

717-19 NARA Tape Log

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Date: May 2, 1972

Time: 12:08-12:42 pm

Location: Oval Office

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

President's schedule

- President's meeting with Richard A. Moore and Richard G. Kleindienst
- Preparations
- Recommendations

J. Edgar Hoover's funeral

- Arrangements
 - Law enforcement officials
 - Television coverage
 - Setting
 - Arlington National Cemetery
 - Church
- President's eulogy
 - Patrick J. Buchanan
 - Raymond K. Price, Jr.
 - John K. Andrews, Jr.
- Setting
 - President's presence
 - The Kennedy family
 - John Foster Dulles
 - Outside
 - Weather
 - Television problems
 - Crowds
 - Arlington National Cemetery
 - Beauty
 - Ceremony
 - Police chiefs
 - Guard of honor
 - Airplanes

Vietnam

- Negotiations
 - Henry A. Kissinger's meeting with Melvin R. Laird

- Expectations
- President's meeting with Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
- North Vietnamese demands
 - Overthrow of Nguyen Van Thieu
- Kissinger's record
 - The President's view
 - Haig's view
 - Dealings with North Vietnam
- Raising hopes of the public
 - President's position
- Demands
 - Ceasefire
 - Coalition government
 - President's response
 - American public opinion
 - South Vietnamese morale
- Soviet Summit
 - Possible cancellation
 - Kissinger's response
 - Possible postponement by the President
 - Conditioner
 - US options
 - Possible public reaction
- Soviet trip
 - Mohammed Reza Pahlavi [Shah of Iran]
- Soviet Summit
 - Kissinger
 - Haig
 - President's critics
 - Public support
 - Postponement
 - Conditions
- North Vietnamese offensive
 - Army of the Republic of Vietnam [ARVN] response
- Negotiations
 - North Vietnamese demands
 - Thieu
 - US response
- North Vietnamese offensive
 - US air strikes
 - Hanoi-Haiphong area
 - Impact on negotiations

Soviets

- Kissinger's visit
 - Gains

- Strategic Arms Limitations Talks [SALT]

- Haig
- Announcement
- Kissinger
 - Ronald L. Ziegler
- Gerard C. Smith
- Public appeal
 - Ziegler

Vietnam

- US policy
 - Press reports
 - Divisions within the Administration
 - Kissinger
 - William P. Rogers
 - Kissinger
 - The President's view
 - Role of the press
 - John A. Scali
 - Statements on President's role

Press

- Criticism
 - John D. Ehrlichman
 - Spiro T. Agnew
 - Location
 - Secrecy issue
 - New York Times*
 - Pulitzer Prize
 - Clark MacGregor

Vietnam

- Public relations efforts
 - Congress
- Haiphong strikes
- Public relations efforts
 - Press
 - Critics
 - Visibility
 - Democratic caucus

Hoover

- Eulogy by the President
 - Length
- Criticism
- Previous replacement efforts

-The President's view

Stock market

Economy

- General situation
- Wholesale Price Index [WPI]
- Unemployment
- Prices
- Employment

Vietnam

- Soviet Summit
 - Impact of North Vietnamese offensive
 - Public relations problems
 - Toasting of Leonid I. Brezhnev
 - Signing of Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
 - Polling of public response
 - Relation to North Vietnamese offensive
 - President's cancellation of Summit
 - Statement
 - Wording
 - Public opinion
 - Conditions for Summit
 - Poll
 - Question
 - Relation to Summit
 - North Vietnamese offensive
 - State at time of President's trip
- North Vietnamese offensive
 - Populated areas
- US morale
- Public relations efforts
 - Charles W. Colson
 - Release of poll results

Hoover

- Funeral at Arlington National Cemetery
 - Qualifications
 - Amphitheater
 - Seating
 - Haldeman's view
 - Marine Band
 - Music scores
 - John Foster Dulles
- Military services

- Funeral
 - Military funeral
 - President's waiver
- Location
 - Arlington National Cemetery
 - Demonstrators
 - Crowd control
- President's announcement
 - Kleindienst
- Death
 - Announcement

President's radio speech
 -Subjects

Bull entered at an unknown time after 12:08 pm.

President's meeting with Haig

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:42 pm.

Radio speech by President

- Price
- Timing
- Tenor of speech
- Timing
 - Moscow trip

President's schedule

- Trips
 - Ehrlichman
- Naval Academy visit
- Trip to Texas
 - Dallas
 - John B. Connally ranch
 - Press focus
- Television coverage
 - Size of crowd
 - Meeting with press
- Naval Academy visit
- Ehrlichman's view

Public relations

- Vietnam issue
 - Ehrlichman's and Colson's view
- Headlines

- Meeting with Connally
- Hoover
- Unemployment
 - President's moves
- Food prices
 - President's identification
 - Visit to supermarket
 - Colson
 - Marina von N. Whitman
- Unemployment
 - Visit to jobless line in Buffalo, New York
- President's efforts
 - Personal identification
- Vietnam

Haldeman left at 12:42 pm.