

**NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF**

**Tape Subject Log**

*(rev. 2/24)*

Conversation No. 667-1

Date: February 8, 1972  
 Time: 10:25 am - 12:20 pm  
 Location: Oval Office

The President met with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman and Alexander P. Butterfield.

Environmental program message, February 8, 1972

- President's signature
- Pens as gifts
- Upcoming photograph opportunity
- John C. Whitaker
- Pens

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 11:00 am.

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The President's schedule

- Congressional leaders and cabinet meeting
  - William P. Rogers
  - John B. Connally
  - Hugh Scott
  - Connally
  - Scott
  - Rogers
    - Effectiveness
    - Reaction
  - Scott
    - Rhetoric
  - Duration
  - Elliot L. Richardson
    - Compromise
  - Earl L. Butz
  - Dock strike

Butz

- Helping the President
  - Farming
    - Butz's position
    - Support of farmers
  - Clifford M. Hardin
    - Compared to Butz

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- Food prices
  - Wholesale and retail
  - Beef
    - Hamburger

The President's schedule

- Connally
- Robert S. McNamara
- Peter M. Flanigan
  - Attendance at upcoming meeting
- Henry A. Kissinger
- Flanigan

The President's speech, February 7, 1972

- New York Times*
- The President's view
- Drafting
  - Raymond K. Price, Jr.
- People's Republic of China [PRC]
  - Audience for speech

Speech writing

- Price
  - Douglas L. Hallett
- University of Nebraska speech
- Patrick J. Buchanan
- News coverage
  - University of Nebraska speech
- Audience for February 7, 1972 speech
- The President's work on Vietnam peace proposal speech, January 25, 1972
  - Kissinger draft
    - Length
    - Style
- Cheer lines
- Frequency of speeches
- Price
- William L. Safire
  - Style of speeches
- Improvements

Connally

- Memorandum to the President about Value-added tax [VAT]

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- Flanigan and Haldeman
- John D. Ehrlichman's reply
  - Memorandum
  - Treasury Department

Instructions for Haldeman to meet with Connally and Kissinger

- Connally
- Scheduling
- White House
- President's instructions on handling
  - Letters
  - Ehrlichman
  - George P. Shultz
  - Kissinger
  - Flanigan
- Schedule
  - Ability to accomplish work
  - Meetings with ambassadors
  - Congressmen
  - William P. Pannell
  - Example
    - Ambassador from Mauritania      -Ehrlichman
  - Handling
  - Kissinger
    - Letters to Rogers and Melvin R. Laird
  - Telephone
  - Letters
  - Discretion
  - Copy of Ehrlichman memorandum to Haldeman
- Possible talk with Ehrlichman

The President's schedule

- Center for Voluntary Action
  - Dinner
    - Awards
    - Awardees
      - Eunice (Kennedy) Shriver
      - Presentation
- Bipartisan leaders meeting
  - Butterfield
  - Ronald L. Ziegler
  - Armed Services Committee

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- Foreign Relations Committee
- Appropriations Committee
- Foreign policy draft
  - Safire
  - Length
- Speeches
  - February 7, 1972
    - Quality
- Meeting
  - Political interests involved

Connally

- Involvement with the 1990 Conference
- Maurice H. Stans

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 10:25 am.

- 1990 Conference program
  - Call from Connally's office

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:00 am.

- Economics

Speeches

- Possible alternative
- Writers
- Price
  - Previous conversation with Haldeman
    - PRC
- The President's preparation
  - Amount of time
- Writers
  - Computers
  - Speechwriting
    - Amount of work involved
    - Understanding

Connally

- Activism

Bull [?] entered and left at an unknown time before 11:00 am.

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- Panels
- Luncheons
- James D. Hodgson
- Lunch
  - Scheduling
  - Attendance

Speeches

- Scheduling
- Suggestions from Haldeman
  - Dictation
  - Drafts
    - Critiques
      - Amount of time
  - Price
  - Outline
  - Draft
    - State of the Union address
  - Talking points
  - Reading
- State of the Union
- Reading
  - Lyndon B. Johnson
  - Harry S. Truman
  - Dwight D. Eisenhower
  - Franklin D. Roosevelt
    - Speechwriters
    - Television
    - Radio
      - Comparisons to the President
  - The President
  - New York Times*

Bull entered at an unknown time after between 10:25 am.

Request that Ziegler come to the Oval Office

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:00 am.

Speeches

- Planning

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- Text
- Preparation
- Cameras
- Prepared text
  - Importance

Ziegler entered at 11:00 am.

