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Conversation No. 917-001

Date: May 14, 1973

Time: Unknown between 8:42 am and 8:56 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

Request for meeting with Ronald L. Ziegler

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 8:56 am.



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Conversation No. 917-002

Date: May 14, 1973
Time: 8:56 am - 10:50 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Watergate

- Press coverage
 - New York Times* story
 - John W. Dean, III's activities
 - Dean's statement to *Newsweek*
 - Report
 - Effects
 - President
 - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman
- Dean
 - Statements concerning report
 - Report
 - Effect of statements
 - Ehrlichman, Haldeman
 - Guidance to Ziegler and Patrick J. Buchanan
 - Ehrlichman
 - Statements to Gerald L. Warren
 - Ehrlichman's orders
 - Ziegler's forthcoming meeting with J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr. and Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
 - Access to Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] reports
 - Meetings with the President
- Daniel L. Schorr
 - Investigation
- Dean
 - Resignation
 - Meeting with the President
 - Timing
 - Richard G. Kleindienst [?]
 - Ehrlichman's and Haldeman's resignations



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- Immunity
- President's meeting with Henry E. Petersen
- Justice Department
- Forthcoming grand jury appearance, May 14
- Haldeman [?]
- L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III
- Testimony before grand jury and Ervin Committee staff
- Buzhardt's view
- Phone conversation with the President regarding investigation
- Alleged FBI warnings regarding White House
- Ziegler's forthcoming meeting with Buchanan
- Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] investigation
- Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
- Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters's possible testimony
- President's knowledge
- Cover-up
- Break-in
- Extent compared to knowledge of Haldeman and Ehrlichman
- Gray and Dean
- President's meeting with Dean, May 21
- President's subsequent investigation
- Subornation of perjury
- William O. Bittman
- Haldeman and Ehrlichman
- Jeb Stuart Magruder
- Haldeman and Ehrlichman
- Transfer of funds
- Dean's knowledge
- Dissemination
- Gray
- Knowledge
- Dissemination
- Conversation with Ziegler
- Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] investigation
- Conversation with the President
- Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] investigation



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- Walters
- Conversation with Ziegler
 - Revelation to Buzhardt
 - Gray's conversation with the President regarding investigation
- Meeting with the President
 - Investigation
- White House staff involvement
 - Dean
 - Magruder and John N. Mitchell
 - Haldeman, Ehrlichman and Dean
- President's role
 - Dean report
 - Ziegler's conversation with Buzhardt
 - E. Howard Hunt, Jr. and G[eorge] Gordon Liddy
 - Plumbers operation
 - President's order
 - Motives of participants
 - Leaks
 - Ziegler's conversation with Buzhardt
 - Hunt, Liddy and Egil ("Bud") Krogh, Jr.
 - Daniel Ellsberg, Pentagon Papers
 - Wiretaps
 - Break-in of psychiatrist's office
 - Motives of participants
 - Hunt, Liddy
 - Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
 - Walters and Richard M. Helms
 - President's conversation with Haig, May 13
 - Helms
 - Presidential assessment
 - Ehrlichman's role
 - Ellsberg investigation
 - Request for support for Hunt
 - Wiretaps
 - J. Edgar Hoover
 - Hunt and Liddy



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- Employment with the Committee to Re-Elect the President [CRP]
- Motives of unnamed individual regarding Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
 - Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] investigation
 - Helms, Ehrlichman, Walters
- Bernard L. Barker
 - Bay of Pigs
- President's meeting with Ehrlichman
- Haldeman's and Ehrlichman's meeting with Walters and Helms
- Walters's meetings with Dean
 - Funds for defendants
 - Request for Presidential authorization
 - Ehrlichman
- Dean's possible story
 - Ehrlichman
- President's response to charges
- Knowledge of Haldeman and Ehrlichman
 - President's knowledge
- Clemency
 - President's meeting with Charles W. Colson
 - Dorothy Hunt
 - Promise of clemency
- President's response to charges
 - Dean's report
 - Herbert W. Kalmbach and Thomas A. Pappas
 - Funds for defendants
- Ziegler and Buchanan
- Clemency
 - Hunt
 - Ehrlichman and Dean
- President's response to charges
- Possible testimony
 - Haldeman and Ehrlichman
 - Mitchell and Magruder
 - Colson



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- Dean
 - Dean
 - Meeting with the President, March 21
 - Mitchell
 - White House response
 - Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]
 - Ellsberg break-in
 - Resignations of Haldeman and Ehrlichman
 - President's possible departure from office
 - Possible impeachment
 - Anthony J Russo, Jr. [?]
 - Ellsberg
 - Haldeman and Ehrlichman
 - President's role
 - Haig, Buzhardt
 - White House operations
 - Haldeman and Ehrlichman
 - Dean
 - Role
 - Possibilities
 - Documents
 - Possible content
 - Talk about Dean on Capitol Hill
 - Background
 - Press reaction
 - Concerns regarding prison
 - President's files
 - Possible search
 - Memorandum [memo]
 - Haldeman and Ehrlichman
 - Hunt

President's schedule

- Election Reform Commission
 - Bipartisan Congressional leaders
 - Radio speech



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- Haig's request to discuss the President's schedule
- Armed Forces Day

Watergate

- President's files
- Press corps
- Time* [?]
- Ervin Committee hearings
 - Haldeman, Ehrlichman and Dean
 - Credibility of witnesses
- Dean
 - Meeting with President
 - Ehrlichman's recommendations
 - US attorney
- President's conversation with Petersen
 - Dean
 - Resignations
 - Haldeman and Ehrlichman
 - Source of information
 - Dean and Magruder
- Dean
 - Petersen

Haig entered at 9:40 am.

