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Tape Subject Log
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Conversation No. 883-1

Date: March 19, 1973
Time: Unknown between 10:14 am and 10:22 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 37-151]

Conversation No. 883-2

Date: March 19, 1973
Time: Unknown between 10:14 am and 10:22 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Refreshment

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 10:22 am.

Conversation No. 883-3

Date: March 19, 1973
Time: 10:22 am - 10:23 am
Location: Oval Office

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Conversation No. 883-3 (cont'd)

The President talked with Tricia Nixon Cox.

[See Conversation No. 37-152]

Conversation No. 883-4

Date: March 19, 1973

Time: Unknown between 10:23 am and 10:30 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown woman.

President's meeting with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman [?]

The unknown woman left at an unknown time before 10:30 am.

Conversation No. 883-5

Date: March 19, 1973

Time: 10:30 am - 12:34 pm

Location: Oval Office

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

Weather

-Snow

-Cherry blossoms

President's schedule

-Willy Brandt's visit

-Confirmation of date

-Kakuei Tanaka's visit

-Confirmation of date

-May 1, 1973 date for Brandt visit

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- Possible trip to Africa
 - Dates
 - Prisoners of war [POWs] dinner
 - Problem of scheduling
 - Congressional fundraising dinner
 - Mid-week departure
 - Press coverage
 - Meeting with Brandt
 - Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft's participation
 - Advice from Henry A. Kissinger

Haldeman talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 10:30 am and 11:06 am.

[Conversation No. 883-5A]

- Brandt visit
 - Scowcroft
 - Date
 - Status report

[End of telephone conversation]

- President's schedule
 - Meetings with foreign heads of state
 - Brandt
 - Guilio Andreotti
 - Paris visit
 - Georges J. R. Pompidou
 - Kissinger's recommendations
 - Visit by Pompidou to US
 - North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO] country objections
 - President's concerns
 - US-Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] summit
 - Brandt's trip to US
 - Public relations trip
 - Paris
 - Haldeman's meeting with Kissinger
 - Pompidou's visit
 - President's meetings with European leaders

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- Kissinger's recommendation
 - Location of meetings in Europe
 - Azores
 - Paris
 - President's concern
 - Kissinger
 - State Department
- President's trip to Africa
 - Two country visit
 - Favors
- NATO
- President's security during visits
 - Europe
 - Netherlands
 - Denmark
 - Belgium
 - NATO base
 - Luxembourg
 - Spain
 - Portugal
 - Azores
 - Frequency of visits

Julie L. Pineau

- Departure from National Security Council [NSC] job
 - Reasons
 - Kissinger
 - Abilities

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

John B. Connally

- Party switch
 - Arrangements
 - George Christian
- Announcement
 - Paul Latt [?]

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- Follow-up
- Delays
- Timing
- Christian
- Democratic Party

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Gen. John P. Flynn

- Health
- Announcement
 - Telephone call to Flynn
 - Timing
 - Senior officer status

Pineau

- Competence
- Dealings with Kissinger

Julie Nixon Eisenhower's schedule

- White House weekend events
 - Church services
 - Evenings at the White House
 - Rigor of schedule
 - Rex W. Scouten
 - Lucy A. Winchester

President's schedule

- Head of state Visits
- Number of Evenings at the White House
 - Lists of invitees
 - Rose Mary Woods and William E. Timmons
 - Individuals sought by President
 - Completion
 - Maurice H. Stans
- Worship services
 - Local guests

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- Purpose of events
 - Compared with purpose of audience
- Evenings at the White House
 - Political figures
 - Stans's group
 - Campaign contributors
- Frequency of Evenings at the White House
 - Limitations
 - Rest
- Press conference
 - Congressional relations
- Trip to west coast
 - Nguyen Van Thieu
- Lee Kuan Yew's dinner
- Andreotti's visit
- Florida trip
 - Easter holiday
- Brandt's visit
- Evening at the White House
- Finance dinner
- USSR visit
 - Dates
 - Evening at the White House
- Visit by African head of state
 - President's trip to Africa
- [Shah of Iran] Mohammed Reza Pahlavi's visit
- Dinners
 - Entertainment
 - Gifts for attendees
 - Foreign visitors
 - Congress members
 - Congressional assistants
 - Length of time

Julie Nixon Eisenhower's schedule

- Meetings with young people
 - Value to administration
 - Symbolism
 - Committee to Re-Elect the President [CRP]

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- Party at White House
- Church service
 - Oswald Hoffman [?]