- February 7, 1972 speech
  - Press coverage
- Television
- Advanced text
  - Benefits
- Live coverage
  - Preferred times

Scheduling

- Preferences
  - Time of day
  - Television
    - Advantages and disadvantages
  - Radio
  - Newspapers
  - Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS] and the *Today* show
  - Radio
    - Possible impact

Scott

- Post leadership briefing
  - Dock strike
    - Losses in 1972
  - Vietnam
    - Foreign policy
      - Alternatives
  - President's 1960 platform statement
    - Statistics
  - Vietnam
    - Casualties
- Age
- Rogers
  - Loyalty

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Ziegler's schedule

- Environmental message
- William D. Ruckelshaus and Russell E. Train

Messages

- Suggestions from the President
  - Length of time
  - Number of words
  - Desired length
  - Teleprompter
- Dinners
- Messages
  - Dinners
  - Length

Speeches

- Speechwriting
  - Idiom
- State of the Union address
- February 7, 1972 speech
  - PRC
- Price
  - Speechwriting compared with advertising
  - Intricacies
- Scott
- Gerald R. Ford
  - Speechwriting style
  - Safire [?]
- L. Richard Guylay memorandum
- Scott

Haldeman's statement on *Today* show

- Main story on the major networks

Leaders meeting

- Kissinger
  - Previous conversation with Ziegler
- Manila conference, 1966
- Lyndon B. Johnson
  - Negotiations
  - Unilateral declaration
- Senators

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- Columnists
- Haldeman's statement
  - Reaction by leaders

Haldeman's statement

- Robert D. Novak
  - Edmund S. Muskie
    - Vietnam policy
  - Ziegler's view
- Democrats
- Polls
- Reaction of Nancy Ziegler's mother
- McCarthyism
  - “Average” radio listener

The President's background

Harry S. Dent

- President's relationship with the press
- South

Leaders meeting

- Press briefing

Media relations

- National Broadcasting Corporation [NBC]
  - Muskie story
    - Timing
- Press
  - Conferences
    - Today* show
      - Haldeman's comments
- Haldeman's comments
  - Reporters
    - Press corps
      - Opposition to the President
        - Allen S. Drury
          - Washington Star*
  - Differences discussed
- Strategy
  - Fairness from the administration
  - Methods used by the press



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- 1960
  - Herbert G. Klein's view
- Media bias
- Press conferences
  - Lyndon B. Johnson
  - John F. Kennedy
    - Number of press conferences
  - Cabinet meeting
- Role of Press secretary
  - Questions and answers
    - Ziegler
- Timing
- Location

Leaders meeting

- Jack F. Kemp
- William A. Steiger
- William E. Brock, III
- Steiger
- Brock

Haldeman's statement

- Response from Democrats
  - Unknown person
- Cameras
- Rogers
  - Statements
- Impressions on country
- News
  - Critics
    - Vietnam
      - Communism
    - Joseph C. Kraft
      - South Vietnam
      - George S. McGovern
      - Communism
      - Possible ceasefire
        - Ziegler's view

Vietnam

- Democrats
  - Gen. Nguyen Van Thieu

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- Prisoners of War [POW's]
  - Strategy
- Negotiations
  - Communists
    - South Vietnam
      - Thieu
        - Haldeman's statement
  - Presidential responsibilities
    - Criticism of the President
    - Support for the President
  - Ceasefire
    - Public opinion
      - Thieu
        - Muskie
          - Statement
            - Joseph W. Alsop
    - Settlement
      - Public sentiment
      - Election
    - Presidential responsibilities
      - Public reaction
      - Media coverage
      - Criticism

Ziegler left at 11:32 am.

Dent

Media relations

- Connally
- National mood
- Muskie
- Possible program

Issues

- President's schedule
  - Ability to take on new challenges
- PRC
- Moscow
  - Upcoming visits
- Vietnam war
- Unemployment

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- Rate
  - Desired rate
- Budgets
- Economy
  - California
    - Unemployment rate
- Robert H. Finch
  - Haldeman
  - Schedule

Connally

- Talk with Ehrlichman
  - Ehrlichman's location
- Schedule
  - Experience as governor

The President's schedule

- Ambassadors
  - Vice President
  - Kissinger
  - Rogers
    - Abilities
      - Compared to Kissinger
- Leaders meeting
  - Kissinger
  - Rogers
  - Haldeman

Rogers

- Defense of the President
  - Compared to Kissinger
  - Ziegler's view

Kissinger

- Press briefings
  - Television
  - Knowledge
    - John A. Scali
  - The President's speech
    - Press conference
  - Kissinger's approach
  - 1972 election

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- Rogers's statement
  - Substance
- The President
- Rogers
- Media
  - Superficiality

Political leaders

- Congress
- Barry M. Goldwater
- Ronald W. Reagan
  - Belief in simplification
  - Effectiveness
- Kissinger's effectiveness
  - Knowledge
  - 1969
    - Spokesman
    - Briefings
    - Rogers
    - Scali
  - Effectiveness as a briefer
    - Ehrlichman
  - White House spokesman
    - Cabinet officers
    - Competition
  - Rogers
  - Laird
  - Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
  - Peace proposal
    - Kissinger's trips to Paris
    - Rogers
  - Dobrynin
  - Chou en-Lai
    - Dialogue
    - Chinese
      - Kissinger's intelligence
      - Chou en-Lai
      - Relationship with Kissinger

Butterfield entered at an unknown time after 11:32 am.

