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Tape Subject Log

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Conversation No. 576-15/577-1

Date: September 20, 1971

Time: Unknown between 12:25 pm and 12:44 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald G. S. Au, Andre LeTendre, and George T. Bell; the White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

[The recording begins at an unknown time while the meeting is in progress]

[Photographs]

Meeting with the President

- Thanks for the opportunity

US Jaycees organization

- The President's membership

- Jaycee convention in St. Louis, June 25, 1970

- The President's attendance

- Enthusiasm of greeting

- Cambodia

- The President's relationship with the Jaycees

- Membership

- Age

- Relationship with the younger generation

- Age group

- Jaycee role within the US

- US as country

- Critics of the "system"

- Economics

- Foreign policies

- Leaders

- Types

Miss America Contest

- Miss America contestants

- The President's meeting with winners [Phyllis A. George, Laurie Lee Schaefer]

- Conservative values in relation to perceived current societal values

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US Jaycees organization

- Partnership relationship
 - Tradition
- Jaycee role in the United States
 - Effort by LeTendre
 - Support of the President
 - The President's policies
- Au's ancestry
 - Race
 - Election to office
 - Press appearances
 - Questions
 - Answers in relation to the President's forthcoming trip to the People's Republic of China [PRC]
- Jaycee friends in Taiwan
 - Address at Jaycee national convention

PRC initiative

- Au's support
- Purpose of trip
 - Public speculation
- US foreign relations with the PRC
 - Differences between the US government and the governments in the PRC and the Soviet Union
 - Negotiation as option
 - Future environment
 - US-Soviet relations
 - Middle East, Berlin, arms limitation issues
 - Detente
 - Communications
 - Methods of communications
 - Superpowers
 - Initiation
 - Negotiation of differences
- Taiwan
 - Amount of progress
 - Type of society
 - Population
 - Trade
 - Position in United Nations [UN]
- UN

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- China membership issue
 - PRC admission
 - Secretary of State [William P. Rogers]
 - Vote
- PRC, Taiwan
 - Vote
 - Negotiations
 - George H.W. Bush
- Pragmatism
- Position in the world
- Philosophies
- Foreign relations
- Type of world
- Chou en-lai
- PRC and US position in the world
 - Superpowers
 - Negotiations
 - Future
- Au's forthcoming trip to Taiwan
- State Department
 - Vote in UN
- Au's meeting with Vice President Chiang Ching-Kuo
 - Message from the President
 - Cordialities
 - Friendship between the US and Taiwan
 - International relations
 - Responsibilities

East Asian affairs

- Au's request to Ronald W. Reagan
 - Reagan's trip to the Far East
 - Au's attendance
 - Jaycees' representation in the Far East
 - Industry
 - Request
 - Date
 - Governor's office
 - Lieutenant Governor Edwin Reinecke
 - Date

Au

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- Ethnic background
 - Attainment of office of presidency of the Jaycees
 - Travel
 - Representation of the Jaycees
 - Manila, Philippines
- Relationship with Taiwan
 - Manufacturing of campaign paraphernalia by Taiwan
 - Relationship with Au
 - Comparison to Irish and Germans

Chinese

- The President's view
 - Taiwan
 - Manila
 - Singapore
 - Bangkok
 - Hong Kong
 - Accomplishments

PRC

- Relations with the US
 - Type of relations
- Population
 - Type of culture
- Relations with the US
 - Types of government
- PRC relations
 - Au's support for the President
 - The President's foreign policy

Presidential gifts

- Cuff links
- Golf balls
- Tie clasps
- Paperweight
- Lady's gifts
 - Signatures
 - Stephen B. Bull

US Jaycees

- Support of the President

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- Re-election
- Au's leadership
- Age

Au, LeTendre, and Bell left at 12:44 pm.

Conversation No. 577-2

Date: September 20, 1971
Time: 12:44 pm - 12:45 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Arthur F. Burns
-Meeting with the President

John N. Mitchell
-Telephone call
-Time
-The President's meeting with Miss America contestants

Telephone call to William E. Walk, Jr.

Burns

Bull left at 12:45 pm.

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Conversation No. 577-3

Date: September 20, 1971

Time: 12:45 pm - 1:30 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President talked with John N. Mitchell; Arthur F. Burns entered at 12:45 pm while the conversation is in progress.

[Conversation No. 577-3A]

[See Conversation No. 9-95]

[End of telephone conversation]

Greetings

Supreme Court resignation

- John Harlan
 - Health
 - Georgetown Hospital
- Announcement
 - Date
 - Speculation
- Appointees
 - Number
 - Effect on Supreme Court
- Justice Department
 - Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]
 - Role in appointing Justices
- Appointees
 - Congressman
 - Clement F. Haynsworth, Jr.
 - G. Harold Carswell
 - Richard H. Poff
 - Credentials
 - Harry F. Byrd, Sr.

