

Conversation No. 675-1

Date: February 29, 1972  
Timing: Unknown between 8:10 am and 8:55 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Conv. No. 675-14 (cont.)

President's schedule  
-Request for copy

Bull left at an unknown timing before 8:55 am.

Conversation No. 675-2

Date: February 29, 1972  
Timing: Unknown between 8:10 am and 8:55 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule  
-Tricia Nixon Cox's and Edward R.F. Cox's schedule  
-Camp David  
-Timing

Bull left at an unknown timing before 8:55 am.

Conversation No. 675-3

Date: February 29, 1972  
Timing: Unknown between 8:10 am and 8:55 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Staff meeting  
-John D. Ehrlichman, George P. Shultz, H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman, Ronald L. Ziegler  
-Roosevelt Room  
-Time and location  
-Ehrlichman, Shultz, Charles W. Colson, William E. Timmons  
-Haldeman  
-Ziegler  
-Congressional and Cabinet meetings

Bull left at an unknown timing before 8:55 am.

Conversation No. 675-4

Conv. No. 675-14 (cont.)

Date: February 29, 1972  
Timing: Unknown between 8:10 am and 8:55 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Typing  
-Paper

Bull left at an unknown timing before 8:55 am.

Conversation No. 675-5

Date: February 29, 1972  
Timing: Unknown between 8:10 am and 8:55 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

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[Duration: 8s]

The President's schedule [?]

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Bull left at an unknown timing before 8:55 am.

Conversation No. 675-6

Date: February 29, 1972  
Timing: Unknown between 8:10 am and 8:55 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman's schedule

Unknown person's schedule

Conv. No. 675-14 (cont.)

Bull left at an unknown timing before 8:55 am.

Conversation No. 675-7

Date: February 29, 1972

Timing: Unknown between 8:10 am and 8:55 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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[Duration: 11s]

Greeting

The President's schedule

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Sanchez left at an unknown timing before 8:55 am.

Conversation No. 675-8

Date: February 29, 1972

Timing: Unknown between 8:55 am and 10:06 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

President's forthcoming meeting

-William P. Rogers

-Questions

The President's recent trip to the People's Republic of China [PRC]  
-Kissinger's and the President's health

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Conv. No. 675-14 (cont.)

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9s segment cleared for release. 12s remain closed as 675-008-w001.*]  
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[675-008-w001]  
[Duration: 9s]

The President's recent trip to the People's Republic of China [PRC]  
-Henry A. Kissinger's and the President's health  
-The President's health  
-Rest

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[Personal Returnable]  
[675-008-w001]  
[Duration: 12s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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The President's schedule

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President's schedule  
-Florida  
-Timing  
-Kissinger's schedule

President's trip to PRC  
-Communiqué  
-Press reaction  
-*Washington Post*  
-Reception by Congress  
-Reception  
-Television summaries  
-Dan Rather

- Comments
  - Washington Post*
- Kissinger's forthcoming briefing
  - Backgrounder
    - Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
- Walter L. Cronkite, Jr., [Arnold] Eric Sevareid
  - Rather
- Edward M. Kennedy
  - Quoted statement
    - Sevareid
- Communiqué
  - Left's response
    - Taiwan, Republic of China
  - Kissinger's forthcoming briefing
- President's forthcoming briefing
  - Possible responses
  - President's meeting with Chou En-lai
    - Number of hours
  - Description of leaders
    - Mao Tse-tung
      - Public statements
      - Appearance
      - Personality
  - US role in Asia
    - Japan
    - Foreign aid
  - President's talks with PRC officials
  - Charles W. Colson, William L. Safire
    - Preparation
      - Taiwan
- Taiwan
  - Kissinger's conversation with Barry M. Goldwater, February 28, 1972
    - Communiqué
  - President's conversation with William P. Rogers, February 28, 1972
  - Rogers's forthcoming congressional testimony
    - PRC
  - Goldwater
  - Ronald W. Reagan
    - Support
  - Goldwater
    - Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
- Kissinger's forthcoming meetings
  - Goldwater
  - Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
    - Possible argument
- Communiqué
  - President's opponents
    - Left
  - Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters's forthcoming meeting with North Vietnamese
    - March 20, 1972 invitation to Kissinger
- Forthcoming actions

Conv. No. 675-14 (cont.)

