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Conversation No. 763-27/764-1

Date: August 7, 1972

Time: 4:33 pm - 5:21 pm

Location: Oval Office

[This conversation is continued from Conversation No. 763-27]

The President met with John D. Ehrlichman.

[This conversation began in progress.]

White House staff

- Ehrlichman
- Herbert Stein
- Political group
- Cabinet
- Previous briefing for White House staff
- Attendees at forthcoming meeting
 - John N. Mitchell
 - Maurice H. Stans
 - Clark MacGregor
 - Robert J. Dole
- Political involvement
 - Peter M. Flanigan
 - Stein
 - Henry A. Kissinger
 - Ehrlichman
 - The President's view
- Forthcoming meeting
 - William E. Timmons
 - H.R. ("Bob") Haldeman
 - Purpose of meeting
 - Cabinet role
- Previous briefing for White House staff
 - MacGregor
 - Frederic V. Malek
 - Ethnic groups
 - Jeb Stuart Magruder
 - Media
 - Congressional relations

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-Youth coordinator [Kenneth S. Rietz]

The President's schedule

- The President's forthcoming dinner for the Cabinet
 - Cabinet meeting
 - Briefing by George W. Romney
 - Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania
 - Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
 - William P. Rogers
 - Briefing by Romney
 - Situation in Wilkes-Barre
 - Previous memorandum to Romney
 - Tone
 - Distribution
 - Romney's forthcoming trip to Wilkes-Barre
 - Romney's request for staffing increase
 - Mortgage applications
 - Romney's efforts
 - Office of Emergency Preparedness [OEP] assessment
 - Ehrlichman's view
 - Possible attendance by staff and Cabinet members
 - Cabinet meeting
 - Cocktails
 - Separate dinner for staff
 - The President's dinner with the Cabinet
 - Ronald L. Ziegler
 - Herbert G. Klein
 - Stein
 - Kissinger
 - Ehrlichman
 - Flanigan
 - Romney's forthcoming report to the Cabinet
 - Briefing
 - Malek, Magruder, Rietz
 - Alexander P. Butterfield
 - Kenneth R. Cole, Jr.
 - Senior policy advisors
 - Ehrlichman, Flanigan, Kissinger, and Stein
 - Domestic Council
 - Foreign Affairs Council

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- National Security Council [NSC]
- Council of Economic Advisors [CEA]
- Stein
 - Importance
- Harry S. Dent
- Charles W. Colson
- Robert J. Brown
- Ziegler
 - Published list of attendees
- Staff attendance
 - Haldeman
 - Ehrlichman
 - Flanigan
 - Kissinger
 - Stein
 - Timmons
 - Klein
 - Ziegler
 - Brown
 - Colson
 - Dent
 - Butterfield
 - Timmons
 - MacGregor
 - Haldeman
 - Ehrlichman
 - Flanigan
 - Kissinger
 - Stein
 - Ziegler
 - Klein
 - Haldeman
 - Position of "Assistant to the President"
 - Haldeman
 - Ehrlichman
 - Flanigan
 - Kissinger
 - Stein
 - Ex officio* status

Kissinger entered at an unknown time after 4:33 pm.

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Kissinger's schedule

- Previous meeting with unknown ambassador
- Vietnam

The President's schedule

- Forthcoming dinner with the Cabinet
 - Staff attendance
 - Haldeman
 - Role at dinner
 - Separate staff dinner
 - Mitchell
 - Romney
 - Request for increase of staff
 - Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger
 - Location of dinner
 - Conference room
 - Dining room
 - Location of staff dinner
 - Old Laurel Cabin
 - Participation of staff in briefing
 - Romney
 - Report on Wilkes-Barre situation
 - Department of Transportation
 - Office of Management and Budget [OMB]
 - Domestic Council
 - Agnew
 - Possible postponement
 - Request for increase of staff
 - Haldeman
 - Number in attendance
 - Staff attendance
 - Magruder, Malek, Rietz
 - Ziegler
 - Klein
 - Briefing
 - MacGregor
 - Ziegler
 - Publicity
 - Topics of discussion
 - Absence of substantive topics

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- Romney
 - Absence of legislative topics
 - Repeat of staff briefing
 - Timmons
 - Republican National Convention
- Colson
- Cabinet and former Cabinet officers
- Haldeman
- John B. Connally
- Invitations
 - Brown
 - Cole
 - Stein
 - Timmons
- Kissinger
- Stein
- Butterfield
- Scheduling
 - Butterfield
 - Romney
 - Cole
- The President's forthcoming return from Camp David
 - Timing
- The President's possible meeting with Boris V. Petrovsky
 - Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
 - Leonid I. Brezhnev
 - Timing
 - Possible photograph
 - Length of meeting

Ehrlichman left at 4:52 pm.

