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**Tape Subject Log**  
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Conversation No. 865-1

Date: February 28, 1973  
Time: 8:15 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 37-1]

Conversation No. 865-2

Date: February 28, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 8:15 am and 8:42 am  
Location: Oval Office

The White House operator talked with the President.

[See Conversation No. 37-2]

Conversation No. 865-3

Date: February 28, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 8:15 am and 8:42 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule  
-Quadriad meeting [?]

Bull left at an unknown time before 8:42 am.

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Conversation No. 865-4

Date: February 28, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 8:15 am and 8:42 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

Request that Henry A. Kissinger be asked to join him

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 8:42 am.

Conversation No. 865-5

Date: February 28, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 8:15 am and 8:42 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

President's schedule  
-Henry A. Kissinger  
-Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 8:42 am.

Conversation No. 865-6

Date: February 28, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 8:15 am and 9:01 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President dictated a memorandum to H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman.

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Conversation No. 865-6 (cont'd)

Employment of minorities and ethnics

- Failure to follow President's directives
- Frederick V. Malek's approach
- Competency
  - Transportation Department
- Appointments
  - Ambassadors
  - Advisory committees
  - Percentage of minority
  - Goal
- Mexicans
  - Anne L. Armstrong
  - Tejanos, Californeros
  - Robert F. Finch, Patricia R. Hitt
- Poles, Italians, Mexicans
- Eastern Europeans
- Political commitments
  - Effect of inaction
- Italian appointments compared with Polish, Eastern European, Mexican
  - Michael P. Balzano, Jr.
- Blacks
  - John D. Ehrlichman
  - Symbolism
  - Job losses
  - Prestige positions

Congressional relations

- Social events at White House
  - Ehrlichman, Haldeman, and William E. Timmons
- Meetings with small groups
  - Ehrlichman, Gerald R. Ford, Hugh Scott
  - Vetoes
  - Demands of President's time
  - Bryce N. Harlow, Clark McGregor, Timmons, George H. W. Bush,
- Recommendation

Ehrlichman

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Conversation No. 865-6 (cont'd)

The President talked with Willie J. Usery, Jr. between 8:42 am and 8:43 am.

[Conversation No. 865-6A]

[See Conversation No. 37-3]

[End of telephone conversation]

Congressional relations

- Certain individual groups to be emphasized
  - Republican, Democratic supporters
- Need for plan
  - Maurice H. Stans
  - Timing
- Efficacy of social events
  - Evenings at White House, Church services
  - Substantive talks

The President finished dictating at an unknown time before 9:01 am.

Conversation No. 865-7

Date: February 28, 1973

Time: Unknown between 8:43 am and 9:01 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

Buzzer system

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 9:01 am.

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Conversation No. 865-8

Date: February 28, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 8:43 am and 9:01 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown woman.

Dictabelt for transcription

The unknown woman left at an unknown time before 9:01 am.

Conversation No. 865-9

Date: February 28, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 8:43 am and 9:01 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 37-4]

Conversation No. 865-10

Date: February 28, 1973  
Time: 9:01 am-9:02 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Roger E. Johnson.

[See Conversation No. 37-5]

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Conversation No. 865-11

Date: February 28, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 9:02 am and 9:12 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with an unknown person.

Henry A. Kissinger's location  
-Return

Conversation No. 865-12

Date: February 28, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 9:02 am and 9:12 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

Request that John W. Dean, III join him

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 9:12 am.

Conversation No. 865-13

Date: February 28, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 9:02 am and 9:12 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with an unknown person.

President's schedule  
-Office

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Conversation No. 865-14

Date: February 28, 1973  
Time: 9:12 am-10:23 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with John W. Dean, III.

[Transcripts of this conversation may be found in RG 460, Box 172, pp. 1-48; 8RPC, pp. 19-46; SRPC, pp. 76-110 (1-35); SI, Bk. III, pt.1, pp. 617-87 (1-71), Bk. VII, pt. 4, pp. 1751-54 (43-46), pp. 1780-1782 (59-61).]

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 9:12 am during the transcribed portion.

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:23 am during the transcribed portion.