- Michael J. Mansfield, Hugh Scott
- Announcement
  - Talks on exchanges
- Le Duc Tho
- President's speech, February 28, 1972
  - Report to the nation
  - Praise from Kissinger Conv. No. 675-14 (cont.)
- Kissinger's conversations with New York conservatives, February 28, 1972
- William F. Buckley, Jr.
- Patrick J. Buchanan
  - William L. Safire, Raymond R. Price, Jr.
  - Work

President's forthcoming trip to Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]

- Safire
  - Compared to Price
  - Working relationship with Safire
  - Writing style
- Buchanan
  - Drafts
    - Quality
    - Work by the President
- H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
  - Buchanan, Price

President's trip to PRC

- The President's and Kissinger's efforts
- Hangchow
  - Communiqué
- Rogers
  - Mood
  - Meeting with PRC Foreign Minister
    - Importance
- Kissinger's conversation with John B. Connally, February 28, 1972
- Importance
  - Potential world events
  - Peace
- President's forthcoming briefing
  - Mansfield, J. William Fulbright
  - US role in Asia
  - Nixon Doctrine
- Kissinger's forthcoming conversation with Stewart J.O. and Joseph W. Alsop

President's schedule

- Florida
  - Timing

President's trip to PRC

- Outcome
- President's return
  - White House reception

-Kissinger's conversation with telephone operator, February 28, 1972

-Reaction

-National mood

-Intellectuals

-Writing press

-Kissinger's backgrounder

Conv. No. 675-14 (cont.)

Haldeman entered at 9:10 am.

-Hugh S. Sidey

An unknown woman entered at an unknown timing after 9:10 am.

Stephen B. Bull's location

Stanley Karnow

President's forthcoming briefing

-Virginia H. Knauer

-Location

The unknown woman left at an unknown timing before 9:18 am.

President's trip to PRC

-Press backgrounder [by Ronald L. Ziegler]

-Karnow

-Sidey

-Buckley

-Peter Lisagor

-Invitations

-Possible exclusions

-Karnow

-Leaks

-Sidey

-Karnow

-Sidey

-Ziegler's comments

-Kennedy

-President's view

-Ziegler's forthcoming backgrounder

-Rather

-Haldeman

-Cronkite, Severeid

-Harry Reasoner, Howard K. Smith

-John W. Chancellor, David Brinkley [?]

Sidey

-Kissinger's view

Public relations

-Time

President's trip to PRC

- Forthcoming backgrounder
  - Jerrold L. Schecter
  - Sidey
- Press contingent
  - Buckley, Joseph C. Kraft
  - Balance
- Forthcoming backgrounder
  - Buckley

Conv. No. 675-14 (cont.)

Kissinger's schedule

- Agnew

President's trips to PRC

- President's February 28, 1972 speech
  - Television coverage
    - Praise from Kissinger
    - Content
      - Children
      - Color
      - Crowds
  - Colson
    - Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
  - Content
    - Crowds
      - PRC
- Correspondents' stories
  - Cronkite
    - Remarks
  - Return to US

Kissinger's schedule

- Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo
- Telephone numbers

Kissinger's schedule

- Stewart and Joseph Alsop

Kissinger left at 9:18 am.

President's trip to PRC

- President's forthcoming briefing
  - Knauer
    - Alexander P. Butterfield
    - The President's previous conversation
  - Robert J. Brown
  - Haldeman's list

Harry S. Dent

President's schedule



- News summaries
  - President's instructions
  - Cambodia

White House staff

- Preferring criticism
  - The President's position
    - Need for positive mood
  - Program
  - View of the President
  - Buchanan, Colson
  - Safire
  - Buchanan
    - Negativity
      - Memoranda
      - 1968 campaign
        - John P. Sears
- News reporting
  - Colson
  - Safire
  - Washington Post*

Conv. No. 675-14 (cont.)

