

# TELEPHONE CONVERSATION FROM THE WHITE HOUSE

July 20, 1969

**PRESIDENT NIXON:** Hello Neil and Buzz, I am talking to you by telephone from the Oval Room at the White House, and this certainly has to be the most historic telephone call ever made from the White House.

I just can't tell you how proud we all are of what you have done. For every American this has to be the proudest day of our lives, and for people all over the world I am sure that they, too, join with Americans in recognizing what an immense feat this is.

Because of what you have done the heavens have become a part of man's world, and as you talk to us from the Sea of Tranquility, it inspires us to redouble our efforts to bring peace and tranquility to earth.

For one priceless moment in the whole history of man all the people on this earth are truly one-one in their pride in what you have done and one in our prayers that you will return safely to earth.

**ASTRONAUT ARMSTRONG:** Thank you, Mr. President. It is a great honor and privilege for us to be here representing not only the United States, but men of peaceable nations, men with a vision for the future. It is an honor for us to be able to participate here today.

**PRESIDENT NIXON:** Thank you very much, and I look forward, all of us look forward, to seeing you on the Hornet on Thursday.

**ASTRONAUT ARMSTRONG.** Thank you. We look forward to that very much, sir.



**Image Caption:** Source: Nixon Presidential Library & Museum. This is the transcript between President Nixon and Neil Armstrong, the astronaut on the moon. Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin were the first men to land on the moon.

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Directions: Answer the following questions.

1. This document is a transcript of a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. conversation between the president and astronauts
  - B. radio address
  - C. state of the union address
  - D. campaign speech
  
2. What is the date of the document?
  - A. April 20, 1969
  - B. July 20, 1969
  - C. December 20, 1969
  - D. November 20, 1969
  
3. Where is the Sea of Tranquility located?
  - A. Europe
  - B. Africa
  - C. North America
  - D. moon
  
4. In the second paragraph, what word means accomplishment?
  - A. feat
  - B. proudest
  - C. immense
  - D. join
  
5. What was the name of the spacecraft?
  - A. White House
  - B. Apollo 11
  - C. Armstrong shuttle
  - D. Oval Spacecraft
  
6. The mission took place in history during the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Revolutionary War
  - B. 21st century
  - C. Cold War
  - D. Civil War

7. Explain the significance of the document. (Why is it important?)


8. What was the importance of all people on earth watching?


9. Compare and contrast space travel then and now.