[End of transcribed portion]

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[National security]

[Duration: 58s]

INTELLIGENCE

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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National security

[Begin transcribed portion]

[End of transcribed portion]

Judicial positions  
-Court of Appeals

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Conversation No. 865-14 (cont'd)

- Judges
  - David L. Bazelon
  - George E. MacKinnon, Roger Robb, Malcon R. Wilkey,
  - Confirmation
    - Congress
    - Lyndon B. Johnson
- Supreme Court
  - Appointments
  - Justices
    - Harry A. Blackmun, Lewis F. Powell, Warren E. Burger
      - Legacy
      - President's appointment
    - William O. Douglas
      - Health
    - William J. Brennan
    - Thurgood Marshall
      - Health
      - Clerks
- Possible nominees
  - William H. Brown
  - Jewel S. Lafontant
    - Black woman
  - Douglas, Brennan, Marshall, Byron R. ("Whizzer") White, Potter Stewart, Blackmun, Burger, Powell, William H. Rehnquist
    - President's opinion
- Appointments
  - Lafontant
    - Marshall
    - Senate confirmation
- Kleindienst
  - Analysis of possible candidates and courts
    - Southern Democrats
    - Age
    - Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy
    - President's birthday statement
      - Rehnquist
      - Gordon L. Allott
      - Ethnics

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Conversation No. 865-14 (cont'd)

William F. Safire

- Italians, Poles, Blacks, Jews
- Jews in government
  - Arthur F. Burns, Henry A. Kissinger,
- President's opinion
- Reaction to appointments
  - Ehrlichman
  - Stereotypes
    - Campaigning
  - Ivy League candidates
  - Cabinet
  - Republicans, Democrats
  - Elitism

- Appointments
  - Lafontant compared to Marshall
    - Confirmation
    - Background
      - Felix Frankfurter
      - Rehnquist
  - Impact of Nixon appointees

[Begin transcribed portion]

[End of transcribed portion]

W. Mark Felt

- Appearance
- Education
- Ethnicity
  - Herbert C. Hoover

Leaks

- Kissinger, Burns, Herbert Stein, Safire
  - Jews
- Dean

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Conversation No. 865-14 (cont'd)

[End of transcribed portion]

Dean left at 10:23 am.

Conversation No. 865-15

Date: February 28, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 10:23 am and 10:24 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown woman.

Request that Henry A. Kissinger be located

Ronald L. Ziegler waiting

The unknown woman left at an unknown time before 10:24 am.

Conversation No. 865-16

Date: February 28, 1973  
Time: 10:24 am-10:43 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull and Ronald L. Ziegler.

President's schedule

- Signature request
- File
- Paraguayan ambassador
- Daughter
- Credentials
- Timing
- Report from William F. ("Billy") Graham

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Conversation No. 865-16 (cont'd)

- Edward V. Hill
  - Democrat, Nixon supporter
- John Cardinal Cody
  - Chicago
- Gold Meir dinner
  - Press coverage
  - Arrival photographs
  - Toasts
- Van Cliburn
- Governors' Conference dinner
  - Press coverage
  - Photographs
- Van Cliburn
  - Photograph
- Sammy Davis, Jr.
  - Accommodations
- Astronauts
  - Meeting with President
  - Wives
- Sammy Davis, Jr.
  - Breakfast with President

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:43 am.

William P. Rogers's meeting

- Henry A. Kissinger

Joint military commission

- Prisoners of war [POWs]
- North Vietnam

Press briefings

- President
  - Postponement
  - Ziegler's statement
  - POW list
- Jerry W. Friedheim
- Elliot L. Richardson

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Conversation No. 865-16 (cont'd)

- Mines in North Vietnam's waters
- Escalation
- Kissinger
  - Richardson's statement
- North Vietnam
  - Deliberation
  - Compared with December 1972 bombing
  
- George J. McGovern
  - Kenneth W. Clawson
  - Estimate of North Vietnam
    - Withdrawal of US troops
    - POWs
  
- Vietnam Negotiations
  - Saigon
  - South Vietnam
    - Joint Military Commission
      - Accommodations
      - Nguyen Van Thieu
      - POWs
  - Richardson
    - Kissinger
  - Aid
  - POW list
    - Timing of President's press conference
    - Vietnam settlement
      - Aid to North Vietnam
      - POWs
      - Agreement
      - Violations
  
- Ziegler's press statement
  - Compared to Kissinger
  - Aid to North Vietnam
    - George P. Shultz, Roy L. Ash
    - Funding
    - President's statement at Governors' Conference

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Conversation No. 865-16 (cont'd)

-Press reaction

Kissinger

-Meeting with President

President's schedule

-Press conference

-Timing

-Receiving of POW list

-Golda Meir arrival

-Meir dinner, Evening at the White House

-Friedheim's statement

-Press reaction

-Vernon E. Wilson [?]