President's trip to PRC

- Taiwan
  - Headline
    - Alleged withdrawal
    - Alaska
- Karnow
  - Relationship with the Administration
- Haldeman's possible calls to California
- President's February 28, 1972 arrival and speech
  - Press coverage
    - Chancellor
  - Camera angle
  - President's conversation with unknown man [Thompson?]
  - Crowd reaction
  - Audibility
  - Cabinet meeting
  - Television coverage
    - Arrivals and children
      - Atmosphere
  - President's arrivals from South America and USSR
    - Comparisons
  - Agnew's statement
    - Length
      - Content
- Television coverage
  - Kissinger
  - Unknown children
    - Camera shot
      - Crowd reaction

*-America The Beautiful*

Commentators

- Reading
- Length
- Content
- James L. Buckley's comments
  - Taiwan
- John G. Tower's comments
  - Possible reaction
- Buckley
  - The President's re-election

Conv. No. 675-14 (cont.)

Bull entered at an unknown timing after 9:18 am.

The President's schedule

- Forthcoming briefings
  - James Buckley

Bull left at an unknown timing before 9:56 am.

- Gifts
  - Leaders meeting
  - Cabinet meeting
    - Tea cups
      - Staff
      - Wives
    - Jewel boxes
    - Carved elephants
- Rose Mary Woods

Bull entered at an unknown timing after 9:18 am.

- Woods
- Gifts
  - Cabinet meeting
    - Jewel boxes
      - Wives
      - Staff
    - Tea cups
  - Agnew, Rogers
  - Kissinger
    - Location

Bull left at an unknown timing before 9:56 am.

- Woods
  - Dwight L. Chapin

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[Privacy]

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The President's schedule

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-Rose Mary Woods

-H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman's forthcoming talk with Walter R. Tkach

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The President's schedule

-Florida

-White House staff

-Accommodations

-Possible locations

-Paradise Island, Disneyworld

-Ronald H. Walker

-Woods

-Buchanan

-Shelley A. (Scarney) Buchanan

-Walker

-Ziegler

-Lyndon K. ("Mort") Allin

-News summaries

-Transportation

-Timing

-Accommodations

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[Personal Returnable]

[675-008-w007]

[Duration: 8s]

The President's schedule

-Julie Nixon Eisenhower

-February 28, 1972 conversation with the President

-Camp David

-Weather

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The President's schedule

-Weather in Florida

-Camp David

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[Personal Returnable]

[675-008-w008]

[Duration: 30s]

The President's schedule

- Tricia Nixon Cox's schedule
  - White House
  - February 29, 1972 dinner
  - Camp David

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The President's schedule

- Swearing-in
  - Peter G. Peterson
  - Richard G. Kleindienst
    - Timing
  - Possible comments by the President
  - Peterson
    - Cabinet meeting
    - Haldeman's conversation with John D. Ehrlichman, February 28, 1972
      - Ehrlichman's view
      - Peterson's schedule

Bull entered at an unknown timing after 9:18 am.

- Timing
- Oval Office
- Talking points
- Attendance
  - William E. Timmons
  - Maurice H. Stans
    - White House staff
- Congress
- Press
- Photograph opportunities
  - Oliver F. ("Ollie") Atkins
- Kleindienst
  - Warren E. Burger
  - William H. Rehnquist, Lewis F. Powell, Jr.
  - Relationship with Rehnquist
    - Justice Department
    - Arizona

-Timing

Bull left at an unknown timing before 9:56 am.

-Calls from Woods

- Woods's conversation with Mrs. Nixon
- Direct line to the President
- Lawrence M. Higby
- Chapin
- President's conversation with Woods
- Higby, Chapin
- Call hierarchy

Conv. No. 675-14 (cont.)