Haig's schedule

- Mother's Day

Watergate

- William D. Ruckelshaus's forthcoming statement
 - Possible White House response
- Wiretaps
 - Ziegler's previous statement concerning White House activity
 - Hunt and Liddy

President's schedule



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- Bipartisan Congressional leaders
 - Possibility of ex-presidential candidates
- Cabinet meeting
- Speech in Norfolk, Virginia for Armed Forces Day, May 19
 - Content
 - Location

Watergate

- Wiretaps
 - Newsmen
 - Ruckelshaus
 - Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] and White House
 - Ruckelshaus
 - Buzhardt

Ziegler left at 9:48 am.

Personnel appointments

- George P. Shultz and Henry A. Kissinger
- Council on International Economic Policy [CIEP]
 - Chairman
- Senate confirmation
- Presidency
- Terms
- Possible veto of Senate Bill
 - Confirmation
 - Office of Management and Budget [OMB]
 - Director
 - Deputy Director
 - Modification
 - Reappointment
 - House of Representatives
 - Effects
 - Roy L. Ash
- Senate confirmation
 - Office of Management and Budget [OMB] director



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- Cabinet
- Shultz and Kissinger

Energy policy

- Division of responsibilities
 - Charles J. DiBona
 - Haig's conversation with Ash
 - Congress
 - Cabinet
 - Public representatives [?]
 - John B. Connally

Connally

- Ash
 - Talking points
- President's schedule
- Role in White House
 - Energy

President's schedule

- Possible commencement address at Naval Academy
 - Compared with Armed Forces Day
- Reykjavik, Iceland
- Preparation for Soviet summit
- Dirksen Research Center in Chicago, June 15
 - Timing
- Wednesdays
- Weekends
 - Camp David, Florida
- Wednesday meetings
 - Connally, Shultz, Brennan
 - Staff
- Prisoners of War [POWs]
- Travel
 - Norfolk, Virginia
- Washington, DC events



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- Desirability
- Chamber of Commerce, Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Businesses
- Metro subway construction
 - Leonard Garment's office
 - Scheduling committee [?]
- Public relations [PR]
- Ervin Committee hearings
- President's location

Personnel appointments

- Council of Economic Advisors [CEA]
 - Gary L. Seevers
 - Herbert Stein

White House organization

- Haig's role
 - Appointments
 - Delegation of authority
 - Compared to National Security Council [NSC] [?]
 - President's role
 - Scheduling
 - Policy decisions
 - Long range strategy

Watergate

- White House response
- Ervin Committee
 - Alexander P. Butterfield
 - Campaign funds
 - Krogh
- Butterfield
- Ervin Committee

Election Reform Commission

- Package



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- George H. W. Bush
- William E. Timmons's activities
 - Possible congressional support
- Gerald R. Ford and Hugh Scott
 - Role in initiating
- Timing

Watergate

- Ruckelshaus's forthcoming statement

Cambodia

- Reaction to congressional vote
- Kissinger's schedule
 - Paris Peace talks
 - Forthcoming Senate vote
- Missing in Action [MIA]
- Importance of vote
 - President's forthcoming speech
 - Armed Forces Day
 - Theme
 - North Vietnam
 - Possible continuation of hostilities
 - Incentives to preserve peace

Watergate

- Ellsberg case
 - Public reaction
 - William M. Byrne, Jr.
 - Release of document
 - Possible effect
 - Timing
 - Possible effect
 - Wiretap
 - Possible leak
 - Morton H. Halperin
- Halperin



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- Reason for wiretap
 - National Security Council [NSC] staff member
- Tenure at National Security Council [NSC]
 - President's assessment
 - Kissinger's motives
- Dean
 - Documents
 - Possible check of files
 - Possible memo from the President
 - Ziegler
 - Higby
 - Role in investigation
- President's knowledge
 - Haldeman
 - Central Intelligence Agency [CIA] involvement
 - Walters's memoranda of conversations [memcons]
- Walters
 - Possible testimony
- Grand jury
 - Dean and Haldeman as witnesses
- Dean
 - Possible immunity
 - Timing of testimony before grand jury
 - Possible effects of Ehrlichman's and Haldeman's testimony
- Executive privilege
- Haig's discussions with Buzhardt
- Departures of Haldeman and Ehrlichman
- White House response
 - Protection of presidency
- Possible impeachment
 - Popular opinion
 - President's knowledge
 - Lyndon B. Johnson and Harry S Truman
 - President's knowledge
 - Sherman Adams
- President's knowledge