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Conv. No. 577-3 (cont.)

- Conservatism
- Practice of law
- Judiciary Committee
 - American Bar Association [ABA]

International economics

- Burns's European trip
 - John B. Connally
- US objectives
- Europeans
 - Currency re-alignment
 - Convertibility of gold
 - France
 - Restoration of convertibility
 - Results
 - Significance in France
- France
 - Price of gold issue
 - Reactions
- Price of gold
 - Burns's conversation with Connally
 - US position
 - Policies
 - Tariffs

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 12:45 pm.

Refreshments

- coffee

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 1:30 pm.

International economics

- Price of gold
 - Raising price
 - Amount
 - William Proxmire
 - William V. Roth, Jr.
 - Opposition
- Congressional actions
 - Price of gold

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- Increase
- Attitude
- Political and economic objection
 - Political objection
 - Rewards for countries
 - South Africa
 - Soviet Union
 - France
- Price of gold
 - Comparison to earlier prices
 - Official price compared to market price
 - Action of raising price
 - Percentage points
 - Inflation
- Future action
- Europe
- Japan
 - Subsidization of exports
 - Canada
 - Free trade
 - Relationship with Canada
- Great Britain
 - Political situation
 - Common market
- Germany
 - Relationship with the US
 - Question of future policy
- Forthcoming economic meetings
- International Monetary Fund [IMF] and Group of Ten
- Preparation
- Location
 - Washington
 - The President's schedule
 - Alaska
 - Forthcoming IMF meeting
 - Possible statement by the President
- Reception
 - Connally, the President
 - Secretary of the Treasury
 - Central bankers
 - IMF chairman

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- Number
- Statement by the president
 - Impact
- Location
 - White House
- Secretaries of the Treasury
- John B. Connally
- Timing
- Great Britain
 - Connally's evaluation
 - European market
 - Common market
 - Effect on foreign policy of the US
 - Economic policy
- Approach
 - Integration of economic and foreign policies
 - Japan
 - People's Republic of China [PRC]
 - Soviet Union
- Japan
 - Relationship with US
 - Commercial relationship
 - PRC, Soviet Union
- Relationship with Europe
 - Comparison with the US
- Europe and Japan
 - Relationship with the US
 - Competition
- Japan
 - Relationship with the US
 - The President's previous comments
 - Competition
 - People
 - Type of governments
- Relationship between foreign policy and domestic issues
 - Group of Ten meeting
 - Congress
 - Meeting with the President
 - Isolationism
 - Surcharge
 - Foreign aid

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- Trade barriers
 - Canada
 - Japan
 - US public
 - Possible speculation
 - Anti-trust laws
 - Subsidization
 - Okinawa reversion treaty
 - Textiles
 - Type of diplomacy for the US
 - Strength
- Public posture
- Congress
 - Jacob K. Javits
- Current situation
 - Projections for the future
- Britain
 - British press
 - Influence in US
 - The Economist
 - Relationship with the US
 - Politics
 - Orientation
- Italy
 - Rome
 - Memorandum
 - Conversation between the president and burns
- Foreign restrictions
 - Impact in the US
 - Timing
- Economic theory
 - Floating exchange system
 - Milton Friedman
 - Godfrey [Surname unintelligible]
 - Marketplace forces
 - Demand and supply
 - Contrast of theoretical and practical conditions
 - Current environment
 - Restraints
 - Government rules
 - Central banks

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- European countries
 - Unification of ideas
 - Competition with the US
 - Obstacle
 - Percentage points
 - Connally
 - Presentation of US position abroad
 - Understanding of problems
 - Foreign countries
 - Problems
 - Gold prices
 - US understanding
 - Type of problems
- Impact of us action
- Import surcharge
 - US position
 - Duration
 - Currency realignment
 - Relation to surcharge
 - Negotiations
 - Length of time
- Gold issue
- Devaluation of the dollar
 - Psychological impact
 - Political impact
- Price of gold
- Inflation
- International reserves
 - Measured by gold
 - Reduction
 - Special Drawings Rights [SDR's]
- Economic theories
 - Political economic effects
 - Political factors
 - Parliamentary bodies
 - US position on gold prices
 - Congress
 - Economic change
 - Election period
 - Proxmire, Roth
- Burns

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- Connally
- Burns's trip
 - Education
 - Burns's credentials
 - Representation of the US
 - Negotiations
 - International economics
 - Domestic versus international matters
 - Burns, Connally
 - Meeting with central bankers and finance ministers
 - Clarity of communications
 - Connally
 - Representation of the US position
 - Connally
 - Credentials
 - Type of trip
 - Connally
 - Obtaining information
 - Conversation with burns
 - France
 - Gold convertibility
 - Germany
 - Percentage points appreciation
 - European economic community [common market]
 - Director General's position
- Price of gold
 - Political compared to economic problem
 - Economic problem
- Foreign, economic discussions
 - Connally's position
 - Limitation on discussions
 - Central bankers
 - Tradition of discussion
 - President's approval
 - Connally
 - US position
 - Unified position
 - Possible outcome
 - Press
- Burns
 - Relationship with Connally