President's schedule

- Church services
 - Monthly schedule
 - White House correspondents dinner
 - Palm Sunday [?]
- May schedule
 - Brandt's visit
 - President's trip to Africa
 - Mother's Day
- President's revisions
 - White House correspondents dinner
 - Saturday events
- Use of White House
 - Effectiveness
 - Summer schedule
 - California
 - Frequency
 - Difficulty of scheduling
 - International monetary situation
 - Speeches
- Evenings at White House
 - Preparations
 - Early scheduling
 - Arrangements
 - Quality of show
 - Audience
 - Congress member
 - Kentucky
 - Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon's birthday
 - Personal touch
 - Green bow tie
 - Entertainment
 - Poem
 - Bonnie Owens of Merle Haggard's group
 - Birthday poem

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- Merle Haggard
 - Personality
- Guests
 - Visits upstairs
 - Value
 - Flowers
 - Dining room
 - [Dwight] David Eisenhower, II's comparison of President, Dwight D. Eisenhower and John F. Kennedy
 - Availability
 - Rose Mary Woods
 - Attendance of White House dinner
 - Spiro T. Agnew
 - Secretary's attendance
 - [First name unknown] Summers
- Camp David and Sequoia
 - Cabinet
 - Use
 - David Eisenhower's observations
- Social events
 - Frequency
 - First term
 - Psychology
 - Pressures of election
 - Congressional relations
- Camp David and Sequoia
 - Cabinet
- Upstairs of White House
 - Use by outsiders
 - Mrs. Nixon's birthday
 - POWs
 - Evening at the White House
- Stag dinners
 - Campaign contributors
 - Compared with state dinner
 - Dwight D. Eisenhower's approach
 - Number attending
 - Conversation with White House staff
 - Cabinet

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- Governors
- Value and format
 - William T. Cahill
- Foreign visitors
 - Length of dinner
- Chief of protocol
- Identification of campaign contributors
 - Foreign visitors
 - Congress members
- Church services
 - Invitees
 - William F. ("Billy") Graham's recommendation of minister
 - Reasons for having services
 - Religious observance
 - Church in Florida
 - Compared with White House for holidays
 - Assistant secretary invitees
 - Evening at the White House
 - Campaign contributors
- Social events
 - Types
 - Church services
 - Evening at the White House
 - State dinner
- Youth events
 - Frequency
- Brandt's visit
- Lee Kuan Yew's visit
 - Stag dinner
 - Woods, Charles W. Colson and Patrick J. Buchanan
 - Invitees
 - New establishment compared with New Majority
 - Educators
 - Columnists
 - Broadcasters
 - Editors
 - Publishers
 - Government managers
 - Foundations

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- Labor unionists
- George Meany
 - Jay Lovestone
- Blacks and Mexican-Americans
 - Quota basis
- New Majority
 - Italian-Americans
- Brandt dinner
 - Invitees
 - Campaign contributors
- Pahlavi [Shah of Iran] dinner
 - Invitees
 - Campaign contributors
- Haldeman's conference with Kissinger and Agnew
 - Nguyen Van Thieu's visit
 - Visit to Washington, DC
 - California
 - Isolation
 - Demonstrators
 - Impact
 - Possible cancellation by Thieu

Ronald L. Ziegler entered at 11:06 am.