Woods

- Preparation of President's speech, February 28, 1972
  - Kissinger
- Views concerning President's trip to PRC
- Comments concerning rooms in Hawaii
  - Guam
  - Possible problems
- Views about President's February 28, 1972 speech
  - President's meeting with Kissinger
  - Communiqué
  - Buchanan
  - Kissinger
  - Communists

Buchanan

- Work
  - Quality
  - President's standards
- Role on White House staff
  - Press conference
    - Safire
    - John Sears
    - Safire
    - Research

Woods

- Views concerning President's PRC trip
  - Communiqué
    - Kissinger
  - The President's February 28, 1972 speech
    - Tone
- Maj. Gen. James D. Hughes
  - Chief of Staff
- L. Nicholas Ruwe
  - Chief of Protocol
- Mrs. Nixon
  - Loyalty
- Possible view of the President

- Attendance at meeting
- Haldeman
- Roles of Higby and Chapin
  - Relationship with Woods
- Bull
- Relationship with Butterfield
- Role on White House staff
  - Gifts in PRC
    - Conversation with Haldeman
    - Mrs. Nixon

Conv. No. 675-14 (cont.)

- President's trip to PRC
  - President's forthcoming briefings
    - Gifts
      - Republicans
      - Elephants

Woods

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 9

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[Personal Returnable]

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Rose Mary Woods
 

- Behavior

Buchanan
 

- Conversation with Kissinger

Kissinger

Buchanan
 

- Political views
  - Communists
  - Nuclear weapons

World political situation
 

- Number of communists
  - PRC and USSR

- Eastern Europe
- Nuclear weapons
- Will to fight
- US
  - Buchanan's possible view of President's role
- Administration view [?]

Conv. No. 675-14 (cont.)

President's forthcoming trip to USSR

President's trip to PRC

- President's February 28, 1972 speech
  - Preparation
    - Work involved
  - Woods
- Rogers
- President's arrival and speech February 28, 1972
  - Presidential image
    - Handshakes
      - Necessity
  - Haile Selassie, Gen. Charles A.J.M. DeGaulle
  - Selectivity

President's schedule

Bull entered at an unknown timing after 9:18 am.

- Scott, Mansfield
  - President's forthcoming briefing

Bull left at an unknown timing before 9:56 am.

President's trip to PRC

- Mansfield's and Scott's statements

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[Personal Returnable]

[675-008-w011]

[Duration: 21s]

The President' schedule

- Camp David
  - Forthcoming telephone call to Julie Nixon Eisenhower
  - Tricia Nixon Cox
    - Departure
    - February 29, 1972 dinner with the President

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Mansfield and Scott entered at 9:56 am.

Greetings

Conv. No. 675-14 (cont.)

President's trip to PRC

- Forthcoming announcement
- Communiqué
  - Exchanges
    - Journalists
    - Political leaders
- Channel of communications
  - Taiwan
- President's conversation with Chou En-Lai
  - Exchanges by political leaders
    - Mansfield and Scott, *et. al*
      - Formalities
  - Revelation of substance of talks
    - Allen J. Ellender
  - Life and death
    - Mao Tse-tung
  - Politics
    - Bi-partisanship support
      - Criticism
  - Exchanges by political leaders
  - Mansfield and Scott
    - Invitation
      - PRC knowledge
- Work on communiqué
  - Kissinger
  - Chiao Kuan-Hua
    - United Nations [UN] representative
      - Kissinger
- President's conversation with Chou En-lai
- Exchanges of political leaders
  - Mansfield and Scott
    - Timing
    - Conventions

Bull entered and left at an unknown time before 10:06 am.

The President's schedule

PRC

- Forthcoming trip by Mansfield and Scott
  - Announcement
    - Channel of communication
    - Chou En-lai
      - Maureen (Hayes) Mansfield and Marian Huntington Chase Scott
- Presence of women at functions



- Official capacity
- Mrs. Nixon
- President's conversations with Chou En-lai
  - Mansfield
    - North Vietnamese
    - Schedule
- Channels of communication
  - Confidentiality
  - Canada
  - Paris

Conv. No. 675-14 (cont.)