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- Role as economist
 - Representation of the US
- US position
 - Connally
 - Agenda proposal
 - Price of gold
 - Trade
 - Currency re-alignment
- Domestic political scene
 - Conversations between Burns, Connally, and the President
 - William P. Rogers
 - State Department
 - [Federal Reserve Board [FRD]]
 - Treasury Department
 - Council on International Economic Policy [CIEP]
- US negotiating position
 - Connally's staff
 - Limitations
 - Connally's
 - Credentials as negotiator
 - Understanding of foreigners
 - Perception by Europeans
 - Toughness
 - Understanding
 - John Foster Dulles
 - State Department
 - Relationship with the President
- Number of individuals involved
 - CIEP
 - Peter G. Peterson
 - State Department
 - Commerce Department
 - Peterson
 - Number involved
 - Type of discussions
 - Connally's role
 - Foreign policy
 - Nathaniel Samuels, Philip H. Trezise
- Henry A. Kissinger
 - Relationship with the President
- Peterson

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- Kissinger
 - Foreign relations factors
 - Germans
 - France
 - Georges J.R. Pompidou
 - Britain
 - Japanese
 - Future implications
 - Member of group
 - Political interests
 - Domestic advantages
- IMF
 - The President's appearance
 - Statement
 - Reception
 - Pierre Paul Schweitzer
 - Possible meeting with the President
 - Connally
 - Possible reaction
- Detroit Economic Club
 - Upcoming Question and answer [Q&A] session with the President
 - Date
 - Preparation of background information by Burns
 - Audience
 - International issues
 - IMF
 - Gold
 - Handling
 - Transmittal
 - Date
 - Time
 - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
 - Rose Mary Woods
 - California
 - Type of information
 - Impact
- The economy
 - Phase II
 - Meetings with various special interest groups and individuals
 - Date

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- Decisions
 - Directions of policy
- Congressmen, Senators, business leaders
 - Preferences
- Labor leaders
 - Position on Phase II
 - Comparison to business leaders
- The President's schedule
 - Trip
 - Alaska
- Unified position
- Direction
 - Freeze
 - Phase II
 - Follow-up
 - Budgetary and tax action
- Follow-up
 - IMF meeting
- Freeze
 - Impact
- Meeting between Burns and the President
 - Freeze
 - Phase II
 - Sequence of follow-up action
 - Burns's conversation with Herbert Stein
 - Changing process
 - Mechanics of change
- Labor leaders' cooperation
 - People
 - Support of the President
 - Results of polls
 - George Meany
 - Lack of support versus support
- Freeze
 - Impact
 - Freedom
 - US people
 - Support of the President
- Election
 - Restraint imposed by freeze
 - Labor unions

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- Forthcoming Q&A session
 - Memo from Burns to the President
- Phase II
 - Date
 - Preliminary statement

Burns left at 1:30 pm.

Conversation No. 577-5

Date: September 20, 1971
Time: Unknown between 1:30 pm and 1:40 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

Briefcase
-Materials

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 1:40 pm.

Conversation No. 577-6

Date: September 20, 1971
Time: Unknown between 1:30 pm and 1:40 pm
Location: Oval Office
The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger.

Schedule
-Kissinger
-Meeting

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Date: September 20, 1971
Time: Unknown between 1:30 pm and 1:40 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 9-96]

Conversation No. 577-8

Date: September 20, 1971
Time: Unknown between 1:40 pm and 2:59 pm
Location: Oval Office

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

Status report

[The President talked with William E. Walk, Jr. between 2:09 pm and 2:12 pm].

[Conversation No. 577-8A]

[See Conversation No. 9-97]

[End of telephone conversation]

Supreme Court
-Nominees

US economic policies
-Arthur F. Burns
-Information for forthcoming press conference
-Forthcoming press conference
-Phase II
-Transmittal

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Spiro T. Agnew

- Telephone conversation to Haldeman
- Foundations speech
 - Format
 - Possible reaction
 - Agnew's role
 - Job as Vice President
 - Agnew's attitude
 - Speech format
 - Press relations
 - Type of speech
 - Options
 - Handling
 - The Vice President's handling of previous speeches
 - Foundations
 - The press
 - Forthcoming release of [Edith Efron's] book [The News Twisters]
 - The Vice President's role in commenting on the media
- Pentagon Papers
 - Leslie H. Gelb
 - Brookings Institute
- Press relations
 - Timing

Foundation speech

- Ford Foundation
- Brookings Institute

Henry A. Kissinger entered at 2:18 pm.

