



**NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF**

**Tape Subject Log**

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Conversation No. 81-1

Date: October 22, 1971

Time: Unknown between 10:38 am and 11:59 pm

Location: Cabinet Room

George H. Boldt met with Arnold R. Weber, Dr. Neil H. Jacoby, William G. Caples, Kermit Gordon, Rocco C. Siciliano, Virgil B. Day, Robert Bassett, Leonard F. McCollum, Benjamin F. Biaggini, George Meany, I[lorwith] W. Abel, Leonard Woodcock, Floyd E. ("Red") Smith, Frank E. Fitzsimmons, Dr. C. Jackson ("Dan") Grayson, Jr., William W. Scranton, John William Queenan, William T. Colman, Jr., Marina von N. Whitman, J. Wilson Newman, and Robert F. Lanzillotti

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National economy

- Pay Board
- Price Commission
- Inflation
- Price Index
- Wage-price freeze
- Weber

[Breaks in conversation]

The President entered at 10:52 am

Greetings

National economy

- Government regulation
  - Office of Price Administration [OPA]
  - Initiation of Pay Board and Price Commission
  - Voluntary support
  - Effect of controls
  - Public support for wage-price freeze
  - Controls and sanctions
  - Success or failure
  - White House support

The President's previous meeting with Republican women

- End of Vietnam War
- Comparisons

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- Long-term peace initiatives
- [Thomas] Woodrow Wilson and League of Nations
- United Nations [UN]
- Importance of United States' relations with Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] and People's Republic of China [PRC]
- Foreign policy
- Threat of nuclear war
- Challenge of peace
  - Paavo Nurmi
  - Running strategy

World situation

- Germany, Japan
- Europe
- PRC
- Taiwan
- Singapore
- Hong Kong
- USSR
- US, Western Europe, Eastern Europe/USSR, PRC, China
- Latin America, Africa
- US government
  - Competitiveness
  - Economy

National economy

- The President's August 15, 1971 speech
- High tariffs
- Roles of Pay Board and Price Commission

The President left at 11:09 pm

Conclusion of the meeting

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Boldt, et al. left at an unknown time before 11:59 pm

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Conversation No. 81-2

Date: October 27, 1971  
Time: 3:48 pm - 5:22 pm  
Location: Cabinet Room

The President met with John D. Ehrlichman, John N. Mitchell, John B. Connally, George P. Shultz, Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger, Charles W. Colson, Kenneth R. Cole, Jr., Edwin L. Harper, Lewis A. Engman, and H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman  
[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

Polls

- National issues
- Economy
- Vietnam
- Other issues
- Louis Harris, George H. Gallup
  - Comparison
- Personal issues
  - Economy, Vietnam
  - Other issues
  - Taxes, education

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- National economy
  - Harris poll
  - Unemployment projections for 1973

Projected 1972 domestic issues

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Possible new programs for 1972

Research and development

- Vocational education

Proposals and programs before Congress

Polls

- Federal budget spending

- Program areas

- Education

- Taxes

- Types

Taxes

- Problem areas

- Property taxes

- Parochial school aid

- Value-added Tax [VAT]

- Education

- Equal Protection

- California Supreme Court decision

- Federal budget

- Support for schools

- Property taxes

- Crime, health

- Percentage of local taxes

- Federal

- VAT

- Percentage to states

- Effect on school funding

- Property tax

- New York

- Use

- Rate

- Effect on families

- Income redistribution

- Progressive compared with a flat rate

- Key states

- Advantages

- Disadvantages

- Areas eliminated

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- Effect on property taxes
  - Political accountability
- Effect on state taxes
  - Income tax
  - Sales tax
- Effect on constituency

Aid to parochial schools

- Possible Congressional actions
  - Tax credit
  - Constitutionality
  - Cost

Taxes

- VAT
  - Non-residential property
  - Effect on state and local taxes
- Possible use of tax credits
  - Popular perceptions
- The President
- Wilbur D. Mills
- Russell B. Long
- Possible Congressional action
  - Compared to welfare reform and revenue sharing