- Alexander M. Haig, Jr.'s advice

Watergate

- News report on Samuel J. Ervin, Jr.
 - Image
 - Partisanship
 - Gerald L. Warren's briefing
 - Arrests of potential witnesses
- Administration response
 - Approaches
 - John D. Ehrlichman, Richard A. Moore, and John W. Dean, III
 - President's statement
 - Comments on Ervin's comments
 - Ehrlichman
 - President's response to Ervin's threats

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- White House cooperation on information
- Separation of powers
- Supreme Court test
- White House cooperation
 - Ziegler's statement for press
- Ervin's partisanship
 - Confrontation with administration
 - "Face the Nation" appearance
- Emphasis on administration's cooperation
 - Ehrlichman
- News media
 - Congress
 - Reporting on Watergate
- Peter M. Flanigan's testimony
 - Ziegler's response on question
- Sherman Adams testimony
 - Ziegler's statement
 - Charge of crime
- Flanigan's testimony
 - Precedent
 - Written statement in *Sansinena* oil tanker case [1970]
 - International Telephone and Telegraph [ITT] case
 - Circumstances
 - Parallels with Watergate
- White House aides
 - Testimony
 - Court case
 - Delays
- Ervin Committee
 - Ehrlichman's advice
 - Threats of imprisonment
 - President's reply
 - Separation of power
 - Cooperation
 - Justice Department
 - Sensationalism
 - Central issues
 - White House cooperation
 - Separation of powers

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- Examination of Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] raw files
- White House staff morale
- Ervin Committee
 - Sensationalism
 - Dean
- ITT case
 - Securities and Exchange Commission [SEC] investigation
 - Justice Department
 - Ziegler's comments
 - Files on case
 - SEC subpoena
 - William J. Casey
 - Summary of contents
 - Agnew, Connally, and Peter G. Peterson
 - Leaks from committee
 - Comments

Press relations

- Proper length of briefing
 - Ziegler's judgment
- Ehrlichman's briefings
 - Compared with Kissinger's briefings
- Length
 - Limits
 - Earl L. Butz
 - Department briefings
 - Press objective
 - Cut-off point
- Press hostility
 - Clark R. Mollenhoff
 - Biases of reporters
- Announcements of positive stories
 - [First name unknown] Alexander
 - Food White Paper
 - Herbert G. Stein

Watergate

- Press briefings
- Warren

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- Briefings
- Administration's cooperation
 - William J. Baroody's office
 - Publicity
 - Jeremiah O'Leary story in *Washington Star*
 - Raw files
 - Alger Hiss analogy
 - Cooperation

Ziegler left at 11:26 am.

- Public relations efforts
 - Someone to direct
- White House staff
 - Public relations sense and coordination of efforts

Public relations

- POW story

President's schedule

- POW party
 - Press presence
 - Risk
 - Coverage
 - Restrictions on behavior
 - Ziegler
 - Entertainment
 - Response by women attendees
 - Leslie T. ("Bob") Hope
- Format
 - President's toast and Flynn's response
 - Press coverage
- Entertainment
 - Hope
 - Personality
 - Gags
 - Haggard
 - Straight lines
 - Welfare recipients

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- Patriotism
- Bumper stickers

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 11:26 am.

President's schedule

- President's meeting with Theodore H. ("Teddy") White
- White's notebook
- Memorandums on Brandt

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

POWs

- Reception
 - State Department
 - Defense Department
- Briefing
 - Value
 - Flynn's opinion
- Wives
 - Activities
 - Tea at State Department

President's schedule

- Social events
 - Amount of effort
 - Range of invitees
 - Value
 - President's popularity
 - Job responsibility of President
 - Renewal of country's faith
 - Event in Topeka
 - Value
 - Motorcade
 - Chicago trip
 - Format
 - Walk
- Thieu's visit
 - President's trip to California

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- Florida
 - President's visit
 - Weather compared to California
- Location
 - Washington, DC
 - California
 - Demonstration
 - Jane Fonda
- Beaches in California
 - Camp Pendleton
 - Capistrano State Park
- Protesters
 - Fonda's presence
 - POWs