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- Possible attacks
- Gray's testimony
 - Buzhardt's view
 - Washington Post* article
- Possible testimony
 - Mitchell, Gray, Magruder, Haldeman and Ehrlichman
 - Dean
- Dean's meeting with the President, March 21
- Dean
 - Tactics
 - Possible memo from the President
 - Possible evidence against the President
 - Break-in of Ellsberg's psychiatrist's office
- Ruckelshaus's forthcoming statement
- White House files
 - Possible search
- Ellsberg case
 - Possible release of document
 - Robert C. Mardian's statement
 - White House staff knowledge
 - Ehrlichman
 - Delay in delivery to judge
 - Location
- White House files
 - Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] investigation
 - Leaks to the press
 - Hunt
 - Possible activities
 - Ehrlichman, Krogh and David R. Young, Jr.
 - Possible release of document
 - Ruckelshaus
 - Rose Mary Woods's files
 - Possible criticism of delay in releasing Ellsberg document
 - Ehrlichman
- Schorr investigation
 - Dean



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- Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] investigation
- Employment
- White House files
 - Delivery of Ellsberg document
 - Ruckelshaus's possible statement
- Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] files
 - Johnson and John F. Kennedy
 - Possible destruction by William C. Sullivan
- Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] and Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
- Ruckelshaus's forthcoming statement
 - Ziegler and Buzhardt's review
 - President's possible role
 - Haig's role
- Haig's term in office
- White House response
 - President's conversation with Ziegler
- Effect on nation
 - Dean
- Possible memo from Ehrlichman to Dean
 - Cover-up
 - Ehrlichman and Haldeman
- Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
 - Helms
 - Dr. James R. Schlesinger's remark
 - Congressmen's views
 - Haig's conversation with Schlesinger
- Gen. Robert E. Cushman, Jr.
 - Testimony
 - Possible call from Ehrlichman
 - Schlesinger's report
- Dean's documents

Higby entered at an unknown time after 9:48 am.

Watergate

- Dean's documents



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- Contents
- Judge's order regarding disposition
- National security classification
- [First name unknown] Parker
 - Representation
- John J. Wilson
- Contents

Higby left at an unknown time before 10:50 am.

Watergate

- Dean's documents
 - Contents
 - National security classification

[Previous National Security (B) withdrawal reviewed under MDR guidelines case number LPRN-T-MDR-2014-011. Segment declassified on 10/03/2017. Archivist: DR]

[National Security]

[917-002-w005]

[Duration: 14s]

-Foreign mail and correspondence

- President's files
 - Higby
 - Dean

Haig left at 10:50 am.

Conversation No. 917-003



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Date: May 14, 1973

Time: Unknown between 10:50 am and 11:00 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Request for meeting with Lawrence M. Higby

Weather

Weekend

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:00 am.

Conversation No. 917-004

Date: May 14, 1973

Time: Unknown between 10:50 am and 11:00 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Lawrence M. Higby's schedule

Item for the President's signature

-Foundation [?]

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:00 am.

Conversation No. 917-005

Date: May 14, 1973

Time: 11:00 am - 11:10 am

Location: Oval Office



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The President met with Lawrence M. Higby.

Watergate

- Higby's search of the files
 - President's memoranda [memos]
 - Political topics
 - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
 - Beverly J. Kaye
 - File location
 - President's procedures
 - Recipient
 - Haldeman
 - John W. Dean, III
 - Kaye's procedures for handling
 - Recipients
 - Haldeman, John D. Ehrlichman and Dean
 - Rose Mary Woods's files
 - Dean documents
 - J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr., Justice Department
 - National security
 - Buzhardt
 - Dean's statement in court
 - Security classification
 - E. Howard Hunt, Jr.
 - Hunt
 - President's conversation with Ehrlichman
 - Activities
 - White House files
 - Higby's search
 - President's memos
 - Kaye, Patricia B. McKee, and Nellie L. Yates

Higby left at 11:10 am.



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Conversation No. 917-006

Date: May 14, 1973

Time: Unknown between 11:10 am and 11:25 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

Watergate

- President's memoranda [memos]
 - John W. Dean III
- President's diary tapes
 - Date span
- Woods's files
 - President's conversation with John D. Ehrlichman
 - Ehrlichman's diaries
 - Location
 - Woods's conversation with Marjorie P. Acker
 - Jane Hruska
 - Size of package
 - Timing of delivery to Woods
 - Location
- Telephone call to Woods from Arnold Hutschnecker
 - Expression of support for the President
- Public reaction
- White House reaction
- Jeane L. Dixon's prediction
- Prayers for the President
- Ehrlichman and Haldeman
- Dean
 - Conversations with Ronald L. Ziegler
 - Role in investigation
 - White House reliance on Dean as counsel

President's memos

- Ehrlichman



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Woods left at an unknown time before 11:25 am

Conversation No. 917-007

Date: May 14, 1973

Time: Unknown between 11:10 am and 11:25 am

Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 046-024]

Conversation No. 917-008

Date: May 14, 1973

Time: 11:25 am - 11:28 am

Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Lawrence M. Higby.

[See Conversation No. 046-025]

Conversation No. 917-009

Date: May 14, 1973

Time: Unknown between 11:28 am and 11:40 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

Watergate

-Woods's files



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- Presidential memoranda [memos]
 - Date range
 - Dean
- President's diary tapes
- President's memos
 - Ronald L. Ziegler
 - Dean

The President played a portion of a previously recorded dictabelt tape.

Memo to unknown person
-Tape location

The President stopped playing the dictabelt tape.

Watergate

- President's memos and dictabelt tapes [?]
 - Date ranges
 - Procedures for handling

Woods left at an unknown time before 11:40 a.m.

[There is no Conversation No. 917-010]

Conversation No. 917-011

Date: May 14, 1973
Time: Unknown between 11:28 am and 11:40 am
Location: Oval Office

The President played portions of a previously recorded dictabelt tape.

