

Conversation No. 771-2

Date: September 6, 1972

Time: 8:13 am - 9:48 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

Foreign policy

- Soviet Union trade agreement

 - Anatoliy F. Dobrynin

 - Kissinger's schedule

 - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

 - Percentage agreement

 - William P. Rogers

 - Lend-lease deal

 - October signing ceremony

 - Kissinger

 - Kissinger's forthcoming trip to Moscow

 - Importance

 - Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty [SALT]

 - Mutual Balanced Force Reductions [MBFR]

 - European Security Conference

 - Status

 - Department of State

 - SALT agreement

- Announcement

 - Timing

 - 1972 election

- Rogers

- Timing of agreement announcement

 - Pre-election

- Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe

 - Rogers's conversation with H.R. (Bob) Haldeman

- Presidential election

 - Effect

- Withdrawal of forces from Europe

 - Rogers

 - Timing of announcement

 - Pre-election

 - George S. McGovern's position

 - MBFR

- Nuclear agreement

 - Soviet Union

 - The People's Republic of China [PRC]

 - Status of negotiations

 - October

 - Vietnam War

 - US strategy

- Middle East comparison
- Objective
 - Soviet Union positions
 - Japanese relations with PRC
 - Rearmament
 - Statements by Kakuei Tanaka
 - US proposals
 - Defense of Taiwan, Republic of China
 - Security treaty for Japan
 - Rogers's forthcoming meeting with Masayoshi Ohira
 - Taiwan
 - Kissinger's schedule
 - PRC
 - Israeli reaction to Munich murders

Murder of Israeli athletes at Olympic Games in Munich

- Israel
 - Kissinger's view
 - Pakistani-Indian comparison
 - The President's actions
 - Statement by the President
 - Comparison to World War I
 - Austrian frustration
 - Archduke Franz Ferdinand's assassination

- World outrage
- Serbs
- Israeli attitude
- Yitzhak Rabin
- The President's previous conversation
 - Forthcoming meeting with Kissinger
- Israeli abilities
- Golda Meir
 - International Olympic Committee [IOC]
- Jewish attitude
- The President's view
- Jewish Defense League
 - Arab diplomats
- The President's policy
 - Rogers
 - Empathy
- Jewish media
 - Papers
- The President's policy
- Empathy
 - Extremists
- Kissinger and Haig's schedule
 - Telephone call to the Israelis

-Suggestions

-IOC

-Cancellation of Olympic Games

-Meir

-Terrorists aims

-Anti-government protestors

-Comparison

-Possible US actions

-Rogers

-Kissinger

-Rabin

-Kissinger

-Rogers

-National Day of Mourning

-Kissinger's view

-Kissinger's family

-Anti-semitic reaction

-Day of mourning

-Jewish influence

-Haig

-West Germany

-United Nations [UN]

-US role

- Possible resolutions
 - Harboring terrorists
- UN Security Council
 - Soviet Union
 - PRC
 - UN General Assembly
- Dobrynin
 - Reaction
 - PRC
- Kissinger's forthcoming trip to Moscow
 - Jewish exit visas
 - Need for action
 - Dobrynin's schedule
- Yuli M. Vorontsov
 - State Department
 - U. Alexis Johnson
 - Rogers
- Israeli action
 - The President's previous conversation with Rabin
 - Forthcoming call
- Rabin
 - Kissinger's forthcoming meeting
 - Position

-Possible action in Beirut

-Soviet Union

-US election

-Meir

-Previous agreement on Beirut

-Kissinger's view

-Rabin

-Forthcoming Israeli election

-US action

-UN Security Council

-Rogers

-Press conference

-UN Security Council

-International action against countries

-Guerrilla sanctuaries

-Rogers

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at 8:20 am.

Rogers schedule

Butterfield left at 8:21 am.

Kissinger's schedule

-Kissinger's forthcoming trip to Munich and Moscow

-Olympic Games

-Willy Brandt

- Kissinger's forthcoming meeting
- Edward R.G. Heath
- Sir Alexander F. ('Alec') Douglas-Home
- Haig
- Nuclear agreements with Soviet Union
- Great Britain

Rogers and Haig entered at 8:32 am.