POWs

- North Vietnam
- Viet Cong
- Absent without leave [AWOL]
- Public relations
 - Determination
- Confinement
 - Prayers
 - Patriotism

Vietnam War

- Definitive history
 - Sir Robert Thompson
 - Kissinger
 - Joseph W. Alsop
- Thompson's book
 - President's impressions
 - Sequel
 - President's support and collaboration
 - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
- Kissinger
 - Sensitivity to left-wing criticism
 - December 1972 bombing
 - Conflicts with Haig

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- Success
- Behavior
- December 1972 bombing
 - POW reaction
 - Support for President's decision
 - Release from captivity
 - Decision
 - Haldeman's conversation with William L. Safire
 - Relation to May 8, 1972 decision
 - Use of B-52's
 - President's decision
 - Carpet bombing
 - Terror bombing
 - Military targets
 - Stewart J. O. Alsop's column
- Criticism of President
 - Lyndon B. Johnson and Gulf of Tonkin Resolution
 - Reasons
 - Defending troops and POWs
 - Grounds to resume bombing
 - Bombing of military targets
 - Hanoi
 - Future US bombing
 - Dikes
 - Civilian targets
 - Previous accusations
 - Cease fire
 - Sources
 - Herman Kahn
 - Abandonment of settlement effort
 - POWs
 - Cease-fire
 - Limited scope
 - Press reports
 - Stories of massive destruction
 - Earlier bombing
 - Dikes
 - Prison camps
 - Hospitals

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- Reaction of POWs
- Kissinger's ambivalence
 - Appearance of objections
 - Safire
 - May 8, 1972 decision
- Safire's writing on President's and Kissinger's behavior
 - Cambodia
 - Role of Kissinger in decision
 - Inaccuracies
 - Demeanor of Kissinger compared with President
 - Dr. G[eorge] Alexander Heard
 - College students
 - Association with protester
 - Safire
 - Rebuttals to Kissinger's accounts
 - Role as Jew

Kissinger

- Cambodia
- India-Pakistan War of 1971
- Laos
- Anxieties
- Vietnam War
 - Bombings
 - TV
- Safire
 - December 1972 bombing
 - Paris messages
 - Proposed TV appearance by President
- Henry Brandon
- Conflicts with William P. Rogers and Melvin R. Laird
 - Disruption
 - Safire
 - Brandon
- Comments on Rogers
 - Safire's opinion
- Role in Cambodia invasion
 - Self-delusion
- Talks with James B. ("Scotty") Reston
 - Haldeman's comments

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- Kissinger's reactions to Reston's column
 - State Department
 - Meeting with Reston
 - Personality
 - Integrity
 - Self-delusion
 - Oriana Fallacci interview
 - Haig
 - Tape recording
 - Safire
 - Haig
 - Cambodia
 - Kissinger's conversations with Haldeman
 - May 8, 1972 decision
 - Military's role
 - Kissinger's role
 - 1972 Moscow summit
 - Cancellation
 - December 1972 bombing
 - Responsibility
 - Connally's role
 - Kissinger's approach
 - Mining
 - Bombing
 - Surgical bombing
 - Ports
 - Ship withdrawal
 - Menu strikes
 - Johnson
- Vietnam War
- Gradual escalation
 - Vietnam settlement
 - Military fears of losing B-52's
 - Kissinger
 - Bombing
 - Use of B-52's
 - Kissinger's reaction
 - Adm. Thomas H. Moorer's conversation with the President

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- President's responsibility for decision
- Expansion of strikes
 - Kissinger's opinion
 - Publicity
 - President's record of conversations with Kissinger
 - President's memory
 - Revisionism
- Cambodian invasion
 - President's role in decision
 - Heard
 - Determination
 - Military advice
 - Public relations
 - Kissinger on offensive
 - Ehrlichman's public appearances
 - Connally [?]
 - Herbert G. Klein, Bryce N. Harlow and Haldeman's role
 - Arms capture
 - Compared with heroin seizure
 - Significance
 - Talking points
 - Press coverage
 - Ziegler, Moore, David R. Gergen, Buchanan and Ehrlichman
 - Domestic side
 - Ehrlichman compared with Kissinger