-Richardson

-Kissinger

Ziegler left at 10:43 am.

Conversation No. 865-17

Date: February 28, 1973

Time: Unknown between 10:43 am and 10:59 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown person.

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Ordered food

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Conversation No. 865-17 (cont'd)

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 10:59 am.

Conversation No. 865-18

Date: February 28, 1973

Time: Unknown between 10:43 am and 10:59 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule

- Meeting
  - David N. Parker
    - Maurice H. Stans's contributors list
  - Cabinet offers, Quadriad
- Sub-cabinet people
  - Mr. and Mrs. Banks [First names unknown]
  - Photos
- Departing staff members
  - Barry J. Shillito, Richard Langham, Civil Aeronautics Board [CAB]

Chairman, Andrew E. Gibson

- Banks
- Veterans of Foreign Wars [VFW] groups
- Women's awards
  - Patricia R. Hitt
- Ronald L. Ziegler
  - Gridiron Club officers
- William E. Timmons
- Stans's list
  - Scheduling
- Quadriad
- John D. Ehrlichman's schedule
  - Governors
  - Briefing
- Domestic Council

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Conversation No. 865-18 (cont'd)

- George P. Shultz, H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman, Ehrlichman, Roy L. Ash
- Edward Gaylord's birthday message
- Timmons
- Previous support for President

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:59 am.

Conversation No. 865-19

Date: February 28, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 10:43 am and 10:59 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown person.

Instructions

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 10:59 am.

Conversation No. 865-20

Date: February 28, 1973  
Time: 10:59 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 37-6]

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Conversation No. 865-21

Date: February 28, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 10:59 am and 11:07 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Henry A. Kissinger  
-Ziegler's briefing  
-Meeting  
    -Yitzhak Rabin  
-Contacts with the press

Ziegler left at an unknown time before 11:07 am.

Conversation No. 865-22

Date: February 28, 1973  
Time: 11:07 am-11:52 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

Kissinger meeting with Yitzhak Rabin and Golda Meir  
-Stonewalling, leaks  
-Shootdown of Libyan passenger airline  
-Negotiations for interim agreement  
    -Agreement on general principles  
        -Commitments  
-US military aid  
    -Plans  
    -Leverage  
    -Congress  
    -Richard M. Helms  
        -Israel's Air Force  
        -Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]

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Conversation No. 865-22 (cont'd)

- Jordan, Egypt
- President's viewpoint

International Conference on Vietnam

- Ronald L. Ziegler
- North Vietnam
  - Joint Military Commission
  - Viet Cong representation

Ziegler entered at an unknown time after 11:07 am.

President's schedule

- Press conference
  - Timing
  - Golda Meir visit

International Conference on Vietnam

- Economic Commission
  - North Vietnam's position on Prisoners of War [POWs]
  - William H. Sullivan
    - Unofficial US position
    - Commission, mines, US withdrawal
  - Elliot L. Richardson
  - Escalation
- Press coverage
  - News summary
  - William P. Rogers
  - Silvan Fox
- North Vietnam
- South Vietnam
  - US aid
  - Nguyen Van Thieu
    - Ellsworth F. Bunker
    - POWs
    - North Vietnam
    - Demonstrations
    - Military operations

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Conversation No. 865-22 (cont'd)

Cease-fire violations

- North and South Vietnam
  - Number and magnitude
  - Press coverage
- South Vietnam's Air Force
  - Training flights

President's press conference

*Kennedy's 13 Mistakes* by Malcolm Smith

- Suppression of Kennedy family
- Library of Congress
- Bay of Pigs
  - Leaks by Chester Bowles
  - State Department

President's press conference

- Press relations
  - Ziegler
- Headlines and stories
  - Rogers, troop withdrawal, mining
- President's press conference
  - Delay
  - Questions
    - US aid
    - POW impasse
- Richardson's statement
- Jerry W. Friedheim's statement
  - Questions
    - Withdrawal countdown
    - POWs
  - Mine removal
    - Delay
  - Rogers
  - Proposed answers and statements
- Ziegler
  - North Vietnam
    - Compliance

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Conversation No. 865-22 (cont'd)

- POWs
  - POWs
  - North Vietnam's list
  - Release
  - US retaliation
    - American public opinion
    - Bombing
    - Mining
    - Bombing
    - Dikes
  - International Conference on Vietnam
- - Agreement deadline
  - USSR and People's Republic of China [PRC]
  - Thieu
  - North Vietnam
    - Security
    - US commitment

Press relations

- Ziegler's statement
  - POWs
  - North Vietnam's compliance
  - Civilian prisoners
  - Cease-fire
  - Mining
  - Rogers

Ziegler left at 11:29 am.

