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Tape Subject Log
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Conversation No. 799-36/800-1

Date: October 16, 1972
Time: 5:01 pm - 5:03 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Paul Miller.

[This recording began at an unknown time while the conversation was in progress.]

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[Personal Returnable]
[800-001-w001]
[Duration: 20s]

[See Conversation No. 031-074-w001]

Conversation No. 800-2

Date: October 16, 1972
Time: 5:03 pm - 5:26 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

- Vietnam negotiations
 - Henry A. Kissinger
 - Possible proposals
 - The President's proposal
 - Nguyen Van Thieu
 - Possible meeting with the President

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- Midway Island
- Possible interpretation

The President talked with William R. Hearst between 5:04 pm and 5:08 pm.

[Conversation No. 800-2A]

[See Conversation No. 31-75]

[End of telephone conversation]

- Vietnam negotiations
 - Thieu
 - Possible meeting with the President
 - 1972 election
 - San Clemente
 - Western White House

The White House operator talked with the President at an unknown time between 5:08 pm and 5:14 pm.

[Conversation No. 800-2B]

[See Conversation No. 31-76]

The President conferred with Haig.

- Vietnam negotiations
 - Thieu

[End of conferral]

[End of telephone conversation]

- Vietnam negotiations
 - Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.
 - Haig's view.
 - Role with Thieu
 - Kissinger compared to Abrams
 - Thieu
 - Kissinger
 - The President's letter to Abrams

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- Haig's previous conversation with Abrams
- South Vietnam
 - US support
 - Limitations
 - Riots aboard US naval vessels

An unknown person entered and left at an unknown time between 5:08 pm and 5:14 pm.

Refreshment

Vietnam negotiations

- Navy and Air Force
 - Length of deployments
- Timing of possible settlement announcement
 - Haig's view
 - Kissinger's schedule
 - Meetings with Thieu
 - Thieu's possible modification of the agreement
 - Return to Washington
 - Possible additional negotiations in Paris
 - 1972 election
 - H.R. ("Bob") Haldeman
 - Possible collapse of settlement
- Thieu's possible reaction to proposal
 - Haig's view
 - South Vietnamese bureaucracy
 - Possible modifications of the agreement
 - North Vietnamese reaction
- Possible settlement
 - Political aspects compared to security aspects
 - The President's view
 - Viability of South Vietnam

The President talked with Robert W. Galvin between 5:14 pm and 5:16 pm.

[Conversation No. 800-2C]

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[Personal Returnable]
[800-002-w003]
[Duration: 1m 1s]

[See Conversation No. 031-077-w001]

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam negotiations
-Possible settlement
-Thieu
-Prisoners of war [POWs] wives

The President talked with Martin S. Hayden between 5:16 pm and 5:21 pm.

[Conversation No. 800-2D]

[See Conversation No. 31-78]

[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam negotiations
-Possible settlement
-Thieu
-Possible meeting with the President
-Kissinger
-Haig's view
-Thieu's enthusiastic support of the settlement
-The President's possible meeting with Thieu
-Need for Thieu's support of the settlement
-Possible collapse of settlement
-1972 election
-Subsequent settlement
-Possible ultimatum to Thieu
-The President's May 8, 1972 decision
-Bombing and mining
-Effect on North Vietnamese
-POW wives

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- The President's recent meeting with the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia
 - The President's pledge not to abandon the POW's
 - The President's pledge to prevent imposition of communist government on South Vietnam
 - Betrayal of allies
 - POW's, missing in action [MIA's]
 - The President's pledge not to rely on goodwill of North Vietnamese to release POW's
 - George S. McGovern
- Abrams
 - Role as advocate
 - The President's previous meeting with Abrams
 - Haig's view
 - Haig's forthcoming meeting with Abrams
 - Abrams's key role in the settlement
 - Kissinger
 - Ellsworth F. Bunker
 - Forthcoming meetings with Thieu
 - Thieu's possible acceptance of settlement
 - The President as an ally of Thieu
 - Thieu's possible rejection of settlement
 - The President's loss of confidence in Thieu

Haig left at 5:26 pm.

Conversation No. 800-3

Date: October 16, 1972

Time: Unknown between 5:26 pm and 5:34 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's telephone calls

- John F. Collins, John T. Connor, Francis Scumaci, Fred Gualtieri
- Instructions
 - Timing of calls

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Bull left at an unknown time before 5:34 pm.

Conversation No. 800-4

Date: October 16, 1972
Time: Unknown between 5:26 pm and 5:34 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

- The President's schedule
 - Forthcoming telephone call to Richard M. Scaife
 - Possible meeting with H.R. ("Bob") Haldeman
 - Haldeman's schedule

Bull left at an unknown time before 5:34 pm.

Conversation No. 800-5

Date: October 16, 1972
Time: 5:34 pm - 6:16 pm
Location: Oval Office

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

Haldeman's previous conversation with William P. Rogers

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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[National Security]
[800-005-w001]
[Duration: 1m 38s]

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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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[Personal Returnable]
[800-005-w002]
[Duration: 3m 12s]

1972 election

- Recent polls
 - October 14-15, 1972
 - Margin between the President and George S. McGovern
 - Minneapolis poll
 - The President's previous telephone call to Martin S. Hayden
 - Results
 - The President's support with Americans under 30
 - Other poll results
- Campaign tactics
 - George S. McGovern
 - Response by the President's surrogates
 - Martin S. Hayden and Jack Webb
 - The President's October 16, 1972 telephone calls
 - John B. Connally's forthcoming broadcast
 - Telephone calls on broadcast
 - Clark Macgregor and Frederic V. Malek
 - Telephone calls to Democrats
- Recent polls
 - Minnesota