Inquiry about request for Butterfield's presence

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Butterfield left at an unknown time before 11:55 am.

Media relations

- Briefing system
  - Changes
    - White House staff
    - Cabinet
- Kissinger
  - British Broadcasting Company [BBC]
    - Special
      - Eve of PRC trip
    - British press
      - Potential stories
  - Barbara Walters
    - Interview
  - Today* show
  - BBC
    - Possible advantages
    - Congress
    - American networks
      - Interview
  - Return from PRC
  - Poor Richard's Club
    - Philadelphia
    - Audience
      - Influence

Kissinger entered at 11:55 am.

PRC trip

- Briefing book
- Chinese
  - Chou En-Lai
    - Previous conversation with Kissinger
- Position

Haldeman left at 11:56 am.

- Reading material for the President
  - Kissinger
  - Memoranda

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- Briefing book
- The President's schedule
- PRC position
- The President's position
  - Recommendations
- Chou En-Lai
  - Kissinger
- Briefing book

South Asia

- Robert S. McNamara
  - Kissinger's location
  - India and Pakistan
    - Kissinger's previous conversation with Connally and Rogers
  - Humanitarian relief
    - Pakistan
      - Bangladesh
    - Briefing paper
  - India
    - Possible US aid
  - Trip
    - Purpose
- India
  - Haldeman
  - Edward M. Kennedy
    - Robert F. Kennedy's son
    - Joan Kennedy
      - Upcoming visit
    - Reception
  - Kissinger
    - Upcoming lunch with Indian ambassador [Lakshmi Kant Jha]
      - Timing
      - Aid
  - Edward Kennedy's upcoming visit to India
  - India
    - Congressional votes

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[Personal Returnable]  
[667-001-w006]  
[Duration: 44s]

Democrats

- Edmund S. Muskie
- February 7, 1972 dinner
  - Henry A. Kissinger's attendance
  - George Stevens
    - Sam Spiegel
- George S. McGovern
  - Attacks on Edmund S. Muskie
  - Conversation with Henry A. Kissinger

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Leaders meeting

- Scott
  - Speech
- The President's speech
  - Manila Conference, 1966
    - Lyndon B. Johnson
      - Negotiations
      - Unilateral statement
      - President's role

Democrats

- George S. McGovern
- Scott's opinion
  - Hubert H. Humphrey
  - Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson
    - Possible reaction

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[Duration: 2m 7s]

Democrats

- George S. McGovern
- Eugene J. McCarthy
- Edmund S. Muskie
- George S. McGovern's previous conversation with Henry A. Kissinger
- 1968
  - Edmund S. Muskie
  - The President
  - Hubert H. Humphrey
- 1969
  - Edmund S. Muskie
    - George S. McGovern's criticism
      - John B. Chancellor
      - Opportunist
    - Position
  - Cease-fire
  - Position on Vietnam
    - Compared to the White House
    - South Vietnam
      - Communists
  - John B. Chancellor

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Algeria

- Gen. Charles A.J.M. De Gaulle
- Radicals
- France
- US
- Timing
  - Number of years
- Opposition on right

Vietnam

- South Vietnam
  - Communists
- Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
  - Dinner attendance at British embassy
  - Arthur Goldberg statement



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- Muskie
- Democrats
- Stewart J.O. Alsop
- Muskie
- North Vietnamese
  - News summary
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
  - Possible deal
  - Upcoming presidential election
- Dobrynin
  - Talk with Kissinger
- EC-121 shutdown [April 1969]
- Cambodia
- Laos
  - Offensive
  - Effect
  - Negotiations
- Negotiations
- Bombing
  - Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
    - Timing
  - Military affairs
    - Possible stories from Pentagon
  - Joint Chiefs of Staff [JCS]
- Reorganization
  - Second term tasks
  - State Department
  - Defense Department personnel
    - Moorer
      - Previous conversation with the President
    - Arthur W. Radford
    - Moorer
    - Gen. William C. Westmoreland retirement
      - Timing
    - Haig
      - Kissinger's recommendation to the President
        - Vice Chief of Staff
      - Qualifications
      - Kenneth E. Belieu
        - Upcoming conversation with Kissinger
    - Loyalty

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- PRC and USSR trips
- Moorer retirement
- Chairman of JCS
  - Haig's possible future

