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Tape Subject Log (rev. Mar-02)

Conversation No. 755-1

Date: July 27, 1972

Time: Unknown between 3:03 pm and 4:36 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Patrick J. Buchanan, H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman, Henry A. Kissinger, Herbert G. Klein, Peter Lisagor, Robert D. Novak, Sarah McClendon, Helen A. Thomas, Morgan Wilson, and Ronald L. Ziegler. This recording began at an unknown time while the conversation was in progress.

[A transcript of this conversation may be found in *Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard M. Nixon 1972*, pp. 745-754]

[General conversation]

- The President's suit

The President's schedule

- Haircut

- Golf

- California

- Cabinet officers

- Burning Tree Country Club

- Vice President Spiro T. Agnew

- George Meany

- William P. Rogers

- Unknown person

- Unknown book

- 1957 trip to Africa

- 1959 trip to Siberia

Buchanan, et al., except for Haldeman, left at 3:45 pm.

The President's recent press conference

- Vice presidency

- Harry S. Truman and Franklin D. Roosevelt

- Agnew

- Truman

- Aid to Greece

- Buchanan

- Possible stories

- Value of Oval Office press conferences

- Vietnam

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- US bombing
 - Reaction
 - Double standard
 - Kurt Waldheim
- US military

Ziegler entered at 3:46 pm.

Vietnam

- Bombing dikes in North Vietnam

The President's recent press conference

- Format
 - Answers
- Duration
 - Ziegler's effort
- Format
 - Value of Oval Office press conferences
- Vice presidency
 - Theodore Roosevelt, Truman
 - Agnew
 - Analogy to the President experience as vice president
 - Dwight D. Eisenhower
 - Press coverage

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 1m 17s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

The President's recent press conference

- Middle East
 - Rogers
 - Melvin R. Laird

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The President's schedule

- Golf game
 - Meany
 - Rogers
 - Conversation with Haldeman
 - George P. Shultz
 - Unknown person
- Meany
- Wilson's question

Waldheim

- The President's recent press conference
- Kissinger's conversation with George H.W. Bush
 - Bush's meeting with Waldheim
- The President's recent press conference
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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 10m 51s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

Ziegler left at 4:03 pm.

The President's schedule

- Forthcoming meeting
- Clark MacGregor
 - Dinner
 - Chevy Chase
- Robert J. Dole
- MacGregor
- John N. Mitchell, Bryce N. Harlow

Haldeman talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 4:03 pm and 4:07 pm.

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[Conversation No. 755-1A]

Message for Mitchell and Harlow
-The President's schedule
-Dinner

[End of telephone conversation]

The President's schedule

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[Conversation No. 755-1B]

The President's schedule
-[Mitchell and Harlow]
-*Sequoia*

[End of telephone conversation]

The President's schedule
-Meeting
-Mitchell

Marvin Watson
-Armand Hammer's call to Haldeman
-Lyndon B. Johnson

Hammer's call to Haldeman
-Haldman's possible call to Peter G. Peterson
-Timothy Babcock
-Reception in Moscow

Watson
-John B. Connally

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 1m 10s]

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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

Ziegler entered at 4:07 pm.

The President's previous press conference

- Reaction of press
 - Robert B. Semple, Jr.
 - Lack of questions
 - View
- Lead story
 - Vietnam
 - Critics
 - US bombing
 - Dikes
 - Negotiated settlement
 - United Press International [UPI] report on Kurt Waldheim
- 1972 campaign
 - Thomas F. Eagleton
 - Health
 - Issue
 - Compared to the President's experience in 1952
- Issues between the President and George S. McGovern
- Wire stories
 - Speed
- Semple
 - Reaction to the President's style
- Dan Rather
 - Schedule

Press

- Los Angeles Newspaper Guild
 - Endorsement of McGovern
 - Los Angeles Times*
 - George Putnam
 - Los Angeles Times*
- Southern California press and media
 - Publishers, editors, television station owners
 - Los Angeles

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Ziegler left at an unknown time before 4:36 pm.

Press
-California

Vietnam
-Possible Congressional action
-Jack R. Miller, William B. Saxbe, Charles McC. Mathias, Jr., Marlow W. Cook, James B. Pearson, Robert Stafford, Ted Stevens
-Kissinger
-William E. Timmons, Thomas C. Korologos
-Timing
-Republicans
-The President's possible meeting with congressmen
-Value
-Votes in Congress
-Anti-ballistic missiles [ABM] treaty

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 1m 54s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6

The President's recent press conference
-Subjects
-Domestic topics
-Vietnam
-Politics
-John D. Ehrlichman
-Preparation
-Taxes, revenue sharing, welfare reform
-Questions
-Number
-Vietnam
-Dikes

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- Political settlement
- Candidate's health history
- Vice President
 - Selection
- Candidates financial and medical records
- Middle East
 - Soviet Union
- Agnew
- Vietnam
- Format
 - Oval Office
 - Compared to television

The President's schedule

- Golf
 - Announcement
 - Press coverage
 - Rogers
- Camp David
 - Rose Mary Woods, Gen. Walter R. Tkach

The President's recent press conference

- Format
 - Preparation
 - Effect on the President

Kissinger's schedule

- Washington Star* editorial board
- Meetings with reporters
- Washington Star* editorial board
 - Stories on Vietnam
 - W[illiam] Averell Harriman

Harriman

- Views about McGovern
 - Treatment at Democratic National Convention in Miami

The President's recent press conference

- Effect
 - White House staff
 - Vietnam
 - Dike bombing
 - Charles W. Colson

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Agnew

- Efforts
 - Conversation with Haldeman

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Delivery of information

Senate relations

- Lloyd M. Bentsen, Jr. amendment on Trident submarine
 - Vote
- Saxbe amendment on carrier
 - Vote
- Vietnam
 - Resolutions
 - Forthcoming Edward W. Brooke end-the-war amendment
 - The President's recent press conference
 - Stafford
 - Charles H. Percy, Mathias
 - Opposition
 - Brooke
 - Opposition
 - Mark O. Hatfield
 - Oregon

The President's recent press conference

- Effect
 - Ziegler
 - Waldheim

United Nations [UN]

- The President's policy
- Popular opinion
- Treatment of US
 - US contributions
- The President's recent press conference
 - Kissinger
 - [National Security Council [NSC]]

The President's recent press conference

- Vietnam
 - The President's opponents

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- Possible congressional action
- The President's action in 1968

- The President's schedule
 - Golf
 - Laird's schedule
 - Wisconsin
 - Meany

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 1m 22s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8

- White House telephones
 - President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board [PFIAB]
 - Connally, Nelson A. Rockefeller
 - Connally
 - Home
 - Switchboard
 - Separate line
 - Cost
 - Campaign
 - White House
 - Security check
 - Agnew

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 9

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 1m 46s]

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The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 4:07 pm and 4:36 pm.

[Conversation No. 755-1C]

Request for a call to Colson

[End of telephone conversation]

The President's schedule

- White House staff
 - Klein
 - John A. Scali, Kenneth W. Clawson
 - Relationship
- Recent press conference
 - Point about Connally
 - Klein's reaction
 - Klein's press release
 - Haldeman's role

White House staff

- Klein's role
- Colson

The President's schedule

- Sequoia* trip
 - Instruction for Haldeman
 - Mount Vernon
 - Helicopter
 - Trip length

The President and Haldeman left at 4:36 pm.