The President's schedule

- Trip to Florida
 - Flight
 - Meeting

Haldeman left at 2:18 pm.

Vietnam

- Air strikes

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- Air force
 - Weather
 - Planned effect
- The People's Republic of China [PRC]
 - Forthcoming announcement
- Air force
 - Flight ceiling
 - Soviet Union
- Air strike
 - Time frame
- Briefing for forthcoming National Security Council [NSC] meeting
- Richard M. Helms, Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
- Kissinger's memorandum to the President
 - NSC
 - Condensation of two memoranda
 - Kissinger's conversation with David K.E. Bruce
 - Bruce's analysis
 - US options
- Vietnam negotiations
 - History
 - Final announcement
 - Air strike effect
- Kissinger's conversation with John B. Connally
 - Meeting
 - Agnew, John N. Mitchell
- Kissinger's conversation with Connally
 - Agnew
 - Mitchell
 - Final announcement
 - Connally's analysis
 - Date
- US strategy
- Kissinger's possible meeting with Senate Foreign Relations Committee
 - Meeting
 - William P. Rogers
 - Blair House
 - Clark MacGregor
 - J. William Fulbright
 - Intended purpose
 - Rogers's forthcoming testimony
 - Timing

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- The President's press conference
 - Nguyen Cao Ky
 - News summary
 - Ellsworth F. Bunker
 - Meeting with Alexander M. Haig, jr.
 - NSC meeting
- Political conditions
 - Ky
 - Nguyen Khanh
 - Nguyen Van Thieu
 - Possible US action
- Negotiations
 - Final withdrawal
 - Meetings
 - Number
 - US offer
 - Thieu
 - The President's forthcoming meeting with Andrei A. Gromyko
 - Meeting with Kissinger
 - Importance
 - Election
 - Congressional action
 - Effect
 - Activity
- US-Soviet relations
 - Anatoliy F. Dobrynin's meeting with Kissinger
 - Time
 - US-Soviet summit
 - Date
- US-PRC relations
 - Coordination of trip arrangements
 - Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters
 - Announcement
 - Response
 - Press arrangements
 - Walters
 - Message
 - Overseas delays
 - Time differences

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- Announcement
 - Date
 - Impact
 - Additional announcements
- Preparation
 - State Department

International economies

- Connally's trip to Europe
 - Kissinger's concern
 - US position
- Surcharge
- Price of gold
- US position
 - Split compared to unified position
- Connally
- Burns
- Meeting with the President
 - Connally
 - Burns
- Forthcoming Group of Ten meeting
- International Monetary Fund [IMF]
 - Speech
 - Pierre-Paul Schweitzer's meeting with the President
 - Outcome
 - Social reception
- Kissinger's conversation with Connally
 - US position
 - Surcharge
 - Currency floatation
 - System
- Surcharge
 - Popularity
 - Domestic scene
- Currency floatation
- Connally
 - Currency floatation
 - Negotiating position
- International economic meeting
 - The President's conversation with Burns and Connally
 - Kissinger's attendance

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- Connally
- Burns
- Paul W. McCracken
- Peter G. Peterson
- George P. Shultz
- Paul A. Volcker
- State Department
 - Nathaniel Samuels, Philip H. Trezise
 - Bureaucracy
- Currency flow
- Burden-sharing
- Political issues with economic policies
 - Burns
 - Connally
 - Kissinger
 - Role
 - Peterson
 - Leadership
 - Ideas
 - Strategy
 - Japanese textiles quota issue
- Kissinger
 - Participation
 - Political ideas
- Connally
 - Politics
 - Knowledge in economics
- Connally's and Kissinger's relationship
- Connally's support for the President
 - Public support
- Handling
- Germany
 - US position
- Great Britain
 - France
 - European market
- US position
 - Indecision
- International economic meeting
 - Kissinger's participation
- Surcharge

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- Connally
- Canada, Mexico
- US position in relation to foreign countries
- Third world countries
- Japan

Japan

- Trade relations
 - Possible quotas
 - Trading with the Enemy Act
- Textiles
 - Peterson
 - David M. Kennedy
 - The President's august 15, 1971 speech on economic action
 - US officials responsible for handling textile issues
 - US-Japanese relationship
 - Rogers
 - Negotiations
 - Kissinger's participation
 - Peterson
 - Kissinger and Rogers relationship
 - Nobusuke Kishi
 - Trip to the US
 - US position
 - Anticipation in dealing with Japan
 - Meeting
 - Date
 - Kissinger's trip to the PRC
 - Date
 - Timing
 - US restrictions on Japan
 - Kishi
 - Trip to the US
 - Date
- The President's schedule
 - Trip to Detroit, Michigan
 - Date
 - Meeting with Kishi
 - Date
 - The President's forthcoming meeting with [Emperor of Japan] Hirohito
- Trade relations