Memoranda [memos] to unknown person



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-Filing

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President's conversation with John D. Ehrlichman

-Statements by Clay T. ("Tom") Whitehead and Kevin P. Phillips

Instructions for handling tape

Need to control situation

Television [TV] appearances

[There is no Conversation No. 917-012]

Conversation No. 917-013

Date: May 14, 1973

Time: Unknown between 11:28 am and 11:40 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

Watergate

-Review of dictabelt tapes

-Date ranges



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Woods left at an unknown time before 11:40 am.

Conversation No. 917-014

Date: May 14, 1973

Time: Unknown between 11:28 am and 11:40 am

Location: Oval Office

The President played portions of a previously recorded dictabelt tape.

Appointments

-Ethnic groups, minorities

-Politics

Memoranda [memos] to H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman

Conversation No. 917-015

Date: May 14, 1973

Time: Unknown between 11:28 am and 11:40 am

Location: Oval Office

The President played portions of a previously recorded dictabelt tape.

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[Pause]

Dicatabelt entry, March 15, 1973 at 9:30 pm

-Press conference, March 15 [31st press conference]



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- Preparations, March 14
- President's assessment

[Pause]

Visit to Camp David, March 18, 1973

- Sunday night meeting
- President's meeting with Hugh [?] Scott
- Difficulty

[Pause]

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 11:20 am.

Greeting

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 11:40 am.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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[Personal returnable]

[917-015-w001]

[Duration: 14 s]

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Conversation No. 917-016

Date: May 14, 1973

Time: Unknown between 11:28 am and 11:40 am

Location: Oval Office

The President played portions of a previously recorded dictabelt tape.

Memoranda [memos] to H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
-Instructions regarding George H. W. Bush

Meeting with George P. Shultz
-Difficulties
-Friday
-Committee
-City [?]
-International [?]
-Economic affairs
-Labor Management Committee
-Membership
-Memos

Conversation No. 917-017

Date: May 14, 1973

Time: Unknown between 11:28 am and 11:40 am

Location: Oval Office

The President played portions of a previously recorded dictabelt tape.

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Dictabelt entry, April 6, 1973

- San Clemente
- Location
- Discussion

[Pause]

April 10, 1973 [?]

Watergate

- President's conversation with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
 - President's knowledge prior to press coverage
- President's conversation with Henry A. Kissinger
 - President's support for Haldeman
 - Appearance of guilt
 - Strength

[Pause]

Watergate

- President's conversation with John D. Ehrlichman
 - Samuel J. Ervin, Jr. [?]
 - Haldeman
 - Staff
 - Delay
 - Impartiality
- Dean
 - Prosecuting strategy
 - Jeb Stuart Magruder
 - Conviction
 - Immunity
 - Witness
- Charles W. Colson
 - Clemency
 - Review
- White House staff



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-Set-up
-Dean, Haldeman

[Pause]

[April 7, 1973]

Memos [April 7, 1973]

-President's drive through Laguna, California
-Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo

[Pause]

Memos for file, April 8, 1973

[Pause]

Memos for file, April 14, 1973

Conversation No. 917-018

Date: May 14, 1973

Time: Unknown between 11:28 am and 11:40 am

Location: Oval Office

The President talked with an unknown person.

Request for memoranda [memos]



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Conversation No. 917-019

Date: May 14, 1973
Time: 11:40 am - 11:42 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

Watergate

- Memoranda [memos]
 - For file contrasted with sent out
 - Camp David
 - President's assessment

Woods left at 11:42 am.

Conversation No. 917-020

Date: May 14, 1973
Time: 11:42 am - 11:59 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Watergate

- Washington Star* story, May 14
 - President's letter to J. Edgar Hoover
 - Egil ("Bud") Krogh, Jr.
 - Ziegler's forthcoming press briefing
- William D. Ruckelshaus's forthcoming statement
- Ziegler's statement on wiretaps
 - White House knowledge
 - John W. Dean, III and Henry A. Kissinger
 - National security
- Search of President's files
 - President's memoranda [memos] to Dean, March 1973



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- George S. McGovern
- Barry M. Goldwater
 - Washington Post* story
 - College student [?]
 - Violence
- McGovern
- Peace groups
- Demonstrations
 - Funding
- 1972 campaign work
- President's order
- President's recollections
 - Meeting
- Evidence
- Goldwater
- Charles W. Colson [?]
- William C. Sullivan
 - Wiretaps, 1964 and 1968
- Dean
 - Possible memos from the President
 - Documents
 - Possible content
 - E. Howard Hunt, Jr.
 - Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]
 - John D. Ehrlichman's knowledge of wiretaps
- Pentagon Papers investigation
 - President's letter to Hoover concerning Krogh
 - Ehrlichman
 - Krogh
 - Ehrlichman's orders
 - Hunt, Ellsberg's psychiatrist

Ziegler left at 11:59 am.



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Conversation No. 917-021

Date: May 14, 1973
Time: 11:59 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

Watergate
-Files
-President's assessment

Woods left at 11:59 am.

Conversation No. 917-022

Date: May 14, 1973
Time: Unknown between 11:59 am and 12:03 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with unknown men.