Vietnam

- Bombing
  - Targets
- Military thinking
- Military art
  - World Wars I and II
    - Winston L. Churchill
  - Korean War
  - Civilian efforts
  - Korean War
    - Gen. Douglas MacArthur
      - Inchon landings
      - Japan
      - Wake Island
      - Yalu River
- Bombing
  - Status
    - Weather
    - Targets
    - Sorties
    - Carriers
    - B-52s, A1s, F4s
    - Timing
    - South Vietnam
  - North Vietnam attacks on South Vietnam
    - Timing
      - PRC trip
  - US advantages
    - Expectations
    - Communication
- Lam Son operation
  - Kissinger's opinion
    - Air power
      - B-52s
- US
  - Experience in warfare
  - Logistics

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- MacArthur
  - Strategy
- Gen. George S. Patton, Jr.
  - Tactics
- German commanders
  - Comparisons
  - World War I
    - France
    - Casualties
    - First Battle of the Marne
    - Verdun
    - [Battle of the Somme]
    - Austria
    - Italy
    - Balkans
- MacArthur
- Patton
- Bombing
  - Article
- US Military
  - Compared to German military
- Cambodia
- Laos
- Bombing
  - North Vietnam
- Mining
- Bombing
- Withdrawal
  - Leonid I. Brezhnev letter

Kissinger left at 12:20 pm.

Conversation No. 667-4

Date: February 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 12:20 pm and 5:13 pm

Location: Oval Office

Unknown people met.

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[Unintelligible]

The unknown people left at an unknown time before 5:13 pm.

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[Unintelligible]

[667-004-w001]

[Duration: 30s]

*[This portion of the tape is mostly room noise with some muffled background conversation.]*

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Conversation No. 667-2

Date: February 8, 1972

Time: Unknown between 12:20 pm and 5:13 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull and Manolo Sanchez.

Microphone

-Location

Work with unknown person

Sanchez and Bull left at an unknown time before 5:13 pm.

Conversation No. 667-3

Date: February 8, 1972

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Time: 5:13 pm - 5:19 pm

Location: Oval Office

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

The President's schedule

- Florida
  - John B. Connally
  - Fishing

Connally [?]

- Memorandum about Value-Added Tax [VAT]
  - John D. Ehrlichman
  - White House staff
  - The President's alleged comments about VAT

Haldeman's interview on *Today* show

- Ronald L. Ziegler
- Handling
  - John A. Scali
    - Possible questions for the President
    - Ziegler
- Kissinger

Leadership briefing

- Hugh Scott and Gerald R. Ford
- Haldeman's comments on *Today*
  - Accusation at opponents of administration policy in Vietnam
  - Scott's reaction
    - Context
    - Press
  - Press
    - Kissinger
    - Ziegler
  - Public reaction
    - Telegrams

Stephen B. Bull entered and left at an unknown time between 5:13 pm and 5:15 pm.

The President's schedule

Haldeman's comments on *Today*

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- Public opinion
  - John A. (“Jack”) Mulcahy
- Possible statement by the President
  - Ziegler

Memorial service

- Llewellyn E. (“Tommy”) Thompson, Jr.
- The President’s attendance
- Attendance
  - William P. Rogers
  - Military aide
- Wreath

Rose Mary Woods entered at 5:15 pm.

The President’s schedule

- Thompson memorial service
  - Wreath
- Canada
  - Henry A. Kissinger
  - Possible effect of cancellation
    - Pierre E. Trudeau

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*[Previous National Security (B) withdrawal reviewed under MDR guidelines case number LPRN-T-MDR-2014-034. Segment declassified on 05/24/2019. Archivist: MM]*

[National Security]

[667-003-w001]

[Duration: 4s]

The President’s schedule

- Canada
  - Possible effect of cancellation
    - Pierre E. Trudeau

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Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 5:15 pm.

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Executive Office Building [EOB]  
-Briefcase  
-Books

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 5:19 pm

Schedule

Haldeman left at an unknown time before 5:19 pm

The President's schedule  
-Gen. Walter R. Tkach [?]  
-Forthcoming talk with Woods

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[Privacy]  
[667-003-w002]  
[Duration: 16s]

Rose Mary Woods' health  
-Gen. Walter R. Tkach schedule [?]

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[Personal Returnable]  
[667-003-w003]  
[Duration: 21s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

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[Personal Returnable]  
[667-003-w003]  
[Duration: 6s]

Rose Mary Woods' schedule  
-Virginia [?]

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Woods left at 5:19 pm.

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Date: February 8, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 5:19 pm and 11:59 pm  
Location: Oval Office

Stephen B. Bull met with unknown people [Secret Service agents].

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[Federal Statute]  
[667-005-w001]  
[Duration: 1m 40s]

An agent talked with an unknown person at an unknown time after 5:19 pm.

[Conversation No. 667-5A]

The President's location



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[End of telephone conversation]

[The recording was cut-off at an unknown time before 11:59 pm.]

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