration
 - Vice President
 - Ideas
 - Friends
 - Reactions
- Attendees
 - National Security Council [NSC] staff
 - Jack N. Anderson
 - Leaks
- Review of meeting
 - Discussion of strategic weapons
 - “Open skies”
 - President's instructions
 - Study of conventional US forces
 - Weaknesses evident in Vietnam War
 - Soviet weapons
 - Quality
 - Styx missiles
 - Compared with US weapons
 - Effect on Nixon Doctrine
- Quality of US weapons
 - Middle East
 - Previous conversation with Nihat Erim
 - Western Europe
 - Compared with Soviet weapons
- President's instructions for a study
- Work by US scientists
 - Dr. William O. Baker
 - Kissinger's view
 - Plans for programs
 - Teller
 - Ivy League colleges
 - Opposition by president of Massachusetts Institute of Technology [MIT] to Vietnam policy
- Murphy's suggestion

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- Speech by the President
 - Effects
 - Young people
 - Influences
 - Universities
 - Media
 - Los Angeles Times*
 - Newsweek*
 - Time*
 - Major networks
 - New York Times*
 - Washington Post*
- Failure of leader class
- President's decisions
 - Teller
 - Anti-ballistic missile [ABM] movement
- Opposition to the President
 - Media
 - Time*
 - Newsweek*
 - New York Times*
 - Washington Post*
 - Networks
 - Los Angeles*
 - Education leaders
 - Religious leaders
 - William F. ("Billy") Graham
 - John Cardinal Krol
 - Business leaders
 - “Main Street” businessmen
 - Elite
 - Business Council
 - Trade with Soviet Union and PRC
 - Products
- Support for the President
 - Farmers
 - Southerners
 - John C. Stennis
 - James O. Eastland
 - Richard B. Russell
- American leader class
 - Labor leaders
 - International Brotherhood of Teamsters' previous meeting with President

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- Frank E. Fitzsimmons
- Joseph ("Joe T.") Trerotola
- William J. McCarthy
- George Meany
- The President's view
- Contrasted with other leaders
 - Business
 - Education
 - Press
 - Religious
- Relation to US decline
 - H.G. Wells
 - Examples from history
 - British
 - French
 - Romans
 - Greeks
- Opposition to the Presidency
 - Pre-World War II
 - Post-World War II
 - George C. Marshall Plan
- Rockefeller's report to Kissinger
 - Kissinger's meeting with Adm. Thomas H. Moorer and U. Alexis Johnson

President's forthcoming speech

- Kissinger's conversations with Haldeman
- Tone
- Tone toward Soviets
- Rhetoric
 - Compared to the President's November 3, 1969 speech on Vietnam
- Blockade
- Length
- Time
- Tone toward Soviets
- Tone toward PRC
- Request for support
- Work by speechwriters
 - Winston Lord draft
- Time

Rockefeller's advice

- Similarity to Connally's advice
- Consequences of blockade

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-Effect on forthcoming election

President's decision to enforce a blockade of North Vietnam

-Consequences

-For Soviet Summit

-For forthcoming election

-Alternatives

-Consequences

-Effect on forthcoming election

-Charles W. Colson

-John D. Ehrlichman

-Disagreement between Kissinger and the President

-Bombing

-Civilian casualties

-President's attitude

-Kissinger's attitude

-Reasons

-Lyndon B. Johnson's actions

-The President's view

-Irresponsibility of US military

-Kissinger's view

-Blockade

-Scope

-Bombing

-Rail lines

-Highways

-Size

-Gunships

-Use around Hue

-Number

-B-25s

-Kissinger's and Alexander M. Haig, Jr.'s position

-Effectiveness

-C-130s

-Use by Air Force

-North Vietnamese offensive

-South Vietnam performance

-New South Vietnamese General

-Gen. Ngo Quang Truong

-Movement of units

-Hue

-South Vietnamese division

-Gen. Ngo Quang Truong

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- Harsh measures
 - Execution of deserters
 - Press stories
- Blockade
 - Commitment
 - Laird and Rogers's position
 - Rogers
 - Briefing
 - Meeting with the President
 - Time
 - Laird
 - Meeting with Kissinger
 - Support for the President
 - Rogers
 - Soviet response
 - North Vietnamese delegate to Moscow
 - Proposals
 - Ceasefire
 - US conditions for acceptance
- Negotiations
 - Ceasefire
- Blockade
 - President's decision
 - Necessity
 - Kissinger's concerns
 - Rockefeller
 - Connally
 - Implementation
 - Intensity
 - Leaks at State Department
 - Ceasefire
 - President's speech
 - Cessation
 - Terms
 - Ceasefire
 - Prisoners of war [POWs]
 - Ceasefire
 - POWs
- POWs
 - Wives
 - Negotiations for release
 - Conditions
 - Cessation of bombing

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- Lifting blockade
- Possible North Vietnamese offers
 - Withdrawal of POWs
- Return of POWs
 - Honolulu
 - May 31, 1971 proposal
- Blockade
 - Kissinger's discussion with Soviets
 - Summit

Press coverage

- Henry Hubbard
 - Meeting with Kissinger
 - Assessment of President's actions
- Washington Post* editorial
- Newsweek* reporter
 - Hubbard's information
 - Assessment of President's actions
 - Image of irrationality

Kissinger left at 1:19 pm.