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[National Security]

[675-008-w012]

[Duration: 4s]

- People's Republic of China [PRC]
  - President's conversations with Chou En-lai
    - Channels of communication
      - Paris
        - British Ambassador

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- People's Republic of China
  - President's conversations with Chou En-lai
    - Channels of communication
      - Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters, Kissinger
    - Political exchanges
      - Duration of trip
      - Senate recess
        - Conventions
      - Forthcoming congressional leadership meeting
      - The President's efforts
      - Chou En-lai
  - Recent trip
    - The President's health

The President, Haldeman, Mansfield, and Scott left at 10:06 am.

Conversation No. 675-9

Date: February 29, 1972  
Timing: Unknown between 10:06 am and 11:45 am  
Location: Oval Office

Manolo Sanchez met with an unknown person.

Conv. No. 675-14 (cont.)

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[675-009-w001]  
[Duration: 29s]

General conversation [?]

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Sanchez and the unknown person left at an unknown timing before 11:45 am.

Conversation No. 675-10

Date: February 29, 1972  
Timing: 11:45 am - 11:59 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.  
[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

- President's trip to People's Republic of China [PRC]
  - President's previous briefing
    - Taiwan, Republic of China
    - Troops
    - Vietnam
  - PRC understanding
- Communiqué
- President's briefings
  - Length
  - Administration's stance
- William P. Rogers's briefings
  - Taiwan
  - Comparisons with PRC
    - Possible State Department stance
    - Peking
- Rogers
  - The President's accomplishments

- Rogers's schedule
  - The President's previous comments
  - Mao Tse-tung
  - PRC Foreign Minister
    - Recognition of the President's efforts
- President's previous briefing
  - Cabinet
  - Rogers's role
- PRC people
  - Comparisons and differences
  - Youth
- President's previous briefing
  - Administration's stance
  - Mao Tse-tung
- President's previous briefing
  - Rogers's role
- Communist nations
  - East and West Berlin, Austria, Hungary
- Rogers's role
  - Report about foreign reaction
  - Allen J. Ellender
  - New York Times* story concerning Soviet reaction
  - Rogers's view
    - Concern
    - Rogers's schedule
    - Mao Tse-tung
- President's forthcoming briefing
  - Importance
  - Kissinger's role
    - President's instructions
- President's previous briefing
  - Rogers's role
    - Concern for Rogers
  - Taiwan
    - Barry M. Goldwater
      - Praise for the President
  - Rogers's role
    - Foreign reaction
      - Japan and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
      - Ellender
      - New York Times*
        - Rogers's possible attitude
  - Hugh Scott, Michael J. Mansfield
    - President's presentation
- Rogers's comments
  - USSR strengths
  - Chinese
  - Purpose
  - Taiwan
    - PRC comparisons
      - Rogers's possible diplomatic actions

Conv. No. 675-14 (cont.)

- Singapore
  - Hong Kong
  - Kissinger
    - Communiqué
      - Deputy Minister [Chiao Kuan-Hua]
  - Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
    - Acknowledgement from Rogers
- Conv. No. 675-14 (cont.)
- Importance
  - President's forthcoming briefings
    - Cabinet members
    - Kissinger's role
      - Mao Tse-tung, Chou En-lai
  - President's previous briefing
    - Rogers's comments
      - Technology and trade
      - USSR and Japanese
      - Possible message to PRC
      - US-USSR relations
        - State Department stance
  - Rogers
    - Congressional Committee
    - State Department
      - Press
    - Taiwan compared to PRC
    - Rogers

Kissinger left at 11:59 am.

Conversation No. 675-11

Date: February 29, 1972  
Timing: 12:01 pm - 12:02 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler and Stephen B. Bull.

- President's schedule
  - Peter G. Peterson
    - Swearing-in ceremony
    - Talking points
    - Press
  - Cabinet meeting
    - Photograph session

The President, Ziegler, and Bull left at 12:02 pm.

Date: February 29, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 12:02 pm and 1:20 pm  
Location: Oval Office

Conv. No. 675-14 (cont.)

Unknown people [Secret Service agents] and Manolo Sanchez met.

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[Unintelligible]  
[675-015-w001]  
[Duration: 13s]

Greetings

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An unknown agent talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 12:02 pm and 1:20 pm.