President's schedule
-Vera Clemente [widow of Roberto Clemente]
-Bill signing
-Hugh Scott
-Proceeds of commemorative medal to Roberto Clemente Memorial Fund
-Press relations
-Scott
-Citation, Medal
-Willie Stargell, head of Roberto Clemente Memorial Fund
-Manny Sanguillen

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:03 pm.



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Conversation No. 917-023

Date: May 14, 1973
Time: Unknown between 11:59 am and 12:03 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 046-026]

Conversation No. 917-024

Date: May 14, 1973
Time: 12:03 pm - 12:04 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Lawrence M. Higby.

[See Conversation No. 046-027]

Conversation No. 917-025

Date: May 14, 1973
Time: 12:04 pm - 12:19 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

President's schedule

Vera Clemente [widow of Roberto Clemente], William S. Moorhead, Hugh Scott, Richard S. Schweiker, Jaime Benitez, Willie Stargell, Manny Sanguillen, Orlando Zabala, Kenneth Davis, and Paul Nieves entered at 12:04 pm. Members of the press were present at the beginning of the meeting.



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Greetings and introductions

- Roberto Clemente commemorative medal
- Bipartisan bill [H.R. 3841]

Agenda

- Ceremonies
- Signing of commemorative medal bill [H.R. 3841]
- Photograph opportunities

Photograph session

[A transcript of this speech appears in *Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States: Richard Nixon, Containing the Public Messages, Speeches, and Statements of the President, 1973*, pages 529-531.]

[Begin recorded remarks]

[End of recorded remarks]

Pens

- Signing of bill

Presentation of gifts by the President

- Cufflinks
- Pins
- Tie bars to sons of Clementes

Governorship

- Scott
- Campaign [?]

The unknown man, Clemente, *et al.* left at 12:19 pm.



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Conversation No. 917-026

Date: May 14, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:19 pm and 12:24 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

Request for meeting with Lawrence M. Higby

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:24 pm.

Conversation No. 917-027

Date: May 14, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:19 pm and 12:24 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule

- Bipartisan congressional leadership meeting
 - John B. Connally
 - Elliot L. Richardson
 - Leonard Garment and Raymond K. Price, Jr.
- Briefs
- Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
 - List of attendees
- William E. Timmons
 - Rules administration
 - Howard W. Cannon and Marlow W. Cook
 - William L. Dickinson

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:24 pm.



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Conversation No. 917-028

Date: May 14, 1973
Time: 12:25 pm - 12:35 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Lawrence M. Higby.

Watergate

- President's memoranda [memos]
 - Search results
 - Higby's conversation with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
 - President's conversation with Rose Mary Woods
 - John W. Dean, III
 - Washington Post* story
 - President's note, March 12
 - 1972 campaign violence
 - Barry M. Goldwater
- News summaries
 - Possible notation by the President
 - Bruce Kehrli
 - Procedures for dissemination
 - Kehrli's possible testimony
 - Executive privilege
- Motives of participants
 - Haldeman, John D. Ehrlichman and Dean
- Higby's conversation with Gordon C. Strachan
 - Intelligence activities of Committee to Reelect the President [CRP]
 - Wiretaps
- \$350,000
 - Haldeman's motives
 - Strachan's conversation with Higby
 - Higby's subsequent conversation with Haldeman
 - Haldeman's orders
 - Dean
 - Strachan's delivery



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- President's meeting with Dean and Haldeman, March 21
 - “Cancer on the Presidency”
 - E. Howard Hunt's threats on money requests
 - William O. Bittman
- Dean
 - President's confidence
 - Ehrlichman and Haldeman
 - Stay with Higby at Palm Springs over Christmas, 1972
 - Conversations
 - Mitchell and Jeb Stuart Magruder
- Magruder
 - Perjury
- Dean
 - Possible immunity
 - Report
 - Briefings
 - Dean's role as White House counsel
 - Ronald L. Ziegler
- Haldeman's grand jury testimony
- Dean
 - Documents
 - Possible contents
 - Memos
 - President, Haldeman and Ehrlichman
- Haldeman and Ehrlichman
 - Forthcoming Ervin Committee testimony
 - Possible indictments
 - Vulnerabilities
 - Possible convictions
- National security
 - William D. Ruckelshaus
 - White House staff stance
 - Compared with 1970 Cambodia reaction
- President's sympathies
 - Dean, Mitchell
- Motives of participants



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Haig [?] enters at an unknown time before 12:35 pm.

Higby left at 12:35 pm.

Conversation No. 917-029

Date: May 14, 1973

Time: 12:35 pm - 12:53 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Watergate

- Search for President's files
 - President's memo to John W. Dean, III, March 12
 - Campaign violence
- William D. Ruckelshaus's forthcoming statement
- Dean's documents
 - President's search of White House files
 - Rose Mary Woods
 - Possible memos from the President
- Ruckelshaus's forthcoming statement
 - Phraseology
 - Henry A. Kissinger
 - J. Edgar Hoover
 - William C. Sullivan
 - Files
 - Timing
 - Sullivan
 - Hoover
 - Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]
 - John N. Mitchell
 - Phraseology
 - Hoover and Mitchell



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-Sullivan's statement regarding Hoover's possible blackmail

-Dean

-Documents

-Memoranda [Memos]

-President, H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman and John D.

Ehrlichman

-Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters

-Search of the President's files

-News summary

-Staff Secretary's procedures

-Ruckelshaus's statement

-President's assessment

-Hoover

Haig left at 12:53 pm.