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- Peterson
 - US position
 - Communications
 - Date
 - Trading with the Enemy Act
 - Impact on Japan-US relations
 - Kissinger's forthcoming meeting with Connally
 - Textile issue
 - David Kennedy
 - Peterson
 - Rogers
 - Mitchell
 - Domestic issues
 - Possible conversation with Kishi
 - Japan
 - Japan's economic position
 - Time limit
 - Kishi
 - US position
 - Trading with the Enemy Act
 - Strength
 - Negotiating position
 - Peterson
 - Staff
 - Kennedy
 - Number of people
 - Peter M. Flanigan
 - Kissinger
 - Status
- Vietnam
- The President's press conference
 - Time
 - Political impact
 - Saigon
 - Situation of South Vietnamese government
 - [Thieu]
 - State Department officials
 - Ky
 - Haig
 - Melvin R. Laird

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- State Department officials
- Ky
 - US
 - Negotiation strategy
 - The President's press conference
 - Memorandum from State Department official
 - Status
 - Public life
 - Stance
 - The President
 - Opponent to Thieu
- Negotiations

The President's handling of foreign relations

- Comparison of cienfuegos to the Cuban missile crisis
- Comparison to Jordan
 - Resolution of crisis
 - John F. Kennedy
 - Public reaction
- Forthcoming summit meetings
 - PRC
 - Soviet Union

PRC initiative

- Announcement
 - Timing
- Date
- Announcement
 - Possible leaks
- Possible composition of traveling party
 - State Department official
 - Secret Service
 - Role
 - Cultural exchange issues
 - Advance men
 - Ronald H. Walker
 - Alfred Les Jenkins
 - Marshall Green
 - Attendance at meetings
- Kissinger's conversations with Chinese leaders
 - State Department officials

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- The President's handling of forthcoming summit meetings
 - Meeting with Chou en-lai
 - Rogers
 - Meeting with Chinese foreign minister
- The President's meeting with Chou en-lai and Mao Tse-tung
 - Kissinger, Rogers
- Plenary sessions and meetings
 - Open atmosphere for negotiations
- The President's meeting with Chou en-lai
 - Type of negotiations
 - Rogers's attendance
- Rogers
 - Meetings with foreign ministers
- Attendance of meetings
 - The President's meeting with Chou en-lai
 - Type of meeting
 - Attending Chinese officials
 - Mao Tse-tung
 - Location

US foreign relations

- Forthcoming NSC meeting
 - Briefing by Helms
 - Briefing by Moorer
- The President's role
 - Type of statement
 - Connally
 - Agnew
 - Mitchell
 - Rogers
 - Laird
 - Type of statement

US foreign economic policy

- Meeting
 - Attendance
 - Connally
 - Kissinger
 - Connally
 - Preparations
 - Contact with foreign leaders

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- Peterson
- Connally
 - Preparations
- Preparations
 - State Department
 - Meeting between Connally and Kissinger
 - Shultz
 - Peterson
 - Knowledge
- Kissinger
 - Politics
- Textile issue with Japan
 - US position
 - Kishi
 - Peterson
 - Group
 - Trading with the Enemy Act
 - US communication with the PRC
 - Impact on Japan
 - White House bureaucracy
 - Effect on negotiations
 - US position
 - Peterson
 - Strategy
 - Meeting with Kishi
 - Textile association
 - US position
 - Kishi
 - US position
 - Summary
 - Congress
- Peterson
 - Role

Item in the Oval Office

- Greece
- Pakistan

Kissinger left at 2:59 pm.

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Conversation No. 577-9

Date: September 20, 1971
Time: 3:00 pm - 3:01 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Ziegler's schedule
-National Security Council [NSC] meeting
-Senate

The President and Ziegler left at 3:01 pm.

Conversation No. 577-10

Date: September 20, 1971
Time: Unknown between 3:01 pm and 4:41 pm
Location: Oval Office

An unknown person [Secret Service agent] talked with an unknown person.

[Unintelligible]

An unknown person [Secret Service agent] entered at an unknown time after 3:01 pm.

The President's location
-Cabinet Room

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 4:41 pm

Conversation No. 577-12

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Conv. No. 577-9 (cont.)

Date: September 20, 1971

Time: 4:41 pm - 5:04 pm

Location: Oval Office

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

Supreme Court appointment

- Justice Hugo Black
 - Health report
 - Health
 - Condition
- Visit by the President
 - Pros and cons
 - Effect on Black
 - Black's health conditions
 - Recommendation by Dr. Walter R. Tkach
 - Recommendation by Black's son
 - The President's perception
 - Visit to Black
- Health

Helen Knowland

- Divorce from William F. Knowland
- Knowland's age
- Possible reason

The President's Detroit, Michigan trip

- Demonstrations
 - Gen. George A. Lincoln
 - Widespread nature
 - American Federal of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations [AFL-CIO]
 - Teachers
 - Auto workers
 - Counsel
 - Picket line
 - Economic policy
 - Vietnam War
 - Information
- Airport
 - Hotel
 - Type of location

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Conv. No. 577-12 (cont.)