Press relations

- Cease-fire
- Critics
  - President's orders to Rogers
  - Withdrawal stoppage
  - Ziegler's statements
  - Congress

Cease-fire negotiations

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Conversation No. 865-22 (cont'd)

- North and South Vietnam
  - Thieu
  - Intransigence
- US response
  - Toughness

John F. Kennedy

- Mistake
- Rhetoric
  - Berlin
- Meeting with Nikita S. Khrushchev in Vienna
  - Preparation
    - Compared to President
  - Llewellyn E. ("Tommy") Thompson, Jr.
    - Letter delivery
- Indonesia
  - Robert F. ("Bobby") Kennedy
  - Achmed Sukarno
    - Communist victory
  - Lt. Gen. T. N. J. Suharto
- Brazil
  - Joao Goulart
- Cuban Missile Crisis
  - USSR
  - Turkey, Italy, Cuba
  - Robert Kennedy, Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
  - Nerves
- Bay of Pigs
  - Richard M. Bissell
  - Air cover
  - Landing site
    - Joint Chief of Staff [JCS]
  - Press reaction
  - Popularity
- Henry Fairlie's book
  - Space program
    - Moon landing

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President's popularity

- Letters
- War critics
  - Crisis
  - Thomas W. Braden [?]
  - McGeorge Bundy
    - Opportunism
    - Secretary of State
    - Edward M ("Ted") Kennedy
      - Lyndon B. Johnson
      - Robert F. ("Bobby") Kennedy
        - Vice Presidency
      - Lawrence F. O'Brien, Jr.
  - New York Times*
  - James B. ("Scotty") Reston
- Value of criticism
  - Free society

John F. Kennedy

- Press coverage
- Bay of Pigs
  - Dwight D. Eisenhower
  - President's advice
- Advisors
  - Public relations
  - Polls
    - Johnson
- Indecisiveness
- Cuban Missile Crisis
  - Settlement
    - US bases
  - Political effects
    - Barry M. Goldwater
      - 1964 election
    - Congressional elections
    - Berlin crisis
- Compared with President's May 8, 1972 Vietnam action
- Handling

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- US bases in Greece, Turkey, and Italy
- Compared with President's Cambodia speech
- Rhetoric compared with President
- Fairlie's book

- Popularity
- Press coverage
  - Hugh S. Sidey, Rowland Evans, Joseph W. Alsop, Walter L. Cronkite, Jr.

Press relations

- Pandering
- Objectivity
- Vietnam
  - Mistakes
  - Critics
    - Siding with the enemy
- Joseph A. Califano, Jr.
  - Kissinger's attendance at Rabin's dinner for Gold Meir
  - Rogers
  - Liberals
  - Congress
    - Democrats
      - Aid to Vietnam
  - Draft issue
  - Aid to Vietnam

Congress

- Hugh Scott
- Richard B. Russell

Youth attitudes toward President

- Students compared with faculty

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Possible Presidential candidates

- Ted Kennedy

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- Poll
- H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- Edmund S. Muskie
- Hubert H. Humphrey
- Spiro T. Agnew
  - Kissinger's view
  - Trip to Vietnam
  - Selfishness
- Nelson A. Rockefeller
  - John B. Connally
  - Age
    - Gen. Charles A. J. M. de Gaulle
    - Golda Meir
- Qualifications
- Connally
  - Business deals
  - Armand Hammer
  - Saudi Arabia
  - President's letter of introduction

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Ziegler entered at 11:50 am.

- International Conference on Vietnam
  - North Vietnam
  - Official statement on POWs
  - Rogers

Kissinger and Ziegler left at 11:52 am.

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Conversation No. 865-23

Date: February 28, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 11:52 am and 12:02 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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Refreshments

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]  
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Sanchez left at an unknown time before 12:02 pm.

Conversation No. 865-24

Date: February 28, 1973  
Time: 12:02pm-12:15 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger and Ronald L. Ziegler.