Conversation No. 917-030

Date: May 14, 1973

Time: Unknown between 12:53 pm and 12:59 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

Ronald L. Ziegler's schedule

-Press briefing

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:59 pm.

Conversation No. 917-031

Date: May 14, 1973

Time: Unknown between 12:53 pm and 12:59 pm

Location: Oval Office



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The President met with an unknown man.

Ronald L. Ziegler's schedule
-Press briefing

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:59 pm.

Conversation No. 917-032

Date: May 14, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:53 pm and 12:59 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

Ronald L. Ziegler's schedule
-Press briefing
-Executive Office Building [EOB] office

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:59 p.m.

Conversation No. 917-033

Date: May 14, 1973
Time: 4:15 pm - 4:36 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Nelson A. Rockefeller, Russell W. Peterson, and Kenneth R. Cole, Jr.
The White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting. The recording
began at an unknown time while the conversation was in progress.

Watergate
-President's role



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- Possible effects on Republican Party [GOP]
 - Duration of issue's prominence
 - Compared with Rockefeller's handling of Attica prison issue
- Response for legal community
 - American Bar Association [ABA] [?]

Rockefeller's project [Commission on Critical Choices for Americans]

- Anne Armstrong and Tobin Armstrong
 - King Ranch
- Cole
- Peterson's role
- Michael J. ("Mike") Mansfield and Carl B. Albert's opinion
- Rockefeller's forthcoming meeting with Hugh Scott and Gerald R. Ford
- Howard W. Cannon [?] and Clinton P. Anderson [?]
- President's conversation with Herbert [Last name unknown]
- Need for bipartisanship
 - Meeting at Camp David

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 4:15 pm.

Refreshment

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 4:36 pm.

Rockefeller's Commission on Critical Choices for Americans

- Need for bipartisanship
- Rockefeller's meeting with press
 - Appointments
- Compared with support for Rockefeller's Special Studies project, 1960s
 - Consensus
- Compared with the President's Electoral Reform Commission
 - Appointments
 - Dean G. Acheson, Thomas E. Dewey, Dean Rusk, John J. McCloy, and David Rockefeller
- Possible appointments
 - Conservatives



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- Irving Kristol
- Leo Cherne
- Liberals
 - John Gardner
 - Kristol's view
 - Editor and manager
 - Anne Armstrong
 - Need for centrists
- Philosophy of man
 - Bible
- Possible contributions
 - Mao Tse-tung
 - Age
 - Chou En-lai
 - Jean-Francois Ravel, author of *Neither Jesus nor Marx* [*Without Marx or Jesus*]
 - Andre Malraux
 - Association with Mao, world leaders
 - Nature of man, improvement of quality of life
 - Projected trends
 - Economic, military, political, social
 - 1976, 1989
 - Oil, energy, gas, foreign exchange
 - Impact on United States [US]
- Robert O. Anderson of Richfield Oil
 - New Mexico
 - Previous conversation with Rockefeller, Petersen
 - Initiative
 - Energy
 - Weight of automobile compared to cost of gasoline
 - Impact on jobs
 - United States [US] dependence on automobile industry
 - Meeting with Arthur E. Johnson and President
 - Support for Rockefeller's project
 - President's assessment



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- Possible appointment
- [First name unknown] Bridges of Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy
- America's energy use
 - Waste
 - Projected foreign exchange gap, 1985
- Spiro T. Agnew's [?] interest

1974, 1976 election

- Agnew [?]
 - Rockefeller's health
- Political life
 - Rockefeller's divorce and remarriage
 - Resiliency

Watergate

- John N. Mitchell
- Robert L. Vesco
- H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman
- Vesco
 - President's nephew [Donald A. Nixon]

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[Duration: 2s]

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Watergate

- Vesco
 - Hiring of Donald A. Nixon
 - Presence in White House
- Vesco
 - George Smathers
 - Charles G. (“Bebe”) Rebozo’s advice
- Mitchell and Maurice H. Stans
- Public’s view
- Rockefeller’s view
- President’s view
 - Involvement
- Rockefeller’s view
 - President’s role
- Leonid I. Brezhnev’s conversation with Henry A. Kissinger

Rockefeller’s Commission on the Critical Choices for Americans

Watergate

- Press coverage
 - President’s accomplishments in 1972
 - Historical perspective
- Popular concerns
 - Cole’s assessment
 - Inflation
 - Dwayne Andrews
 - Soybean uses
- Compared with Vietnam
- Possible allegations
- Stopping leaks
 - National Security Council [NSC]



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-Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]

Mansfield's and Albert's comments on the President

-Tone

Support for President

Rockefeller's Commission on the Critical Choices for Americans

Rockefeller *et al.* left at 4:36 pm.

Conversation No. 917-034

Date: May 14, 1973

Time: Unknown between 4:36 pm and 5:10 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Document from Raymond K. Price, Jr.

Bull left at an unknown time before 5:10 pm.

Conversation No. 917-035

Date: May 14, 1973

Time: Unknown between 4:36 pm and 5:10 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule

-Ronald L. Ziegler [?]

-Thursday



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-George H. W. Bush [?]

Bull left at an unknown time before 5:10 pm.