- Washington Post* editorial
 - Negotiations
 - South Vietnam government
- J. Edgar Hoover eulogy
 - Television coverage
 - Length
 - Camera work
 - Church layout
 - Length of eulogy
 - Reception
 - Television coverage
 - Camera shots
 - Mrs. [Forename unknown] Gartner [sp?]
 - Card
 - Victor Gartner [sp?]
 - Stamp
 - Photograph of the President
 - American flag sticker

President's attire

- American flag lapel pin

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-Times to wear

Vietnam

- President's forthcoming speech on the blockade
 - Kissinger's advice
 - Length
 - Tone
 - Contents
 - Delivery
 - Ceasefire
 - Duration
 - Mining of Haiphong

Kissinger

- North Vietnamese delegation
 - Le Duc Tho
- Lunch with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
 - Postponement
 - Instructions from the President
 - Kissinger's tenor

Vietnam

- Blockade
 - White House staff leaks
 - John A. Scali
 - Kissinger's view
 - Work
 - Amount of information given

President's public appearances

- Impression to be conveyed
- Impression from media
 - Dan Rather
 - John F. Osborne
- Use of television
- Rather
 - Instant analysis

Media

- Kenneth W. Clawson's idea
 - Herbert E. Kaplow
 - Job offer
 - Acceptance

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-Reasons

The President left at an unknown time after 1:19 pm.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 43s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

The President entered at an unknown time before 1:58 pm.

A previous meeting
-Connally
-Attendance

Media
-Kaplow
-Clawson
-Background
-Kaplow
-Information from Mrs. Kaplow to Mrs. Clawson
-Work with National Broadcasting Company [NBC]
-Conflicts over content
-Attitude toward treatment
-Talk with Clawson

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 1:19 pm.

Beverage order

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 1:58 pm.

Media
-Robert D. Novak paper
-Distribution

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- Source
 - Rowland Evans
- Copyright
 - Cambridge College
- Novak's revisions
- Distribution
 - Analogy to Pentagon Papers
 - Use of Congressional Record
 - Internal distribution and instructions

Thomas E. Kurtz's book, *Programming for Conservatives*

- Distribution
- Arguments

Media

- Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
 - Demonstrations at Kent State
 - Story
 - Distortions
 - United Press International [UPI] reports
 - Number of students participating
 - Call of protest to CBS
 - UPI reports
- President's belief
- Kevin P. Phillips's comments
 - Student attitudes on Vietnam
 - Ignorance
 - Survey
 - Campus culture
 - Students
 - Phillips's opinion
- Murphy
 - Report on Dorothy Buffum Chandler

Vietnam

- Demonstrations
 - Capitol Hill rally
 - Judy Collins
 - Identified
 - William Kunstler
 - Identified
 - Number attending
 - Effect on Senate "Doves"

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- Trenton rally
 - Number attending
- New York City rally
 - Number attending
- Tucson rally
 - Number attending
 - University of Arizona
- San Diego rally
 - Number attending
- University of Maryland rally
 - Number attending
- Kent State rally
 - Cancellation of classes
 - Glenn A. Olds
 - Anniversary observance
 - Speeches
 - Number attending
 - Parade
 - Number marching
 - Media reports
 - Distribution
 - Colson

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6

[Personal Returnable]

[Duration: 5m 1s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6

Vietnam

- President's forthcoming speech on the blockade
 - Time
- Television schedule
 - "Gunsmoke"
 - "Laugh-In"
- Movies

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-Time

President's assessment of past week

Vietnam

- North Vietnamese offensive
 - Losses
 - Provincial capital
- Hue
 - Nguyen Van Thieu's visit
- Gen. Ngo Quang Truong
 - Image
 - Command of Hue
 - Evacuation of refugees
 - Deserters
 - Execution wall
 - Counteroffensive
 - Highway reopened
- South Vietnam
 - Air support
- Bombing
 - Hanoi
- US casualties
- Kontum
- Refugees from cities

President's public appearances

- Hoover statement and eulogy
 - Image of the President
- Law and order message
 - Ehrlichman's view
 - Frank L. Rizzo

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8

[Personal Returnable]

[Duration: 17s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8

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- Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] directorship
 - L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III
 - Tenure
- Rizzo
 - Meeting with Ehrlichman
 - Job possibilities
 - Bicentennial job

Bicentennial

- Scope
- Planning
 - Delay
 - Temper of nation
 - Effect of Vietnam

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 9

[Personal Returnable]

[Duration: 47s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 9

Tricia Nixon Cox's television appearance

- Rose Mary Woods's report
- Interview with Barbara Walters
 - "Today" show

Patrick J. Buchanan

- Interview with National Educational Television [NET]
 - Criticism of media
 - South Vietnamese defeats
 - Busing
 - President's proposals
 - President's meetings with press

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- Press
 - Liberal domination
 - Recruitment of conservatives
 - David Brinkley
 - Pulitzer Prize
 - Anderson
 - New York Times*
 - Anderson
 - Pakistan issue
 - President's view

Media

- New York Times*
- Washington Post*
- Time*
- Newsweek*
- Life*
- Three major networks

Vietnam

- Blockade
 - Navy
 - Mining
 - Functioning of mines
 - Advantages
 - Moorer
 - Prior warning
 - Announcement
 - Congressional criticism
 - Difficulties
 - POWs
 - US forces
 - Communist government in South Vietnam
 - Purpose
 - Criticism
 - George S. McGovern
 - Difficulties

Press conference

- Arrangements

The President's schedule

- Executive Office Building [EOB]

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- Rose Mary Woods
- Connally

Marjorie P. Acker entered at an unknown time after 1:19 pm.

Woods

- Location
- Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon

Haldeman left at 1:58 pm.

- President's call

Acker left at an unknown time before 1:59 pm.