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Conversation No. 137-1

Date: August 11, 1972

Time: Unknown between 4:14 pm and 4:16 pm

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

Request for a call to Henry A. Kissinger

Conversation No. 137-2

Date: August 11, 1972 Time: 4:16 pm - 4:25 pm

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger.

Travel arrangements [for flight to Miami, Florida, August 22, 1972]

- -Rose Mary Woods
- -H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- -Alice Roosevelt Longworth
- -Stewart J.O. Alsop
- -Timing of travel

US foreign policy

- -Kissinger's meeting with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
 - -Vietnam
 - -North Vietnamese
 - -Egypt's expulsion of Soviet military advisers
 - -US reaction
 - -Soviet withdrawal
 - -Equipment maintenance
 - -Anwar el-Sadat
 - -Pipeline
 - -Peter M. Flanigan
 - -Peter G. Peterson
 - -Flanigan
- -John D. Ehrlichman's meeting with Howard K. Smith
 - -Vietnam

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-Kissinger's forthcoming trip to Paris
           -W. Ramsey Clark
               -North Vietnam trip
                     -Possible offer from the North Vietnamese
                           -Possible release of prisoners of war [POWs]
                                -Cessation of US bombing
                           -Nguyen Van Thieu
-Vietnam
      -Negotiations
           -Previous offer
           -1972 election
           -Smith
               -George S. McGovern
                     -Trip to Paris
           -North Vietnamese
               -Objectives
                     -1972 election
                     -US withdrawal
                           -Bombing
                     -Thieu
                           -Memorandum
                           -POWs
               -Clark
                     -Possible use as conduit
                           -Kissinger's view
                                -Solution of military problems
                                      -Compared to political problems
                                -Proposal
                                      -Publication
                                -US proposal of May 31, 1971
                                      -Possible consequences
                                -Forecast
                                      -September, October 1972
      -Military situation
           -Possible October 1972 attack
           -Hue
           -Casualties
               -Report from North Vietnamese prisoner from 304<sup>th</sup> Division
                     -B-52 attack
           -Possible North Vietnamese strategy
               -October 1972
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Conversation No. 137-3

Date: August 11, 1972 Time: 6:14 pm - 6:35 pm

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Charles W. Colson.

[See Conversation No. 201-1]

[Unintelligible]

William P. Rogers

-W. Ramsey Clark

-Remarks concerning the President's Vietnam policies

-US casualties

-George S. McGovern

-John N. Mitchell

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 17m 29s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

Conversation No. 137-4

Date: August 11, 1972

Time: Unknown between 6:35 pm and 7:33 pm

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 202-3]

Request for a call to H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman

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Conversation No. 137-5

Date: August 11, 1972 Time: 7:33 pm - 7:42 pm

Location: Camp David Study Table

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

[See Conversation No. 202-4]

Haldeman's schedule

Public relations

-William P. Rogers

-Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]

-John N. Mitchell

-FBI

-Compared to Clark MacGregor

-Wire service reports

-Rogers's remarks

-R. Sargent Shriver

-W. Ramsey Clark

-Mitchell

-FBI

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[Personal returnable] [Duration: 3m 20s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Stock market

-Performance

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2 [Personal returnable] [Duration: 4m 4s]
END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

Conversation No. 137-6
Date: August 11, 1972 Time: Unknown between 8:30 pm and 10:20 pm Location: Camp David Study Table
Edward R.F. Cox talked with the Camp David operator.
Call for Cox
Edward Cox talked with Kent [Surname unknown] at an unknown time between 8:30 pm and 10:20 pm.
[See Conversation No. 201-8]

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1 [Personal returnable] [Duration: 4m 12s]
END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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Conversation No. 137-7

Date: August 12, 1972

Time: Unknown between 8:50 am and 10:35 am

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 201-12]

Request for a call to Charles W. Colson

Conversation No. 137-8

Date: August 12, 1972 Time: 10:35 am - 11:11 am

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Charles W. Colson.

[See Conversation No. 201-13]

Press relations

-William P. Rogers

-Newspaper and television coverage

R. Sargent Shriver

-Melvin R. Laird

-Platform committee testimony

-Laird's previous briefing of Shriver

-Vietnamization

- -Credibility
- -Statement
- -Henry A. Kissinger
- -Rogers's opinion

-Rogers's talk with Colson, August 11, 1972

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1 Personal returnable] Duration: 7m 33s]
END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Press coverage of Watergate -Lawsuit -Washington Post -1701 [Pennsylvania Avenue, Republican National Committee headquarters] story -New York Times -Wire services -Washington Post -Edward Bennett Williams

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2 Personal returnable] Duration: 24m 9s]
END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

Public relations -Laird -Shriver -War issue -George S. McGovern -Defense expenditures -Draft

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- -Vietnam
- -Volunteer army
- -Young voters

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 16s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

Conversation No. 137-9

Date: August 13, 1972

Time: Unknown between 9:18 am and 9:38 am

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 199-2]

Request for a call to H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman

Conversation No. 137-10

Date: August 13, 1972 Time: 9:38 am - 9:45 am

Location: Camp David Study Table

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

The President's schedule

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-Departure from Camp David -Helicopters -Press

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[Personal returnable] [Duration: 33s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

The President's schedule

-Departure from Camp David

-Helicopters

-White House staff

-Press

-Ronald L. Ziegler

-Gerald L. Warren

-[Dwight] David Eisenhower, II and Julie Nixon Eisenhower

-Timing

George W. Romney

-Possible resignation

-Leak

-John D. Ehrlichman

-The President's view

-Walter J. Hickel

-The President's forthcoming conversation with Ehrlichman

Conversation No. 137-11

Date: August 13, 1972

Time: 9:53 am

Location: Camp David Study Table

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The Camp David operator talked with the President.