- Size of crowd
- Type of press coverage
 - Use of film in broadcasts
 - Regional coverage
- Spiro T. Agnew's projected speech
 - Film coverage
- The President's Detroit Question and Answer [Q&A] appearance
 - National coverage
 - Time of day
 - Live coverage
 - Regional
 - Results for the administration
 - Time of day
 - John A. Scali
 - Live/local broadcast
 - Live coverage
 - Type of audience
 - Public Broadcasting Service
 - Equal time coverage
- Forthcoming events
 - Press conference in the Oval Office
 - John B. Connally
 - Phase II
 - Announcement
 - Date
 - Office press conferences
 - Amount of news in comparison to Detroit press conference appearance
 - Television press conference
 - Issues

Detroit trip

- Demonstrators
 - AFL-CIO
 - Labor
- Press coverage
 - Precedent
 - National announcement
 - Decision by local authorities
 - Presentation of announcement
 - Live
 - Possible problems

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Conv. No. 577-12 (cont.)

- Press questions
- Agnew
- National news

Haldeman left at 5:04 pm.

Conversation No. 577-13

Date: September 20, 1971
 Time: Unknown between 5:04 pm and 5:12 pm
 Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

- Edward J. Dwyer
- Call to the President
 - Reply
 - Possible note from the President

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 5:12 pm.

Conversation No. 577-14

Date: September 20, 1971
 Time: Unknown between 5:04 pm and 5:12 pm
 Location: Oval Office

The President talked with an unknown person [Henry A. Kissinger?]

- John B. Connally
- Location
 - Conversation with the unknown person [Kissinger?]

The unknown person's [Kissinger?] schedule

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Conversation No. 577-15

Date: September 20, 1971
Time: Unknown between 5:04 pm and 5:12 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 9-98]

Conversation No. 577-16

Date: September 20, 1971
Time: 5:04 pm - 5:12 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Charles W. Colson.

[Conversation No. 577-16A]

[See Conversation No. 9-99; one item has been withdrawn from the conversation]

Henry A. Kissinger entered after 5:05 pm.

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[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 2m 24s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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[End of telephone conversation]

Vietnam negotiations

- National Security Council [NSC] meeting
 - Spiro T. Agnew
 - William P. Rogers
- Status
- Revelations
 - Effect
 - The President's speech on October 7, 1971

PRC initiative

- Summit trip to the PRC
 - Announcement
 - Possible date
- Hanoi
 - Nikolai V. Podgorny
- Trip
 - Date options
 - Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters
 - Kissinger's schedule
 - Trip itinerary
 - Hawaii, Shanghai, Peking
 - Effect on negotiations
 - Date of negotiating session
 - Agreement between the US and the PRC
 - Dates
 - Order of dates
 - Flexibility of dates
 - Podgorny
 - Hanoi, Soviet Union

Soviet Union

- Summit meeting with the President
 - Announcement
 - Timing
- Podgorny
 - Announcement timing
- Anatoliy F. Dobrynin

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Conv. No. 577-16 (cont.)

Vietnam

- Air strikes
 - Time
 - Target
- Petroleum, oil and lubricants [POL] dumps
- Cambodia
 - Target
 - Time
- Air strikes
 - Weather
 - Date
- Targets
- Weather factor
- Number of planes
 - Minimum
 - Maximum
- Negotiations
 - Agnew
 - Rogers
 - Melvin R. Laird
 - Knowledge
- Casualties
 - Number
 - Effect on negotiations
 - Hanoi
- Blockade
 - Soviet Union
 - PRC
- Soviet Union
- Egon Bahr
 - Cable
 - Leonid I. Brezhnev
- Comments about the President
 - Détente
 - Leaks
- The President's trip to the PRC

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Conv. No. 577-16 (cont.)

PRC initiative

- Political attitudes within the US
 - Right wing
 - PRC trip

Vietnam

- The President's statement
 - Foreign policy
- The President's Administration
 - Unified Government
 - Laird
- Alternatives In Vietnam
 - Thieu
 - Communism
- Ngo Dinh Diem
 - Effect on US in negotiations
- Soviet Union, PRC
- Negotiations
 - Effect of US military actions
 - "Menu" air strike
 - Cambodia
 - Laos
 - Military standpoint
 - Diplomatic effect
 - PRC trip
 - Laos
 - Compared to Cambodia
- North Vietnamese
 - Date
 - Balance of negotiations
 - Laos and Cambodia
 - Attacks
 - Timing on negotiations
 - Laos
- Helms
 - Timing of attacks in Vietnam
 - Date
- Air strikes
- Military action
 - Timing
 - Soviet announcement

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Conv. No. 577-16 (cont.)