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-Union members' support for the President

Polls

-Vietnam War

- Approval of the President's handling
- George S. McGovern's televised proposals
- Compared with reaction to Administration actions
 - May 8, 1972 announcement
 - Busing announcement
 - January 25, 1972 announcement of peace plan
 - August 15, 1971 announcement on wages and prices

Vietnam War

- The President's recent meeting with the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia
 - Charles W. Colson
 - Public relations
 - Similar events
 - Washington Star* headline and photograph
 - Unknown woman [Nellie Davis?]
 - Article
 - The President's pledge not to rely on the goodwill of North Vietnamese to release prisoners of war [POW's]
 - Amnesty
 - Possible network coverage
 - The President's impromptu remarks
 - Advantages compared to possible prepared remarks

-Polling

- McGovern's plan for peace
 - Henry A. Kissinger
 - Bombing halt
 - End of military and political support for South Vietnam
 - Withdrawal of US forces
 - Resolution of issues by Vietnamese alone
 - Possible trip by the Vice President Spiro T. Agnew to Hanoi
 - POW's
 - Amnesty for draft evaders
 - The President's statement

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- Raymond K. Price, Jr.
- Corruption of Nguyen Van Thieu government
- Role of Thieu government in heroin trafficking
 - US military personnel
- Re-election of the President
 - Continuation of conflict
- Espionage and sabotage by the Committee to Re-Elect the President
[CRP]

The President talked with Joseph J. Staszak between 5:42 pm and 5:44 pm.

[Conversation No. 800-5A]

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[See Conversation No. 031-079-w001]

[End of telephone conversation]

Telephone calls by President

- Effect
 - Haldeman's view
 - Unknown labor official

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[Duration: 7m 9s]

1972 election

- Polls
 - George S. McGovern's position
 - Gallup
- State polls compared to national polls
 - Stronger
 - California
 - Illinois
 - Chicago Tribune*
 - Michigan
 - California
- George S. McGovern
 - Patrick J. Buchanan's analysis
 - Margin goal
 - October 15, 1972
- Poll results
 - George H. Gallup
- Richard M. Scammon
 - Theory on poll results
 - Shift
 - Barry M. Goldwater's 1964 campaign
- Polls
 - Harris
 - Gallup
 - The President's internal polling
 - Consistency
 - Albert E. Sindlinger
 - George S. McGovern
 - Daniel Yankelovich
 - Consistency

Press briefing

- Ronald L. Ziegler's responses [to questions concerning Dwight L. Chapin and Donald H. Segretti]
- Washington Star* article

Campaign practices

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- Effect of McGovern's charges
 - Public response
 - Vietnam, welfare
 - View of the President

Vice President Spiro T. Agnew

- Possible call from the President
 - Agnew's schedule
- Previous conversation with Haldeman
- Washington Post* story on campaign practices
 - Effect on public relations
 - 1968 campaign
 - Possible backlash

Press relations

- Response by the administration to stories on campaign practices
 - Colson
 - Robert H. Finch, Herbert G. Klein
 - Robert J. Dole
 - Agnew
 - Clark MacGregor
 - John B. Connally
 - Possible press conference
- Press stories on Segretti's activities
 - National press
 - Local press
 - National press
 - Washington Post* story
- The President's instructions
 - Life* magazine
 - Time* magazine
 - Hugh S. Sidey
 - Theodore H. ("Teddy") White
 - 1972 election

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 5:44 pm and 5:59 pm.

[Conversation No. 800-5B]

[See Conversation No. 31-80]

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[End of telephone conversation]

- The President's telephone calls
 - White House switchboard
 - Operators

- Agnew
 - Schedule
 - Grand Rapids, Michigan
 - Green Bay, Wisconsin
 - Local taping
 - Alfred E. Smith dinner
 - Revenue sharing signing ceremony
 - Chicago
 - Pittsburgh

The President talked with Agnew between 5:59 pm and 6:08 pm.

[Conversation No. 800-5C]

[See Conversation No. 31-81]

[End of telephone conversation]

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 [Duration: 8m 7s]

- Spiro T. Agnew's schedule
 - Forthcoming Alfred E. Smith dinner
 - The President's Los Angeles dinner

- 1972 election
 - Editorial endorsements of the President
 - Letters
 - Herbert G. Klein
 - The President's telephone calls

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- Charles W. Colson's list
 - William Randolph Hearst, Jr. and Martin S. Hayden
 - Otis Chandler
- The President's telephone calls
 - Editors
 - Democrats and labor leaders
 - Committee to Re-elect the President [CRP] chairs
 - Letters or telegram
 - Headquarters
 - W. Clement Stone and John A. ("Jack") Mulcahy
- Television
 - George S. McGovern
 - Ratings on question and answer broadcast
 - Comparison with the President's broadcasts
 - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman's opinion
 - Editing
 - TV Guide magazine
 - Herbert G. Klein
 - Live broadcasts
 - John B. Connally's forthcoming television broadcast
 - The President's opinion
 - Enthusiasm
 - Clark Macgregor, Leonard Garment, Raymond K. Price, Jr.

The President and Haldeman left at 6:16 pm.

Conversation No. 800-6

Date: October 16, 1972

Time: Unknown between 6:16 pm, October 16, 1972 and 7:54 am, October 17, 1972

Location: Oval Office

An unknown person [Secret Service agent] talked with an unknown person.

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[Pause]

The President's location
-Residence