[See Conversation No. 199-5]

John D. Ehrlichman's call to the President

Conversation No. 137-12

Date: August 13, 1972 Time: 9:53 am - 10:02 am

Location: Camp David Study Table

John D. Ehrlichman talked with the President.

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George W. Romney
     -Possible resignation
          -Leak
               -The President's conversation with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
               -Strategy in dealing with story
                   -Richard C. Van Dusen
                          -The President's possible telephone call
                                -Van Dusen's schedule
                                     -Duluth, Iowa
          -Forthcoming call from Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger
          -Forthcoming call from Ehrlichman
          -Van Dusen
          -Letter of resignation
               -Content
                   -The President's view
                          -Housing
                          -The President's re-election
          -Forthcoming call from Ehrlichman
               -Van Dusen
                   -Possible appointment as Department of Housing and Urban
                          Development [HUD] secretary
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Partnership involving a Virgin Islands financial plan -George S. McGovern supporters

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- -Henry L. Kimelman
 - -Stewart Udall
 - -Lawrence Halprin
 - -Sidney Kessler ["Kessell"]
 - -Udall
- -Possible public relations impact
 - -Clark R. Mollenhoff
- -Question of a possible Justice Department prosecution
 - -Richard G. Kleindienst
 - -John N. Mitchell

Analysis of McGovern's major supporters

- -Need for identification
 - -Haldeman
- -Adverse actions by the Democrats against the President's supporters
 - -John Mulcahy
 - -Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo
 - -Robert H. Abplanalp
- -Need for identification
 - -Jerry Rubin
- -Possible assignment of task
 - -Murray M. Chotiner
 - -Possible use of government files
 - -Possible assistants
 - -Possible attitude toward Jews

Partnership involving a Virgin Islands financial plan

- -Kimelman
 - -Use of Mollenhoff

The President's conversation with Haldeman

-List of McGovern supporters

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Date: August 13, 1972

Time: Unknown between 10:02 am and 10:11 am

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[See Conversation No. 199-7]

Request for a call to John D. Ehrlichman

Conversation No. 137-14

Date: August 13, 1972 Time: 10:11-10:12 am

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with John D. Ehrlichman.

[See Conversation No. 199-8]

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 1m 12s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Conversation No. 137-15

Date: August 13, 1972

Time: 10:15am

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 199-9]

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Request for a call to Henry A. Kissinger

Conversation No. 137-16

Date: August 13, 1972

Time: 10:15 am

Location: Camp David Study Table

The Camp David operator talked with the President.

[See Conversation No. 199-10]

Call to Henry A. Kissinger
-Kissinger's location
-Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Conversation No. 137-17

Date: August 13, 1972

Time: Unknown between 10:15 am and 10:19 am

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 199-11]

Request for a call to Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Conversation No. 137-18

Date: August 13, 1972 Time: 10:19 am - 10:22 am

Location: Camp David Study Table

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The President talked with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

[See Conversation No. 199-12]

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Henry A. Kissinger
-Location
-Schedule
-Switzerland
-Saigon
-Announcement
-Paris
-Saigon
-Tokyo
-Itinerary
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Vietnam

- -William P. Rogers, Melvin R. Laird
- -Cyrus R. Vance, W[illiam] Averell Harriman
 - -Peace offer claim
 - -Television coverage of Administration response
 - -Henry Cabot Lodge
- -W. Ramsey Clark
 - -John N. Mitchell
- -Strategy for public statements
 - -Haig's view
 - -Kissinger's forthcoming announcement
 - -The President's view
 - -Platform hearings
 - -Expectations

Conversation No. 137-19

Date: August 13, 1972

Time: Unknown between 10:22 am and 10:45 am

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 199-14]

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Request for a call to Charles W. Colson

Conversation No. 137-20

Date: August 13, 1972 Time: 10:45 am - 11:23 am

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Charles W. Colson.

[See Conversation No. 199-15]

Government disaster relief
-Pennsylvania
-Frank C. Carlucci
-Public relations
-Problems
-Staff

-Gen. George A. Lincoln
-Press Information Officers [PIOs]
-Press releases
-Desmond J. Barker, Jr.
-Colson's conversation with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 2m 20s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Administration public relations
-Colson's conversation with Melvin R. Laird, August 12, 1972
-Laird's forthcoming efforts in Miami
-Press conference
-W. Ramsey Clark

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-R. Sargent Shriver

-Laird's previous briefing of Shriver

-Vietnamization

- -Draft announcement
 - -Report
 - -Possible press conference
 - -Timing
 - -Republican National Convention
 - -All-volunteer army
 - -Defense program
 - -Strategy
 - -The President's view
 - -Laird's credibility
 - -F. Edward Hebert
 - -Timing for announcement
 - -September 15, 1972
- -William P. Rogers
 - -Actions
 - -George S. McGovern
 - -Washington Post article
 - -Schedule
 - -Miami
 - -Testimony
 - -Press conference
- -Colson's conversation with Henry A. Kissinger, August 12, 1972
 - -Ronald L. Ziegler
- -Democratic tactics
 - -W[illiam] Averell Harriman, Cyrus R. Vance
 - -Henry Cabot Lodge
 - -Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
 - -Television appearance, August 12, 1972
 - -Possible interview
 - -Beverly Farms
 - -Vietnam negotiations
 - -Previous briefing of Shriver

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2 [Personal returnable] [Duration: 28m 10s]
END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