[Conversation No. 675-15A]

The President's location  
-Cabinet Room

[End of telephone conversation]

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[Unintelligible]  
[675-015-w002]  
[Duration: 1m 41s]

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

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Date: February 29, 1972  
Timing: Unknown between 1:20 pm and 1:28 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule

Conv. No. 675-14 (cont.)

- Peter G. Peterson swearing-in
- Judge Gerald Reilly
  - Washington, DC Court of Appeals
  - Supreme Court
- Press
  - Photograph session
  - Oath of office

Bull left at an unknown timing before 1:28 pm.

Conversation No. 675-13

Date: February 29, 1972  
Timing: 1:28 pm - 1:37 pm  
Location: Oval Office

Stephen B. Bull met with Mr. and Mrs. Peter G. Peterson, Jim Peterson, David Peterson, Holly Peterson, Michael Peterson, William P. Rogers, John B. Connally, Melvin R. Laird, John N. Mitchell, Rogers C. B. Morton, James D. Hodgson, Elliot L. Richardson, George W. Romney, John A. Volpe, David M. Kennedy, George P. Shultz, George H.W. Bush, Mr. and Mrs. James T. Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Switzer, Jean Braden, H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman, Ronald H. Walker, and Judge Gerald Reilly.

General conversation

- Rogers
- National Rifle Association [NRA]

The President entered at an unknown timing after 1:28 pm.

Oath of office

General conversation

Oliver F. ("Ollie") Atkins entered and left at an unknown time before 1:37 pm.

[Photograph session]

Cabinet

- Photograph
- Peterson's Senate confirmation

General conversation  
-Camp David

Bull, et al. left at an unknown timing before 1:37 pm.

Conv. No. 675-14 (cont.)

Conversation No. 675-14

Date: February 29, 1972  
Timing: 1:38 pm - 2:42 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

Kissinger's schedule

President's trip to People's Republic of China [PRC]

- President's previous briefings
  - William P. Rogers's comments
    - Communists
      - Rogers's hardline
      - Chinese
        - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
    - Possible effect
    - Taiwan, Republic of China comparison
      - Rogers's tone
    - Meetings in PRC
    - Mobuto Sese Seku
  - President's previous meetings
  - Rogers's comments
    - Communiqué
    - The President
      - Leadership meeting
    - PRC society
    - President's comments on trade
  - Peter G. Peterson's comments
  - Rogers's comments
    - PRC Foreign Minister
      - Chou En-lai
        - President's effectiveness
  - Rogers's meeting with PRC Foreign Minister
    - Kissinger's conversations with Vice Minister and Chou En-lai
      - Rogers's impact
  - President's previous briefings
    - Kissinger's comments

Ronald L. Ziegler entered at 1:48 pm.

-Forthcoming trip by Hugh Scott and Michael J. Mansfield

- Timing
  - President's meeting with Chou En-lai
  - Administration contact
  - Ziegler's forthcoming press statement
  - Content
  - Rogers's comment

Conv. No. 675-14 (cont.)

Ziegler left at 1:50 pm.

- President's previous briefings
  - Rogers
    - Conversation with President, February 28, 1972
    - Concern for Rogers
    - News coverage
- PRC policy and USSR policy
  - Importance
    - 1972 election
    - National interest
- Radio Peking
  - Possible message

H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman entered at 1:52 pm.

- Reaction
  - Cabinet, nation
  - Kissinger's conversation with White House Signal Corps operator
  - Statement

An unknown person entered and left at an unknown time before 2:30 pm.