Conversation No. 917-046

Date: May 14, 1973

Time: Unknown between 4:36 pm and 5:10 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President [?] met with Stephen B. Bull.

Draft [?]

-Suggestions

-Difficulty [?]

Bull left at an unknown time before 5:10 pm.

Conversation No. 917-036

Date: May 14, 1973

Time: Unknown between 4:36 pm and 5:10 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Paper

-President's edits

-Suggestions

President's schedule

-Prisoners of war [POWs]

-Haile Selassie

-Questions and answers [Q&A]



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- Briefing
- Bipartisan congressional leaders meeting
- Selassie
- Exchange of gifts

Bull left at an unknown time before 5:10 pm.

Conversation No. 917-037

Date: May 14, 1973
 Time: Unknown between 4:36 pm and 5:10 pm
 Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

Request for meeting with Ronald L. Ziegler

President's schedule
 -Barber appointment

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 5:10 pm.

Conversation No. 917-038

Date: May 14, 1973
 Time: Unknown between 4:36 pm and 5:10 pm
 Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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Refreshment

-Coffee [?]

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 5:10 pm.

Conversation No. 917-039

Date: May 14, 1973

Time: Unknown between 4:36 pm and 5:10 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

President's schedule

-Ronald L. Ziegler

-Barber appointment

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 5:10 pm.

Conversation No. 917-040

Date: May 14, 1973

Time: 5:10 pm - 5:15 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Watergate

-News story regarding President's San Clemente home



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- John D. Ehrlichman and Herbert W. Kalmbach
- Contact of article
 - Allegations of use of campaign funds to purchase estate
- Santa Ana Register*
- Kalmbach
- White House response
 - Kalmbach
 - Possible statement
- Financial arrangements concerning San Clemente property
 - Trust for Nixon Foundation
 - Robert H. Abplanalp and Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo
- Libel
- Sources
 - Senate investigations
 - Kalmbach, Ehrlichman
 - Ervin Committee
- Ervin Committee
 - Fred D. Thompson
- John W. Dean, III's documents
- News story regarding San Clemente home
 - Ziegler's forthcoming statement
 - Veracity
- Dean's documents
 - Possible contents
 - E. Howard Hunt, Jr.
 - Ehrlichman
- News story regarding San Clemente home
 - Santa Ana Register*
 - Ziegler's forthcoming statement
 - Financial arrangements
 - Abplanalp and Rebozo
 - Nixon Foundation
 - Ziegler's forthcoming statement
 - Trust

Ziegler left at 5:15 pm



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Conversation No. 917-041

Date: May 14, 1973
Time: Unknown between 5:15 am and 5:17 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Request for meeting with Lawrence M. Higby
-Executive Office Building [EOB] office

The Bull left at an unknown time before 5:17 pm.

Conversation No. 917-042

Date: May 14, 1973
Time: Unknown between 5:17 pm and 6:16 pm
Location: Oval Office

United States Secret Service [USSS] agents met.

President's location
-Executive Office Building [EOB]
-Notification

The conversation was cut off at an unknown time before 6:16 pm.

Conversation No. 917-043

Date: May 14, 1973
Time: Unknown between 6:16 pm and 6:28 pm
Location: Oval Office



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The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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Refreshment

-Coffee

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 6:28 pm.

Conversation No. 917-044

Date: May 14, 1973

Time: 6:28 pm - 7:27 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Watergate

-News story regarding the President's San Clemente home

-Leonard Garment

-Samuel J. Ervin, Jr.

-Lyndon B. Johnson [?]

-Possible sources

-Frank DeMarco, Jr.

-Robert H. Abplanalp and Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo



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Alexander M. Haig, Jr. entered at an unknown time after 6:28 pm.

Watergate

- John W. Dean, III's Huston Plan documents
 - Possible contents
 - [First name unknown] Barnlow [sp?], security expert
 - Judge John J. Sirica
- National security
 - Barnlow [?]
 - Classification
 - Sirica
 - COMINT
 - Risk
 - Dean's knowledge
 - Justice Department
 - Sirica
 - E. Howard Hunt, Jr.
 - Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
- Possible contents
 - Hunt
 - Break-in at Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist's office
- Elliot L. Richardson
 - Special Prosecutor
 - Testimony in confirmation hearings
 - Telephone calls from Garment and Haig
- Henry E. Petersen
 - Possible indictments
 - Grand jury testimony
 - Conflicts
 - Dean
 - Connections to White House
 - Possible indictments of John N. Mitchell and Jeb Stuart Magruder
- Ervin Committee hearings
- Nixon Foundation
 - Robert H. Finch
 - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman's and telephone call to Taft Schreiber



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- John D. Ehrlichman's telephone call to Leonard K. Firestone
- Timing of Haldeman and Ehrlichman's possible appointments
- Haldeman's conversation with the President concerning Schreiber
- Possible financial help for Haldeman and Ehrlichman
 - Peter M. Flanigan
 - Schreiber
 - Abplanalp and Rebozo
 - Flanigan
 - Obstruction of justice
 - Defense fund
- Richardson
 - Special Prosecutor
 - White House suggestions
 - Bella S. Abzug
 - Unknown person
 - Warren Christopher
 - Edmund G. ("Pat") Brown
- Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters
 - Testimony, May 14
 - Possible effects
 - Haldeman and Ehrlichman
 - President
 - Role in Central Intelligence Agency [CIA] inquiry
 - Burglars
 - W[illiam] Stuart Symington's comment
 - Haldeman, Ehrlichman
- News story regarding San Clemente home
 - Howard H. Baker, Jr.
 - Garment
 - Telephone calls to Ervin Committee
 - President's reaction

Ziegler left at 6:42 pm.