- US election
- Effect on US-PRC and US-Soviet negotiations
- US goals
- Verdun Battle during World War I
- The President's possible policy in 1965
 - Bombing
 - Escalation
 - Targets
 - Locations
 - Compared to World War II
 - Date
- US position in negotiations
 - Speculation
 - Foreign policy
 - Domestic policy
 - Effect on the Administration
- Effect on US domestic policy
 - Saigon
- Communist rule
- Kissinger's memorandum
 - Peace talks
 - Election
 - Bombing halt
 - Time duration
- South Vietnam
 - Projected status
 - North Vietnam
 - Laird
 - Military supplies
 - Equipment
 - Congress's possible action
 - Military Supplies
 - North Vietnam
 - Offensive
 - Tanks
 - Laos
- Prisoner of war [POW] issue
 - Bombing
 - Effect of re-election of the President
- Effect of election on the North Vietnamese
 - Soviet Union

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- Defeat of the President in election
- Re-election of the President
 - Polls
 - Effect on negotiations
 - North Vietnam position
- 1968 election
 - North Vietnam
 - Bombing halt prior to 1968 election
 - Clark M. Clifford
 - W. Averell Harriman
 - John N. Mitchell
 - Conversation with Kissinger
 - Bombing halt
 - North Vietnam position
 - Attitude toward the President
 - Defeat
 - Victory
- 1972 election
 - Polls
 - Re-election of the President
 - Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT] agreement
 - Summits with the PRC and the Soviet Union
 - European summit
 - Campaign
 - Public news
 - Public reaction
 - Economy
 - George H. Gallup polls
 - Louis P. Harris polls
 - Gallup Polls
 - The President's position
 - Percentage
- Kissinger's schedule
 - Meeting with Dobrynin
 - Forthcoming call to the President

Kissinger left at 5:33 pm

Conversation No. 577-17

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Date: September 20, 1971

Time: 5:34 pm - 6:19 pm

Location: Oval Office

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

The President's schedule

- Henry A. Kissinger
- Trip to Detroit
 - Types of press coverage
 - Electronic pool camera
 - Tape
 - Time of day
 - Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
 - Delay
 - Radio
 - Live
 - National news
 - Possible problems in Detroit
 - Oval Office press conference
 - Preparation
 - John B. Connally
 - Press coverage problems
 - Media
 - Newspaper editors
 - Questions
 - Radio
 - Film
 - Amount of work
 - Question of impact
 - Speaking schedule
 - Dates
 - Spiro T. Agnew
 - Banquet
 - Dates
 - Disney World opening
 - Eisenhower Theater appearance
 - Date
 - Changes
 - Mamie D. Eisenhower's appearance
 - Florida

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- Eisenhower Theater
- [Dwight] David Eisenhower, II

Polls

- George H. Gallup poll
 - Weekend results
 - Edward M. Kennedy
 - Timing
 - August 15, 1971 speech
 - Approval vs. disapproval of the President's performance
 - Points
 - Weekend
 - Date
 - Point fluctuations

Haldeman talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 5:34 pm and 5:48 pm.

[Conversation No. 577-17A]

- Gallup poll results
 - Request

[End of telephone conversation]

Polls

- Gallup poll
 - Figures
 - Timing
 - Date
- Louis P. Harris poll
 - Date
- Gallup poll and Harris poll dates
- Kennedy poll
 - Date

Press coverage of the President

- Detroit Economic Club trip
 - National television
 - Types of questions
 - Impact in polls
- National television

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Conv. No. 577-17 (cont.)

- Impact
- Oval Office press conference coverage
 - Question and answer [Q&A] type sessions
- Detroit trip
 - Impact
- Radio
- Live television
 - Q&A format
 - Exposure
 - Amount of work
- Commentaries
- Press planning
 - Ronald L. Ziegler
 - Handling of press poll

Miss America pageant winners

- The President's meeting with Miss America 1971, 1972

The President talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 5:34 pm and 6:19 pm.

[Conversation No. 577-17B]

Request for Ziegler to join meeting

[End of telephone conversation]

Miss America pageant winners

- Miss America 1971
- Miss America 1972
- Miss America 1971
- Phyllis George
 - Vietnam War issue
 - Domestic issues
 - Support for programs
 - Reaction to the press
- Travel

The President's conversation with J. Edgar Hoover

- Status of job
- Conversation

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Conv. No. 577-17 (cont.)

- Confidentiality
- John D. Ehrlichman
- Mitchell
- Perceptions

Ziegler entered at 5:48 pm.