Kissinger talked with the White House operator at an unknown time after 4:52 pm and before 5:21 pm.

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Request for a call to Dobrynin

[End of telephone conversation]

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International trade

- The President's previous meeting with Flanigan
 - Forthcoming Council on International Economic Policy [CIEP] meeting
 - Possible agenda
 - Peter G. Peterson
 - Brezhnev
 - William D. Eberle
 - Kakuei Tanaka
 - US relations with the European Economic Community [EEC]
 - The President's view
 - Peterson
 - Brezhnev
 - Eberle
 - Tanaka
 - State Department
 - US-EEC relations
 - Forthcoming studies
 - International monetary situation
 - George P. Shultz
- CIEP
 - The President's view
 - Peterson
 - Possible report
 - State Department
 - Leaks
 - The Administration's high-level negotiations
 - Relations with State Department
 - Example of North Vietnamese offer
 - Peterson
 - Europe

White House staff

- Number of advisors
 - Ziegler, Klein, John A. Scali, Richard A. Moore
- Access to the President

CIEP

- Flanigan

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 4:52 pm.

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Refreshments

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 5:21 pm.

US-Japan trade relations

-Eberle

-The President's forthcoming meeting with Tanaka

-Yasuhiro Nakasone

Kissinger talked with Dobrynin at an unknown time between 4:52 pm and 5:21 pm.

[Conversation No. 763-27/764-1B]

[See Conversation No. 29-34]

Kissinger conferred with the President at an unknown time between 4:52 pm and 5:21 pm.

The President's forthcoming meeting with Petrovsky

-Timing

[End of conferral]

[End of telephone conversation]

The President's schedule

-Possible meetings with Soviet officials

-Brezhnev's previous meetings with US officials

-Compared to hypothetical meeting with official from Upper Volta

Israel

-Previous message to Golda Meir

-Soviet Union withdrawal [from Egypt]

-Response from Meir

-Stability in region

The President's forthcoming meeting with Tanaka

-Possible agreements between the US and Japan

-Trade missions

-Timing of agreements

-Nakasone

-Flanigan

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- Peterson
- David M. Kennedy
 - The President's previous meeting [with Eisaku Sato]
 - San Clemente

Vietnam negotiations

- US proposal
 - North Vietnamese
- Possible breakoff of negotiations
 - Timing
 - George S. McGovern
 - 1972 election
 - Publication of negotiation records
 - McGovern
 - Imposition of a Communist government on South Vietnam
 - Disadvantage of continued negotiations
 - May 8, 1972 decision
 - Erosion of support
- Troop withdrawals
 - Announcements
- Reduction of US casualties
- Kissinger's previous meetings with North Vietnamese in Paris
 - North Vietnamese concessions
 - Troop withdrawals
 - North Vietnamese goal of political victory
- 1972 election
 - Impact on negotiations
- The President's desire for aggressive action
- Perception of progress in the Administration's foreign policy
 - Kissinger's forthcoming trip to Saigon
 - The President's forthcoming meeting with Tanaka
 - Kissinger's forthcoming trip to the Soviet Union
- Possible stalemate
 - Option of continuing talks
 - Option of breaking off talks
 - McGovern
 - Possible resumption of talks on November 9, 1972
 - Cessation of bombing north of 20th Parallel
 - The President's view
- Kissinger's previous talk with Connally
 - Level of information to be shared with Connally