Watergate



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-Walters

- Testimony
- Conversation with Haig
 - Rehearsals of testimony with Haig and J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.
- Testimony
 - Haldeman and Ehrlichman
 - Possible role in cover-up
 - Richard M. Helms
 - L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III
 - Conversations with Gray concerning Central Intelligence Agency [CIA] involvement
 - Conversation with Helms
- Memoranda of conversation [Memcons]

Ziegler entered at 6:46 pm.

Watergate

- News story regarding President's San Clemente home
- Ziegler's conversation with Garment
 - Garment's conversation with Thompson
 - Baker and Ervin
- White House response
 - Possible statements, May 5
 - Financing arrangements
 - Trust for Nixon Foundation
 - Abplanalp and Rebozo
 - Adjoining property
 - Nixon Foundation
 - DeMarco
 - Orange County land files
 - Purchase of fifteen acres
 - Cost
 - President's interest
 - Trust for Nixon Foundation
 - Purpose
 - Cemetery



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-San Clemente and Yorba Linda

Watergate

- Garment's conversations
 - Thompson and Samuel Dash
- Walters
 - Testimony, May 14
 - Possible effect
 - Haldeman and Ehrlichman
 - Dean
 - President
 - Memcons
 - Dean
 - Testimony
 - Ervin Committee counsel, May 14
 - Grand jury, May 15
 - Possible response by Haldeman and Ehrlichman
 - Armed Services Committee
- Possible financial help for Ehrlichman and Haldeman
 - Nixon Foundation
 - Flanigan
- Walters
 - Testimony, May 14
 - Request for papers
 - National security
 - Availability of notes
 - Possible copies
 - Helms and William E. Colby
 - Psychiatrist's report on Daniel Ellsberg
- Colby
 - Confirmation
- Helms
 - Forthcoming conversation with Buzhardt
 - Helms's conversation with the President concerning Central Intelligence Agency [CIA] involvement
- Walters



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- Testimony, May 14
 - Possible effects
 - President
 - Haldeman and Ehrlichman
 - Dean
 - Legal liability for Haldeman and Ehrlichman
- Central Intelligence Agency [CIA] involvement
 - President's views
 - Bernard Barker and Hunt
 - White House knowledge
 - Mitchell and Magruder
 - Haldeman and Ehrlichman
 - Helms
 - Walters
 - Meeting with Gray
 - Haldeman and Ehrlichman
 - Possible testimony before Ervin Committee
- Armed Services Committee
- Participants' actions
 - Motives
 - James W. McCord, Jr.
- White House response
 - Protection of presidency
 - Charges against Haldeman and Ehrlichman
- Possible indictments
 - Petersen's view
 - Dean
 - Possible immunity
 - Possible evidence against others
 - Documents
 - Timing of opening

Haig left at 7:08 pm.

Watergate

- Possible effect on the President



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- President's innocence
- White House response
 - News story regarding President's San Clemente home
 - Public reaction
 - President's activity
 - White Paper
 - Frequency and type of Television [TV] appearances
- Dean
- Lawrence M. Higby
 - Conversation with the President
 - Haldeman's grand jury testimony

Haig talked with the President between 7:12 pm and 7:13 pm.

[Conversation No. 917-044A]

[Begin telephone conversation]

[See Conversation No. 046-032]

[End telephone conversation]

Watergate

- Dean's documents
 - Timing of opening
 - Possible contents
 - Higby's view

Haig entered at 7:14 pm.

Watergate

- Walters
 - Haldeman and Ehrlichman
 - Helms
- Dean
- Conversation with Gray



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- Gray's conversation with the President
- Possible testimony
- Memcons
 - National security and executive privilege
- Affidavit to Armed Services Committee
 - Possible effects
 - Haig's previous conversation with Buzhardt
- Dean's documents
 - Sirica

Haig left at 7:19 p.m.

Watergate

- White House response
 - Adherence to strategy
 - Haig
 - Buzhardt
 - Garment
 - News story regarding President's San Clemente home
 - Ervin

Ziegler talked with Garment at an unknown time between 7:19 pm and 7:27 pm.

[Conversation No. 917-044B]

[Begin telephone conversation]

[See Conversation No. 046-033]

[End telephone conversation]

Watergate

- News story regarding President's San Clemente home
 - Ziegler's previous conversation with Garment
 - Ervin Committee
 - Garment's conversation with Thompson



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-Efforts to reach Ervin
-Ziegler's possible statement, May 15

Ziegler's schedule
-Press briefing

The President and Ziegler left at 7:27 pm.

Conversation No. 917-045

Date: May 14, 1973
Time: Unknown between 7:27 pm and 8:15 pm
Location: Oval Office

Unknown persons [United States Secret Service [USSS] agents?] met.

President's desk
-Pencils [?]

Equipment operation
-Button

An unknown woman entered at an unknown time before 8:15 pm.

Dean [?] [last name unknown]
-Location
-Stephen B. Bull [?]
-President's desk
-Item

President's [?] office

The conversation was cut off at an unknown time before 8:15 pm.