- William P. Rogers meeting with Nguyen Duy Trinh
  - North Vietnam
    - Compliance with agreement
    - Prisoner of War [POW] release
      - Future release
      - Joint Military Commission
  - Press release
    - POW release

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Conversation No. 865-24 (cont'd)

- Timing
- Roger's viewpoint
- Press release
  - POW issue
    - International Conference on Vietnam
      - Roger's role
- North Vietnam's negotiating position
  - Trinh
    - US withdrawal, mining
      - Kissinger's briefing of Rogers
  - Confirmation of POWs release
    - Timing
- International Conference on Vietnam
  - Rogers's return
- Roger's statement
- Ziegler's statement
  - Rogers's meeting with Trinh
  - North Vietnam's statement
    - POWs
      - Joint Military Commission
- International Conference on Vietnam
  - Rogers's participation
    - POWs release
  - Continuation
- Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft
  - Rogers
- Stonewalling
  - Continuation of International Conference on Vietnam

Kissinger and Ziegler left at 12:15 pm.

Conversation No. 865-25

Date: February 28, 1973

Time: Unknown between 12:15 pm and 12:18 pm

Location: Oval Office

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Conversation No. 865-25 (cont'd)

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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Weather

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The President and Sanchez left at 12:18 pm.

Conversation No. 865-26

Date: February 28, 1973

Time: Unknown between 4:23 pm and 4:25 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

International Conference on Vietnam

-Ziegler's briefing

-*Washington Star*

-Headline

-William P. Rogers, Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft

-Nguyen Duy Trinh, Madame Nguyen Thi Binh

-Cease-fire violations

-Paris

-Source of headline

-Prisoners of War [POWs]

-Roger's meeting with Trinh

Ziegler left at an unknown time before 4:25 pm.

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Conversation No. 865-27

Date: February 28, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 4:23 pm and 4:25 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

Participants for subsequent meeting

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 4:25 pm.

Conversation No. 865-28

Date: February 28, 1973  
Time: 4:25 pm-5:46 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Roy L. Ash, George P. Shultz, John D. Ehrlichman, and H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman.

Greetings

Statistics

Governor's meeting

- Nelson A. Rockefeller
  - Death of Winthrop Rockefeller
- Revenue sharing
  - Partisanship
  - Fait accompli
  - State budgets
- Ash
  - Misinformation
- Health, Education, and Welfare [HEW] telegrams on library funding
  - Congressional appropriations
  - Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger

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- Governor of South Dakota Richard S. Kneip
- Special revenue sharing budget
  - Library programs
  - President's support

Revenue sharing

- Program cuts
  - No bid [?] programs
  - Ronald W. Reagan
  - Categorical programs for special revenue sharing
    - Congress
  - General revenue sharing
- Budget limits
  - Social services cuts
  - Weinberger
    - Regulations
- James T. Lynn, John J. Gilligan
  - Community development, housing

Congressional relations

- Budget
  - Abstract
  - Fact sheets

Budget

- Human resources compared to defense budget
  - Changes during President's administration
  - Social Security
  - Effects on foreign policy, defense
    - Wheat exports
    - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]

Governors' meeting

- Marvin Mandel
- General revenue sharing
  - President's statement
    - Kenneth R. Cole, Jr.
    - Ehrlichman, Bryce N. Harlow

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- Special revenue sharing
  - Efficacy
  - Formula
    - Advice of governors
- Previous talks with governors
  - Foreign policy
  - Vietnam

Governorships

- Parochial atmosphere
- Role and function
  - Rockefeller, Reagan
    - Political aspirations
  - Budget
    - Revenue sharing
- Compared with Shultz's role
- State of the State address
  - Sacramento, California; Albany, New York
  - Press coverage
  - Publicity
- Special revenue sharing
  - Expanded role
  - Compared to categorical grants

Governors

- Press relations
  - Vietnam issues
  - Time, Newsweek*
  - [Arnold] Eric Sevareid

President's talk to governors

- Previous talks
  - Foreign policy
    - Middle East, Cambodia, Paris peace, Vietnam
- Trade
  - Trade missions
    - Farm states
    - Exports

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- Mandel
- People's Republic of China [PRC]
  - Liaison office
  - Chou En-lai
  - Exchange program
  - Henry A. Kissinger

PRC

- Clouse and Peabody [?]
  - Trade mission
  - Textiles
  - Centralization
- Economic capability
  - Compared with India, Africa

