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Tape Subject Log
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Conversation No. 844-1

Date: January 30, 1973
Time: Between 8:55 am and 9:05 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

Funeral services
-Capitol
-Cathedral
-William F. ("Billy") Graham

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

Memo from James D. ("Don") Hughes to H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman

Woods left at 9:05 am.

Conversation No. 844-2

Date: January 30, 1973
Time: Unknown between 9:05 am and 9:24 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule

Bull left at an unknown time before 9:24 am.

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Conversation No. 844-3

Date: January 30, 1973

Time: Unknown between 9:24 am and 11:05 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman at 9:24 am.

Press relations

- Henry A. Kissinger
- Jerrold L. ("Jerry") Schecter
 - Time*
- Kissinger relations with White House
- India-Pakistan
- The President's relationship
 - White House staff
 - Kissinger
- "Man of the Year" cover
- Schecter
 - Relationship with Kissinger
 - Conversation
- Charles W. Colson
- Herbert G. Klein
- "Johnny Carson Show"
- Kissinger "Man of the Year" cover story
- Media
- Elections of 1970
- Kissinger's response to press on bombing
- Television [TV]
- David Kraslow
- Crosby S. Noyes
- Kissinger and Jews
- Smith Hempstone, Jr
- Ronald L. Ziegler
- Media perceptions
- News summary
 - Time*
 - Newsweek*
- Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
- John A. Scali

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- Klein
- Colson and Haldeman
- Patrick J. Buchanan
- White House strategy
- The campaign
 - White House staff
 - Buchanan
- Robert H. Finch
- TV
- Kissinger

Kissinger entered at 9:41 am.

Haldeman left at 9:42 am.

Kissinger's schedule

- Joseph W. Alsop
- Rowland Evans

Newsweek

- Coverage of the President and Vietnam
- Kissinger's conversations
 - Henry Hubbard
 - Mel Elfin

Press relations

- Vietnam War

Kissinger's schedule

- Robert S. McNamara
 - Economic development
- Press relations
- Mail

Press attitude

- Haldeman
- TV
- Time*

Vietnam settlement

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- Cease-fire
- Buchanan

The President's relations with unnamed person [Tran Van Lam]

- Paris
- US relations with South Vietnam
- Schedule for unnamed person [Tran Van Lam]
- Spiro T. Agnew

Agnew's schedule

- Kissinger
- Brent G. Scowcroft
- Itinerary
 - Philippines
- The President's schedule
- Philippines
- Report to the Cabinet
- Kissinger's schedule
 - North Vietnam
 - People's Republic of China [PRC]
- The President's schedule
- Cabinet meeting

Press relations

- Counterattack
- White House attitudes
- Alsops
- List
 - Haldeman
 - Alsops

Kissinger's schedule

- Hanoi
- Public relations

Agnew

- Meeting with Cabinet

Egyptians

- Meeting with Kissinger

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Conversation No. 844-3 (cont'd)

- London
- Golda Meir
- Camp David

Tran Van Lam and Tran Kim Phuong entered at 9:52 am; Members of the press and the White House photographer were present at the beginning of the meeting.

Introductions

Photo session

Foreign relations

- US and Vietnam
- Cease-fire
- Peace
- Economic and military support for Vietnam
- Friendship for Vietnam
- South Vietnam government
 - Recognition
 - Assistance
 - Influence
- US policy in Indochina
- Agnew's visit to Vietnam
 - Areas of discussion
 - Possible recommendations to the US Cabinet
- Negotiations
 - Congress
 - Economic and military support for South Vietnam
- Paris negotiations
- The President's trips to Vietnam
- Friendship with Vietnamese people
 - Independence
- US press
 - Nguyen Van Thieu
- Congress
 - Aid
 - Peace investment
- International relations with South Vietnam
- North Vietnam

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Vietnam settlement

- Cease-fire
- North Vietnam
 - Communists
- Kissinger
- War and peace
- US policy toward South Vietnamese government
 - Agnew
- Demonstrations
 - Timing
 - Madame Nguyen Binh
 - Paris
- Geneva
- Copenhagen
- Scandinavians
- French
 - Maurice Schumann
 - Demonstration
 - Georges J. R. Pompidou
 - Paris
 - Impact of demonstrations on negotiations
 - Charles A. J. M. Degaulle
 - The President's state visit
 - Funeral
 - Police
- Iceland
- Demonstrations
- France
 - Pompidou
 - Schumann
- William P. Rogers
- Paris
- Copenhagen
- Pompidou
- Finland
 - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
 - Geneva
 - Salzburg
 - Vienna
- Vienna