Detroit trip

- Film coverage
 - Live coverage
 - Timing
 - Recent trend
 - Coverage
- Ziegler's conversation with television executives
 - Neil Sheehan
 - Possible economic statement
 - News value
 - New Fall television programming season
 - Month
 - Coverage
- Television coverage
 - Exposure
- Radio coverage
- Detroit Economic Club
 - Radio
- Live coverage
 - Q&A
 - Number of cameras
 - Speech
- Format
 - Panel
 - Comparison with American Society of Newspaper Editors [ASNE] event format
 - Businessmen and labor leaders
 - Questioning
- Film coverage of press conference
- Impact
 - Film coverage compared to electronic coverage of press conference
 - Types of preparation
 - Q&A press conference
 - Office press conference

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Conv. No. 577-17 (cont.)

- Q&A session in Detroit
- Radio coverage
- Television coverage
- Q&A
 - Radio coverage
- Press coverage
 - Types of preparation by the administration
- Film coverage
 - Impact
 - Advantages for the administration
- Radio coverage
- Electronic camera coverage
 - News story
 - News programs
 - Time
- Media
 - Q&A
 - Portland, Oregon
 - Presence of cameras
 - Q&A
 - Preparation
- Press conference
- Time differences between Washington, DC and Detroit
 - Q&A
 - Impact
 - Preparation
 - News stories
- Connally's absence
 - The President's role
 - Live coverage
 - Press conference
- Radio coverage
- Ziegler's conversation with television executives
 - Camera coverage
- Radio
 - National Broadcasting Corporation [NBC]
 - CBS
- Attendance

Ziegler left at 5:57 pm.

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Polls

- Gallup poll from August 27-30, 1971
 - Recent percentage points
 - Date span
 - Trend
 - Percentage points
 - President's popularity rating
 - Intensity of ratings
 - Percentage points
 - Previous poll percentage points
 - Changes
 - Date
 - Percentage points
 - Changes
 - Previous poll figures
 - Date
 - Impact of People's Republic of China [PRC] summit announcement
 - Percentage points
 - Month
 - Percentage points
 - Date
 - Disapproval
 - Current points
 - Date
 - Publication of polls
- Gallup
- Harris
- White House poll
 - Dwight L. Chapin
 - Lawrence M. Higby
 - Kissinger's figures
- Poll results
 - Current trend
 - PRC trip
 - The administration's poll
 - Percentage points
 - Increase
 - Comparison to Gallup
 - Differences in Gallup poll and White House poll
 - Percentage points
- White House poll

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- Discrepancy in comparison to Gallup
 - Telephone poll compared to field poll format
 - Factors
 - Lt. William L. Calley, Jr. case
 - April-September time span
- Type of sample
 - Harris
 - Youth
 - Blacks
 - Doctors
 - Type of poll
 - Quality of polls
 - Types of issues
 - Possible bias
 - Gallup
 - Comparison of figures with White House poll
 - Dates
 - Question of issues
 - The President's speech before Congress
- US economic policy
 - Public perception
 - Wage and price controls
 - Continuation of process
 - Phase II
 - Wording of the President's speech
 - End of freeze
 - November 13, 1971 date
 - William L. Safire
 - Follow-up program
 - Announcement
 - Impact
 - Analogy to PRC initiative
 - Lyndon B. Johnson
 - Glassboro Summit
 - Announcement
 - Alexei N. Kosygin
 - Forthcoming US-Soviet Union summit
 - Impact on polls

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Polls

- Impact of issues
 - PRC trip
 - Intentions
- Leadership perception
- Public reaction

Campaigning

Detroit trip

- National television
 - Effect
 - Demonstrations
 - Public awareness of issue
 - National Security Council [NSC] meeting
 - Effect
- West Coast
 - Portland, Oregon
 - Q&A format
 - White House press
 - Types of questions
 - Electronic coverage
 - Microphones

Supreme Court

- The President's appointment of judges
 - Ideology
- Liberals
- The President's choice
 - Reactions to choices
- Patrick J. Buchanan's recommendations
 - Richard H. Poff
 - Conservatism of nominee
 - The South
 - Full court
 - Number
 - Democrats
 - Timing
 - Robert P. Griffin
 - Election year
 - Democrat senators

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Conv. No. 577-17 (cont.)

- Reaction
 - Election year
 - Mitchell
 - Warren E. Burger, Harry M. Blackmun
 - Strict constructionism
 - Burger's speech at Georgetown Center
 - Senate
 - Further appointment
 - Ethnic Catholic
 - Italians
 - Irish
 - Polish
 - Routing to Mitchell
 - Italian judge
 - Unknown person
 - Polish judge
 - Protestant
 - Catholic
 - William French Smith
 - Conservatism
 - Catholic
 - Conservatism
- Romana Acosta Banuelos
- Swearing-in ceremony
 - Effect of naming Hispanic to post of Treasurer of the US
- Buchanan's memorandum
- Mitchell

The President and Haldeman left at 6:19 pm.

Conversation No. 577-18

Date: September 20, 1971

Time: 6:19 pm

Location: Oval Office

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An unknown person [Secret Service agent] talked with an unknown person.

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[Federal Statute]
[Duration: 17s]

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