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- Connally's view
- McGovern
- Kissinger's proposal
 - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
 - US acceptance of some North Vietnamese proposals
 - Kissinger's possible trip to Saigon
 - Kissinger's forthcoming trip to Moscow
 - Announcement
 - Domestic impact of proposal
 - Nguyen Van Thieu
 - North Vietnamese
 - Possible negotiations with Thieu
 - Election
 - Commission of national reconciliation
 - Organization of new elections
 - Election
 - The Administration's January 25, 1972 proposal
 - Resignation of Thieu
 - Cabinet seats proportionate to electoral results
 - Commission of national reconciliation
 - New constitution
 - Thieu
 - Provisional Revolutionary Government [PRG]
 - Possible rejection by North Vietnamese
 - Publication of negotiations
 - McGovern's possible response
 - Possible acceptance by North Vietnamese
 - Thieu
 - Possible breakdown of subsequent negotiations
 - Resumption of negotiations after 1972 election
 - May 8, 1972 proposal
 - Possible bombing of North Vietnamese dikes

1972 election

- Possible nuclear treaty
- Vietnam issue
 - The public's negative reaction to the Administration's policy
 - Congress
 - Withdrawal of US forces
 - Residual forces
 - North Vietnamese proposal

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- Private talks
- Progress

Vietnam

- Post 1972 election plans
- Actions to end war
- Kissinger's previous talk with Joseph W. Alsop
- Forthcoming response of intellectuals to the President's policy

McGovern

- Appearance during speech
- Kissinger's view
- Liberace

Vietnam

- The President's moral position
 - Connally
- Reduction of US casualties
- Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
- Use of US military power
 - Mining
 - Bombing
 - Kissinger's view
 - Kissinger's forthcoming meeting with Gen. John W. Vogt, Jr.
 - Use of B-52s
 - Issue of bombing of North Vietnamese dikes
- The President's forthcoming speech to the American Legion
 - McGovern's plans to end war
- Possible breakoff of negotiations
 - Possible publication of negotiations
 - Effects of previous negotiation publicity
- Effect of cease fire
- Mines
 - Timing of deactivation
- Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
 - Analysis of mining and bombing
 - The President's view
- Mining
 - The President's note in the news summary
 - Ellsworth F. Bunker
 - Effectiveness of mining

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- Publicity
- North Vietnamese
- The President's forthcoming trip to Hawaii
 - The President's possible meeting with Bunker
 - Gen Frederick C. Weyand
 - Melvin R. Laird
 - Rogers
 - Japanese Foreign Minister [Masayoshi Ohira]
 - Tanaka
- Bunker
 - Thieu
- Rogers
 - Knowledge of negotiations
 - Kissinger's view
 - January 25, 1972 proposal
- White House staff
 - Information about negotiations
 - The President's view
 - Haldeman
 - Ehrlichman
 - Klein
 - Connally

The President's schedule

- Executive Office Building [EOB]

The President and Kissinger left at 5:21 pm.

Conversation No. 764-2

Date: July 28, 1972

Time: 1:50 pm - 1:57 pm

Location: Cabinet Room

The President met with Dr. Edward E. David, Jr., Anatoliy F. Dobrynin, Anatoliy Belov, Herman Pollack, John Granger, Nicholas Andrews, Clarence Linder, Raymond Bisplinghoff, Adm. Thomas Owen, Bobbo Bartocha, Norman Neureiter, Dr. Eugene Fubini, Alan Astin, and John D. Baldeschwieler; members of the press and the White House photographer were also present.

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Signing ceremony for "Record of Discussions" [US-Soviet Union Joint Commission on Science and Technology]

- The President's previous trip to the Soviet Union
 - US-Soviet Union Agreement on Science and Technology
- David's previous trip to the Soviet Union
 - Six areas of cooperation
- Significance of signing ceremony
 - US-Soviet Union cooperation in science and technology
 - Compared with previous exchanges of information
 - David
- US-Soviet Union Joint Commission on Science and Technology
- Dobrynin
- US-Soviet Union Agreement on Science and Technology
 - The President's previous trip to the Soviet Union
 - Evolution of US-Soviet Union relationship
 - Confrontation
 - Negotiation
 - Cooperation
- Dobrynin's view
 - The President
 - Significance of agreement for the Soviet Union
 - Leonid I. Brezhnev
 - Cooperation of US and Soviet Union scientists
 - Benefits

[Signing of "Record of Discussion"]

[Applause]

- US-Soviet Union Agreement on Science and Technology
 - Further cooperation
 - Dobrynin
- David's view
 - Importance of science to international relations

[Applause]

[General conversation]

The President *et al.* left at 1:57 pm.