- White House barber
  - Unknown person
  - William F. ("Billy") Graham
  - Praise for the President
- President's previous briefings
  - Haldeman's location
  - Rogers's comments
    - The President
    - Kissinger
      - Background
  - Communists
    - First generation
- Pictures in Great Exhibition Hall
  - Mao Tse-tung, Karl Marx, Fredrich Engels, Vladimir I. Lenin, Josef V. Stalin
  - Rogers
- President's previous briefings
  - Kissinger's comments
    - Praise from Haldeman
  - Rogers's comments
    - Quality
    - Plenary sessions



- Questioned
- Leadership meeting
  - PRC society
- PRC society
  - Possible impact of Rogers's comments
  - President's conversation with Ziegler
- Taiwan
  - Rogers's view
- Anti-communism
- State Department's possible comments
  - Impact
  - [Arnold] Eric Sevareid
- Rogers's comments concerning USSR and Romania
  - Moscow
    - Comparisons to PRC
- President's previous briefings
  - Rogers's comments
    - Previous meeting with Haldeman
    - Possible PRC reaction
- PRC society
  - President's view
  - Young people
    - President's reaction
      - Comparisons to Nuremberg
      - PRC society
- PRC's motives
  - Rogers's comments
    - Leaders meeting
    - Trade and technology
    - Peterson
      - Andre Malraux
        - PRC trade and technology
        - Production capacity
  - Taiwan
- President's previous briefings
  - Rogers's comments
    - Ziegler
      - Leaders meeting
    - Rogers's meeting with Chou En-lai
      - Kissinger's efforts
      - Communiqué
    - Rogers's conversation with foreign minister
  - President's conversations with PRC officials
    - PRC leadership

Rogers

- Abilities questioned
- Work habits

President's trip to PRC

- President's previous briefings

- Kissinger's three points
  - Cabinet
- Rogers's comments
  - Duration
  - Communiqué
  - Foreign reaction
    - Allen J. Ellender
    - Cabinet meeting
    - PRC society
    - Reaction by USSR
      - Leaders meeting
      - New York Times*
      - Ellender
- Rogers's forthcoming testimony
  - Timing

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#### Rogers

- State Department
  - Possible administration response
- H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman's conversation with John N. Mitchell, February 29, 1972
  - Trip to PRC
    - Seriousness of Rogers's situation
      - Non-cooperation
      - Cambodia
    - Cambodia
      - [Meeting with Rogers and Melvin R. Laird, April 28, 1970?]
      - Kissinger
- Ziegler
  - Ultimatum
- Kissinger
  - Seven points
    - Taiwan
- Haldeman's talk with Mitchell
- Possible briefing of State Department
  - PRC society
    - Possible administration reaction
      - US and PRC position
    - Patrick J. Buchanan, William F. Buckley, Jr.
    - Difference in systems

#### The President' trip to PRC

- Popular reaction
- Importance

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[Duration: 12s]

The President's trip to People's Republic of China [PRC]

-Importance

-People's Republic of China [PRC] compared to Indonesia

-People's Republic of China [PRC] compared to Taiwan

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The President's trip to People's Republic of China [PRC]

-Importance

-State department

-View of Taiwan

Rogers

-Stability

-Possible changes over the past couple of years

-Bureaucracy

-Performance over last six months

Communist nations

-Moscow

-Peking

-Rogers's comments

-Contrast to the President's previous efforts

President's trip to PRC

-Rogers's meetings

-Jonathan T. Howe

-Winston Lord

-Kissinger's relationship with Rogers

-Comments

-Briefing

-President's statement at the opening session

-Toughness

-Meetings

-Tone

-Speaking styles

-Cabinet meeting

-Rogers's meetings

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-Diplomatic contacts

-Peking

-State Department representative

-Administration request

Rogers

-Tenure in office

-Possible length

-Forthcoming Congressional testimony

- Briefing by President
- Timing

#### The President's schedule

#### President's trip to PRC

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- President's previous briefings
- Leadership meeting
  - Rogers
- Rogers's comments
  - Chinese
    - Compared to Africans
    - PRC Foreign Minister
    - Chou En-lai
  - Leadership meeting
    - Communiqué
    - Kissinger
  - Taiwan
  - Communiqué
- President's forthcoming trip to USSR
  - Kissinger's concern
- Possible conversation with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
  - Possible result
- The President's possible meeting with Dobrynin

#### US relations with PRC

- Compared to USSR

#### President's forthcoming trip to USSR

- Rogers and Andrei A. Gromyko
  - Moscow
- President's forthcoming conversation with Dobrynin