Murder of Israeli athletes at Olympic Games in Munich

- The President's previous telephone call to Rabin
 - Meir
 - Reaction to news
 - Timing
- US policy
 - Forthcoming meeting
 - Israeli action
 - Beirut
 - The President's view
 - The President's previous talk with Meir
 - US consideration
 - US statement
 - Pueblo incident
 - EC-121 incident
 - US response

- Possible Israeli actions
 - US view
- The president's conversation with Meir and Rabin
- West German involvement
- Early press reports
 - Israeli reaction
- The President's previous trip to San Clemente
 - Haig's schedule
 - Reaction to premature report
 - US response
 - Brandt
 - Responsibility for first reports
 - West German government
 - British television
 - German spokesman
 - Police
- US response
 - Rogers view
 - Task force
 - Police alert
 - Statement
- Mark Spitz
 - US swimmer

- Ethnicity
- Security precautions
 - The President's view
- Israeli request to US
 - Cancellation of Olympic Games
- US actions
 - Counsel General
 - Avery Brundage
 - IOC
 - Meeting
 - Memorial service
 - Brundage announcement
 - Possible withdrawal of US athletes
 - Israeli withdrawal
 - New York Times plea
- Possible withdrawal of US athletes
 - Dual citizenship
 - Wrestler [David Berger]
 - Columbia University
 - Statement to Meir
 - Rogers's statement to Brandt
 - Ronald L. Ziegler
 - The President's view

- Possible withdrawal of US athletes
- Possible cancellation of Olympic Games
- US position on terrorists aims
 - May Day demonstrations in Washington
 - Lafayette Park
- West German actions
 - Rogers view
 - Nelson A. Rockefeller
 - Attica prison takeover
- West German position
- Effect of cancellation
- Brundage
- Political issue in US
- McGovern
- New York Times
- Jewish vote
- US actions
 - Flags
 - The President's view
 - Earthquake in Peru
 - Shooting in North Ireland
- Period of silence
- Israeli funeral ceremony

-Delegations

-Brandt

-Israeli attitude

-US athlete representation

-Emil ("Bus") Mosbacher, Jr.

-Jesse Owens

-Spitz

-Reaction

-Safety

-London

-Brandt

-Political aspect

-UN action

-Gunnar Jarring

-PRC

-Soviets

-Rogers's possible statement

-UN resolution

-International terrorism

-US position

-West German relations

-Israeli responses

-Israeli cabinet statement

- Hijacking conference
 - Department of State
- Rogers's schedule
 - Statement at conference
 - International attendance
- Israeli cabinet statement
- The President's previous talk with Rabin
- Rogers's schedule
 - Rabin
- Hijacking conference
 - Rogers's view
- UN use
 - International rules of conduct
 - Sanctions against harboring guerrillas
 - Kissinger's view
 - Possible PRC vote
 - Israeli action
 - UN General Assembly
 - UN Security Council
 - US statement
 - Algeria
 - Public relations
 - The President's view

- Hijacking conference
 - International boycotts
 - Algeria
- Ziegler
 - White House position
- UN action
 - Possible PRC response
 - Coverage
 - Effectiveness
 - Lebanon
 - Definition of terrorists
- Responsible groups
 - Beirut terrorists
 - Munich massacre
 - Lod airport
 - Algeria
 - Black Panthers
- Statement content
 - Need for UN action
 - Kissinger's view
- Possible PRC reaction
- Soviet Union
- Consultation

- Compared with UN action on hijacking
- Kissinger's view
- Israeli attitude
 - UN Security Council influence
 - Lebanon
 - Lod airport incident
- Israeli statement
- Israel
 - UN
 - Publicity
- Rabin
 - Previous conversation with the President
 - Effect of murders
- Settlement of cause of problem
 - Rogers's view
- Israeli interest
 - Moshe Dayan
- Egyptian proposals
 - UN General Assembly
- UN action
 - US role
 - Issues
 - Terrorists

- Message to Israel
- Dayan
- Israel
- Reaction
 - Effect
 - Rogers's view
- Egyptian statement
 - Palestinian deaths
 - Palestinian issues
- Negotiations
- Israeli retaliation
 - Possible response
- Possible arab reaction
 - John D. Ehrlichman
 - Hijacking
 - Kidnapping
 - Possible US hijacking
 - The President's view
- US consultation with Israel
 - UN resolution
 - UN Security Council
- Rogers's schedule
- Kissinger's schedule

-Congressional schedule

-UN action

-Legislation

-Conventions

The President talked with Ehrlichman at an unknown time between 8:32 am and 9:22 am.