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- Demonstrators
- Geneva
 - North Vietnamese
 - Chinese
- Paris
 - Pompidou
 - Schumann
 - Demonstrations
 - South Vietnamese
 - Hanoi
 - South Vietnam
 - US relations with USSR
 - Chinese
 - Hanoi
 - Saigon
 - Schumann
 - Jean Sainteny
- North Vietnam
 - Agreement
 - Souvanna Phouma
 - Nguyen Van Thieu
 - US aid
- South Vietnam
 - Air Force
 - People
 - US relations
 - USSR
 - PRC
 - North Vietnam
 - Laos
 - Cambodia
 - Cease-fire
 - Press relations
 - Congress
 - Communism
- North Vietnam
 - US strategy
 - USSR
 - PRC
- US relations with South Vietnam

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- Kissinger
- Agnew
 - Thieu
- North Vietnam
 - Effect of bombing
- South Vietnam
 - May offensive
 - Strength of forces
 - Government
 - Effect of Communism
 - Death statistics
 - Cease-fire
 - Strategy
 - Thieu
 - Press relations
- Paris
 - Kissinger
- Copenhagen
 - Danish Prime Minister
- Danes, Swedes, Norwegians
- Paris
- Vienna
- Geneva
- Pompidou
 - Thieu
 - Demonstrations
- France
 - Cultural influences on Vietnam
 - Role in negotiations
 - Pompidou
 - Relations with US
 - Thieu
 - Schumann
 - Elections
 - Socialists
 - Communists
 - Pierre Mendes-France
 - Pompidou
- Copenhagen
- Geneva

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- Vienna
- French
 - Demonstrations
- Thieu
- Meeting with the President
 - The President's schedule
 - Kakuei Tanaka
 - Thieu's schedule

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 9:52 am.

The President's schedule

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:37 am.

Tran Van Lam and Tran Kim Phuong left at 10:37 am.

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 10:37 am.

The President's briefcase

- Executive Office Building [EOB]

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 10:39 am.

Bull entered at an unknown time after 10:37 am.

The President's schedule

- Ziegler

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:39 am.

Vietnam settlement

- Thieu's schedule
 - Visit to US
- Hanoi trip

Ziegler entered at 10:39 am.

-Timing

- North Vietnam

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- The President's conversation with Tran Van Lam
- Kissinger's schedule
 - William E. Timmons
 - Trip to Hanoi
- Time*

Press relations

- Soviet Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
- Timing of negotiations

Kissinger's suits

Kissinger left at 10:41 am.

Photographers

- South Vietnamese meeting with the President
- Bull
- Gerald L. Warren
- Haldeman

Kissinger's schedule

- Haldeman

Ziegler left at an unknown time before 11:05 am.

Conversation No. 844-4

Date: January 30, 1973

Time: Unknown between 10:41 am and 12:02 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Contact with Jerrold L. ("Jerry") Schecter, (*Time*)

- H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- Ziegler
- Henry A. Kissinger
- John B. Connally

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-John D. Ehrlichman

News summary

Public interest

-Kissinger

-Vietnam settlement

Haldeman entered at 11:05 am.

Kissinger

-Vietnam

-Briefing

-Term "peace with honor"

-John A. Scali

-Press relations

-North Vietnamese

-Schecter

-Stephen B. Bull

-Press relations

-Peter Lisagor

- "Agronsky Show"

-Awareness

Kissinger

-Messages of December 18, 1972

-Release

-Briefing Congress

-Press relations

-Marvin L. Kalb

-Effect on Nixon and the presidency

-Charles W. Colson and Haldeman

-Press briefing

-Five points

-Kalb

-Foreign policy briefing

-Pre-Vietnam to Vietnam perspective

-People's Republic of China [PRC]

-Russia

-Vietnam

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- Kennedys
 - Public relations value
 - Henry Fairlie book
- Jack J. Valenti
- Schecter
 - Kissinger's role in foreign policy
 - PRC
- The President's PRC policy
- The President's travel accomplishments
 - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
 - PRC
- William L. Safire
- The President's PRC initiative
 - Kissinger's role
- Meeting with Kalb
 - The President's policies
- Barbara Walters
- Howard K. Smith
 - Interview with Kissinger
- American Broadcast Corporation [ABC] Special
- Television [TV]
 - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Press relations

- Scali
- Herbert G. Klein
- Effect on foreign policy
- Effect on presidency
 - Richmond newspaper
 - Joseph W. Alsop
 - William Randolph Hearst, Jr.'s article
 - Bombing
 - Gallup poll
- Scali
- Charles W. Colson
- William P. Rogers
- Melvin R. Laird
- Rogers
- William H. Sullivan
- Haig

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- List for Haldeman
 - Nicolas P. ("Nick") Thimmesch
 - Smith Hempstone, Jr.
 - Crosby S. Noyes
 - David Kraslow
 - Joseph W. and Stewart J. O. Alsop
 - Rowland Evans
 - Roscoe Drummond
- Vietnam War
 - Herman Kahn
 - Article in "Readers Digest"
 - Colson and Patrick J. Buchanan
- Chester Lott
 - Inaugural speeches
 - Vietnam speeches
 - Raymond K. Price, Jr.
 - Lee W. Huebner
- Bruce Herschensohn
 - Buchanan

