

Conversation 717-10 NARA Tape Log

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Conversation No. 717-10

Date: May 2, 1972

Time: 11:19-11:40 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

J. Edgar Hoover

- President's call to Lyndon B. Johnson
- Richard G. Kleindienst
- Death
 - Announcement
 - Timing
 - Notification of President

H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman entered at 11:24 am.

- President's statement
 - Wire stories
- Criticism
- President's statement
 - Written statement
 - Oral statement
 - Publicity
- Family
- Burial
 - Instructions
 - Family
 - Arlington National Cemetery
 - President's orders
 - John D. Ehrlichman
 - Kennedys
 - Robert F. Kennedy
 - Parents
 - Possible relocation
- Memorial service
 - Clyde A. Tolson
 - Ceremonies
 - The President's view
 - Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]
 - Capitol Hill

- White House
- John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
- National Cathedral
 - Dean Francis B. Sayre
 - Catholic Cardinal
 - Sayre
 - The President's view
- Arlington National Cemetery

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at an unknown time before 11:25 am.

Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
-Telephone call

Butterfield and Ziegler left at 11:25 am.

An unknown person talked with the President at 11:26 am.

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President's Schedule
-Haig

[End of telephone conversation]

Hoover

- Memorial service
 - Public response
 - Place
 - Congress
 - Arlington National Cemetery
 - Amphitheater
 - Tolson
 - Call from Haldeman
- Charles W. Colson
 - Meeting with President
 - Cancellation
 - President's meeting with delegation from the Rebuild National Park Society of Denmark
- Memorial service
 - Place
 - Arlington National Cemetery

Haig entered at 11:27 am.

Haldeman left at 11:27 am.

Vietnam

- Meeting with North Vietnamese
 - Message from Henry A. Kissinger
 - Value
- North Vietnamese offensive
- Negotiations
 - North Vietnamese positions
 - Troop withdrawal date
 - Nguyen Van Thieu overthrow
 - South Vietnamese notification
 - Ellsworth F. Bunker
 - Thieu
 - William J. Porter
 - Forthcoming walkout at plenary session
 - Private meeting announcement
 - Public expectations
 - Kissinger's statement
- Kissinger
 - Return to US
- Soviets
 - Position
 - The President's view
 - Haig's view
- Negotiations
 - North Vietnamese posture
- Soviet Summit
 - Soviet reaction to strikes
- US military action
 - Blockade
 - Soviet Summit
 - Possible cancellation
 - Air strikes
 - Haig's view
 - Bombing
 - Haiphong
 - Closing of port
 - Soviet ships
 - Haiphong
 - Mining
 - South Vietnamese
- Soviets
 - Possible assistance to US
 - Incentive
 - Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT] announcement
 - Reaction to bombing

- Kissinger's assessment
- Risks to Summit
- B-52 strikes
 - Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
 - [David] Kenneth Rush
 - Plans
 - Time
 - Extent
 - Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.
- Air strikes
 - Carriers
 - Extent
 - Impact on North Vietnam
 - Stories

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[National Security]

[Duration: 13s]

INTELLIGENCE

- Military situation
 - President's public relations advisors
 - Colson, John A. Scali, Ziegler
 - Negotiations
 - John D. Erhlichman's view
- Negotiations
 - News reports
 - Marvin L. Kalb
 - Kissinger on coalition government
 - Kissinger's position
 - Press reports
 - Sources
 - Peace groups
 - Press
 - State Department
 - Divisions within Administration
 - Lyndon B. Johnson's Administration
 - Clark M. Clifford
- President's position
 - Note to Thieu
 - Delivery
 - US support

Ziegler entered at 11:38 am.

Meeting with President

Vietnam

- President's note to Thieu
 - North Vietnamese invasion
 - Course of battle
 - Spirit of South Vietnamese
 - Thieu's leadership
 - US support
 - Delivery
- Coalition government
 - State Department statement
 - Press reports
 - Denials
 - Gerald L. Warren

Haig and Ziegler left at 11:40 am.