Kissinger

- TV briefings
 - Popularity
- Integrity
 - Accounts of personal involvement in decisions
 - Self-delusion
- Cambodia decision
 - Sunday Supplement magazine excerpt
 - Brandon's book on Kissinger
 - Leaks on Cambodia
 - Kent State University
 - Speech
 - Heard

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-Meeting with Ivy League presidents

Book by Safire

- Potential controversy
- View of Kissinger
- Haig's role on Vietnam

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

1972 campaign

- Surplus finds
 - Disposal
 - George H.W. Bush
 - State committees
 - Candidate selection
 - Bills
 - Apportionment around states
 - California
 - New York
 - Advertising
 - Stans
 - Republic National Committee [RNC] plans
 - Announcement
 - Bush
 - Role of RNC
 - Candidate selection
 - President's concern

-RNC

- Press coverage
 - Washington Post*
- Limits of role
 - Grassroots organization
 - Candidate selection
 - Committees
 - Ethnics
 - Women
 - Youth

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- National and county organization
- Campaign
- Candidates for House of Representatives
- Senate

1974 election in Illinois

- Senate race
 - John B. Anderson
 - Donald H. Rumsfeld
 - Delay of decision
 - President's non-involvement in primary
 - Pre-emption of primaries
 - Candidate selection
 - Bush
- Robert H. Finch
 - Indecision on race in California
 - Senate
 - Governor

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Agnew

- David Eisenhower
- Statements
 - Quotations from liberals
 - Intellectual pretensions
 - John K. Galbraith and Plato
- Press relations
 - Gridiron comments
 - Texas
 - Credibility
- Comments on Southern Republicans
 - Harry S. Dent's support for Connally
 - Compared with support for Agnew
- Colson

Speech to Congress

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- Delays
 - Cooperation with Congress
- Conditions
 - TV coverage
 - Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy and Roman L. Hruska
- Contents
 - Domestic concerns
 - Responsibility of Congress

Press conference

- Watergate questions
 - Public interest
 - Media interest
 - Testimony before Congress
 - Cooperation
 - Press reports
 - Stories of confrontation
- Scheduling
 - Last troop withdrawal from Vietnam
 - Return of POWs

President's speech

- TV speech
 - Reading
 - White House
 - Congress
 - Personal role
 - Dwight Eisenhower
 - Tone
 - Microphone technique
 - Franklin D. Roosevelt and President
- Speech before Congress
 - Advantages
 - Congressional relations
 - Willingness to cooperate
 - Public perception of conflict
 - Reassurance of cooperation
 - Reception of President by Congress
- Press conference

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- Disadvantages
 - Attention on Watergate
- Scheduling
 - Watergate hearings
- Options
 - Press conference
 - TV coverage
 - Timing
 - East Room
 - Advantages to President
 - TV coverage
 - Timing
 - Advantages to press
- Speech to Congress
 - Haldeman's preference

Book by Safire

- Deadline
- Interview of President
 - President's schedule
 - California
- Biases
 - Jew
- Analysis of Kissinger
 - Critique of book by Brandon
 - Rogers, Laird
 - Impression of President
 - Treatment
 - Brandon's background
 - Jew
 - Czech

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Items for Old Executive Office Building [EOB] office
-Dictabelts for private file

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State dinners

- Lists of guests
 - Preparation by President
 - Staff member's aid at receiving line
- African dinner
- Brandt dinner
 - Guests
 - Selection and announcement
 - Arthur F. Burns and Hugh Scott
- Guests
 - Invitation

Weather

Speech

- Work by President

Haldeman left at 12:34 pm.

Conversation No. 883-6

Date: March 19, 1973

Time: Unknown between 12:34 pm and 11:59 pm

Location: Oval Office

Unknown men met.

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President's schedule

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The unknown men left at an unknown time before 11:59 pm.