#### Rogers

- Tenure in office
- Understanding of foreign policy
- Tenure in office
  - Possible comments concerning President and Kissinger
    - Taiwan and PRC
      - 1972 election
      - Communism
  - Possible role with administration
    - Warren E. Burger
    - Chief Justice
  - Possible comments concerning President
    - President's chances for re-election
    - Assistance to the President
- PRC communiqué
- Berlin
  - Rogers's possible view
- Personality

- Kissinger's view
- Efforts with the Communiqué

President's trip to PRC

- President's February 28, 1972 speech
  - Television coverage
    - Julie Nixon Eisenhower
    - Previous conversation with Haldeman
    - John W. Chancellor
    - Tricia Nixon Cox
    - Comments
      - Julie Nixon Eisenhower
      - Enthusiasm
      - Reception
  - Barbara Walters's note to Kissinger
    - Praise
- Kissinger's forthcoming briefing
  - James L. Buckley, John G. Tower
  - Samuel L. Devine, Leslie C. Arends
  - Reaction
- Communists
- Taiwan
  - Efforts from the Administration
- Forthcoming trip by Scott and Mansfield
  - Importance
- J. William Fulbright
  - Conversation with Kissinger
    - Fulbright's interest
- President's previous briefings
  - President's conversations with Mao Tse-tung and Chou En-lai
    - Length
    - The "whole picture"

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Rogers

- Reports
  - Content

President's trip to PRC

- Communiqué
  - Barry M. Goldwater's comment to Kissinger
  - PRC side compared to the US side

Rogers

- State Department
  - Possible briefing by President
    - Timing
      - Kissinger's view
      - Rest for the President
- Comments concerning PRC trip
  - Leadership meeting
  - PRC's motives

- Peterson
- USSR, Japan
- Trade
- Importance
- Lack of strategic concept
- Possible meeting with Chou En-lai
  - Peking Daily*

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President's trip to PRC

- President's briefing for Cabinet
  - Peterson and Rogers
  - Possible PRC view of US
    - Impressions
      - Wealth, power, purpose
- Rogers's possible comments to press
  - Kissinger's backgrounder
- Importance of PRC trip
  - Morale
  - USSR
    - Peking
- India
  - Possible Administration action
  - Communiqué
    - Indian press
- Rogers's comments
  - Leadership meeting
    - PRC foreign minister
    - Chou En-lai
      - Length of meeting
  - USSR
  - State Department
    - Possible role
      - Cold War
- PRC's motives
  - The President's re-election
- Historical significance

Kissinger left at 2:30 pm.

President's schedule

- Florida
  - Airplane
- Executive Office Building [EOB]
- Camp David
- Florida
  - Timing
    - Republican leadership meeting
  - Rose Mary Woods
    - Attendance
  - Kissinger
  - John D. Ehrlichman

- Kissinger
  - Time off
  - Importance
- Briefing
- Timing

Rogers

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- PRC trip
  - Hangchow
- Kissinger's views
- Comments concerning PRC trip
  - Leadership and Cabinet meetings
  - Contrasted with Kissinger's comments
    - Rogers's abilities
    - Rogers compared with Kissinger
      - Foreign policy
      - White House
  - Kissinger's and the President's grasp of issues
- Meetings
- President's trip to PRC
  - Leadership meeting
  - Mao Tse-tung
  - Rogers absence from meetings
    - Foreign Minister

Kissinger

- Role with administration
- Possible television appearances
  - John A. Scali

Rogers

- Scali
- Possible briefing of State Department concerning PRC trip
  - Communiqué

President's trip to PRC

- Effect
  - Edward M. Kennedy's comment

Rogers

- Tenure in office
  - Supreme Court
    - Lewis F. Powell, Jr.
      - Possibility of being Chief Justice

President's schedule

- Florida
  - Woods
    - Haldeman's possible conversation
    - President's possible location
    - Camp David

- Lawrence M. Higby, Dwight L. Chapin
- Buchanan
- Haldeman's forthcoming conversation with Kissinger
- Lord

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown timing after 2:30 pm.

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Weather

The President, Haldeman, and Sanchez left at 2:42 pm.