Press coverage of White House

- Hugh S. Sidey
- Colson
- Time*
- Ehrlichman
 - Sidey
- James B. ("Scotty") Reston
- Schecter
- Kissinger
 - Potential value
 - Vietnam
 - The President's foreign policy

The President's foreign policy

- 1960s
- Vietnamization
 - Laird
- Korea and Vietnam
 - US actions
 - Troops, materials, arms and goods

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- Russians
 - 1966 and 1967
- PRC
 - Vietnam

Kissinger and the press

- Metternich's policies in 1815
- Buchanan
- Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
- Presentation
 - Live compared to taped
 - Kalb
 - Topics for emphasis
 - Schecter
- CBS
- Position on bombing in Vietnam
- Upcoming trip
- Public image
 - Initial secret trip to PRC
- Evans and Robert D. Novak
- Joseph W. Alsop
- Character
 - Kissinger's daughter
 - The President's daughters
 - Schecter
 - Reston
 - Joseph C. Kraft
 - Schecter
 - Noyes
 - Washington Star*
- Kraslow
- Noyes
- Hempstone

Press relations

- White House press announcement
- TV
 - Timing
 - Kissinger's trip to Hanoi
 - William E. Timmons

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Ziegler left at 11:19 am.

Press relations

- Ziegler
- Noyes
- Kahn
- Colson
- Ziegler
- Time*
 - Kissinger
 - Schechter
- Newsweek*
- Time's* coverage of the President in an article on Vietnam
- Ehrlichman
 - Schedule
 - San Clemente
 - Henry Hubbard and Henry Trehwitt
- Newsweek*
- Buchanan
- Colson
- Editorials supporting the President
 - Richmond, Virginia
 - Colson's response
- “Left-wing” press
- TV commentators

Kissinger

- Bombing

Office furniture

- New chair

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 11:19 am.

Refreshment order

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 12:02 pm.

Office furniture

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-The President's other chair

Kissinger

- White House relations
- Scali
- Haldeman
- Colson
- Press relations
- Hanoi and Peking trip
- Soviet summit
 - Helmut ("Hal") Sonnenfeldt
 - Knowledge
 - Qualities
- Intentions
- Schecter
 - Scali

Press relations

- News editorials
- Cease-fire
- Kissinger
 - Positive image
- Colson
 - Kissinger's mail
 - Volume
 - Hypothetical letters about the President
 - William Moyers
 - Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

Government administration

- Post-election plans
- Daniel P ("Pat") Moynihan
 - Advice on internal public relations [PR] activities
 - Celebrations
- Colson
- Post-election period
 - Appraised in long and short terms of actions
 - Celebrations
 - Cabinet
 - Florida vacation

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- Inaugural
- Press relations
 - Dan Rather
 - Barbara Walters
- The President's relations with staff
 - Cabinet
 - Staff
 - Mood
 - Spirit
- News summary
 - Hearst
- Press relations
 - Celebration
 - Lyndon B. Johnson
 - Funeral
 - Church
 - Vietnam settlement

Press relations

- Colson
- Schecter
- Kissinger
- Barry M. Goldwater
- Editors
- Colson
- Buchanan
- Haig
- Vietnam War
 - “Peace with honor”
 - Kennedy and Johnson
 - Gallup poll
 - Communists
 - Mortality statistics
 - Johnson's policy
 - Prisoners of War [POWs]
 - Communism
 - Bombing
 - Public opinion
 - Amnesty
 - Media

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- Deserters
 - Penalty
- POWs and POW wives
 - Mrs. William B. Nolde
 - Death of Lt. Col. William B. Nolde
 - Son's response

The President's schedule

- Houston, Texas
- Arkansas
- Texas
- Presentation of Medal of Freedom or Citizen's Medal
 - Mrs. Nolde
 - Medal of Honor
- Possible visit to Arkansas
 - Wilbur D. Mills
 - Republican Committee congressional memorandum
 - Harris County, Texas
 - Timmons
 - Moynihan
- Possible trip to Houston
 - Motorcade
 - Plane
 - Presentation of medal to Mrs. Nolde

Administration reorganization

- David M. Kennedy
- Moynihan
- Public image
 - The President's travels
 - Florida
 - Need for advance work

Kissinger

- Schechter

Scheduling

- Spiro T. Agnew
- California
- Washington

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- Kissinger's return
 - Cabinet meeting
 - Possible Agnew presentation
- Cabinet meeting
- Staff meeting
 - Anne L. Armstrong
 - Robert H. Finch and Donald H. Rumsfeld

Buchanan

- Book

White House contacts with media

- Kissinger
 - Stewart Alsop
- Public relations concerns
 - Compared to campaign activities
- Kissinger
 - Letters

Budget

- Tim Harris
- Press relations
- Media and Congress
 - Tax issue
- Office of Economic Opportunity [OEO]

Haldeman left at 12:02 pm.