



NIXON PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

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.

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Refreshment

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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

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John B. Connally

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

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Conversation No. 883-5 (cont'd)

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

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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

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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

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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

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

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

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

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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.