Latin America

- North, South economic development
  - Brazil
- Africa
  - Southern Africa

Congressional testimony

- Shultz
  - Treasury budget
  - Ash
- Appropriations committees
  - Funding compared with implementation
  - Taxes

Congress

- Lobbying
  - Farmers, special interests

Poll on budget cuts

- Stewart J. O. Alsop
  - Kissinger
- Congress
- Sindlinger, Harris

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- Questions
- William J. Barody, Jr.
- Federal spending
- Inflation
- Taxes
- Charles W. Colson
- Haldeman
  - Gallup
  - Impoundment

Administration's image with people

- Shultz, Weinberger, Ash
- Compassion
  - Federal expenditures, spending
  - Robert F. ("Bobby") Kennedy
    - Compassionate rhetoric
  - Congressional testimony
    - Weinberger, Lynn
    - Hardhats
    - Taxes
- Federal spending
  - Democrats, Republicans
  - Dwight D. Eisenhower, Harry S. Truman, Lyndon B. Johnson, John F.

Kennedy

- Minority hiring
  - President's view
    - Blacks
    - Italians
    - Mexicans
    - Woman
    - Symbolism
- Weinberger, Ash
- Responsibility compared to demagoguery
  - Robert Kennedy, Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy

Milton Friedman's interview

- Playboy*

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Dean G. Acheson

- Present at the Creation*
- School vouchers
- Minimum wage
  - Effect on poor
- University of California
  - Tuition
  - Education subsidies

Veterans

- Ash
- President's supporters

Farmers

- President's supporters
- Legislation
  - Subsidies

Veterans

- POWs
  - Press coverage
  - Cartoons
  - Raymond K. Price, Jr.
- Legislation
  - Vetoes
  - Bureaucracy
- Benefits
  - Appropriations
    - Johnson
    - Charles M. Teague
- Power of lobby
- POWs
  - Price
  - War critics
    - Moral issue
    - John V. Lindsay

Loss of faith in country

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- Upper class, universities
- George S. McGovern
- POWs' return from Vietnam
  - Press reporting
    - United Press International [UPI]
  - Programming

Press relations

- White House press corps
  - Antiwar bias
  - Peter Lisagor
  - Dwight D. Eisenhower, Truman
  - Television [TV]
  - Downfall of Johnson
  - Attitude toward President
- Press conferences
- President's statements
- POWs
  - Press coverage
  - Popular perceptions
    - Evanston, Illinois
- Administration's message
  - Bias
  - Cities, veterans, "Jobs for Veterans"
  - News summary

Veterans

- Unemployment
  - Memo from Price

President's meeting with Ivy League presidents

- Cambodia
- Campus violence
  - University of California, Berkeley

Critics

- Reaction to end of Vietnam War
  - Intellectuals

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-Congress, press

Intellectuals compared to manual laborers

- Lawyers
- Psychiatry
  - Seattle
- Wives

End of Vietnam War

- Arthur F. Burns

Glenn Olds [President of Kent State University]

- Drug policy

Critics

- Administration's handling
- Congress, press

Politicians

- Washington Post*, *New York Times*, Martin Z. Agronsky's show

Social events at Blair House

- Thomas W. Braden
- Women
- Kissinger
  - Cabinet officers

Executive reform

- Shultz
- Special revenue sharing
- Program cuts
  - Budget
    - Ash
- Congress
- Alsop
  - REAP [?]
- Tax code
- Water quality

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Muskie

-Linwood Holton

Executive reform

-Camp David

-Shultz

Partisanship

-Congress

1972 election

-Carl T. Curtis

-Nebraska results

-President's victory

-Electoral college vote

-Compared to Johnson's 1964 victory

-Governor of Massachusetts [Francis Sargent]

Opportunities for President

-Dwight Eisenhower

-Budget

-Reorganization

-Revenue sharing

-Centralization of power in Washington

-Franklin D. Roosevelt, Johnson's administration

-New Deal, Fair Deal, Great Society

-State government compared to Federal administration

-Property tax

-Advisory Committee on Intergovernmental Relations

-Efficacy

-Ehrlichman's briefing in Detroit

-Reports

-Publicity

-Graham Watt

-Congressional hearings

-Special revenue sharing

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Date: February 28, 1973  
Time: Unknown after 5:46 pm  
Location: Oval Office

Unknown men met.

Schedule

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