Welfare reform

- Popular opinion
- Work requirements, family assistance

Revenue sharing

- Popular opinion
- State and local government interest

Government reorganization

Possible Congressional actions

- Welfare reform, revenue sharing, reorganization
- The President's opponents
- VAT

Parochial school aid

- Popular opinion

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- Importance
- Political value
- Department of Health, Education, and Welfare's [HEW] views
- National Education Association's [NEA] views
- The President's constituency
  - Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy
  - Blue-collar Catholics
  - The President contrasted with possible Democrat opponents
- Value

The President's programs

- Daniel P. ("Pat") Moynihan
- Popular appeal
- Economic issues
- Changing political values
- Taxes
- The President's constituency
  - Domestic programs
  - Foreign policy

Polls

- Catholics
- Harris

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Parochial school aid

- Compared to tax credits
- Bible-belt Congressmen

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Education

- Spending
- Budget concerns
- Significance as an issue
- Lobby
- Public concern
  - Taxes
- ”Gut” issues
- VAT approach
  - Effect on state taxes
- Parochial school aid
  - Report
  - Popular opinion
  - Supporters
- Effect of post-World War II baby boom
- Teacher shortage
- Current situation
- Votes on bond issues
- Compared with other issues
- Property taxes
  - MacElroy Commission
  - California Supreme Court decision

Property taxes

- As an issue
- Effect on local officials
- Education
  - Blue-collar Catholic voters

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Taxes

- VAT
- Balanced federal budget
- Other taxes
- VAT
  - Sales tax
  - Property taxes
  - Education
  - Titling of legislation
    - "Property Tax Relief Act"
  - Aid to parochial schools
  - Taxes on farm property
  - Property taxes
  - State taxes
  - Titling of legislation

Education

- Public and private schools
- University of California
- Whittier College
- Catholic schools
  - Fordham University
  - School prayer
- Effect of possible closing of parochial schools
- University of Texas' investments
- Private versus public schools
- Prayer, busing
- Southern white schools

National economy

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- Balanced federal budget
  - VAT
  - Uncontrollable expenses

## Taxes

- VAT
  - State taxes
  - Political effect
  - California

## Federal judges

## Taxes

- VAT
  - Business community
  - Effect on other taxes
  - Popular opinion

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 3:48 pm

The President's schedule

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 5:22 pm

## Taxes

- VAT
  - Fiscal responsibility
  - Effect on local property taxes

Congressional vote

The President's law firm

- Bonds

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

The President, *et al.* left at 5:22 pm

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Conversation No. 81-4

Date: November 2, 1971

Time: 3:37 pm - 4:35 pm

Location: Cabinet Room

The President met with Rogers C. B. Morton, Maurice H. Stans, James D. Hodgson, Elliot L. Richardson, George W. Romney, George P. Shultz, J. Philip Campbell, David Maxwell, John D. Ehrlichman, Frank C. Carlucci, Egil G. ("Bud") Krogh, Jr., William L. Gifford, Neal Ball, Geoffrey C. Shepard, and Dwight Ink

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## Government reorganization

- Rural Electrification Administration [REA]
- Forest Service
- Farm Home Administration
- Department of Housing and Urban Development [HUD]
- Fragmentation of US Department of Agriculture [USDA]
- Handling jurisdictional disputes between Congressional committees
  - William R. Poage
  - Department of Natural Resources [DNR]
  - John D. Dingell, Jr.
  - Department of Health, Education, and Welfare [HEW] as example
  - Possible Congressional reorganization
    - USDA, Department of Labor, HUD
  - HEW as example
  - Forthcoming testimony before Holifield Committee
  - The President's Congressional experience
- USDA reorganization
  - Farmers' view
  - Titles
- Community development
  - Titles
- Executive pay schedules
- Ranks and titles
  - California example
  - Service department examples
- Titles
- Congressional Committees' jurisdiction
- National Journal* article
- Bureaucrats' interaction with constituencies
  - Transportation

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- John A. Volpe
- Oil company support
  - Energy
  - DNR
- Senate Public Works Committee
  - Tennessee Valley Authority [TVA]
  - Regional commissions
  - Revenue sharing
  - Joseph M. Montoya
- Community Development
  - Abraham A. Ribicoff
  - Chet Holifield
    - Hearings
- Natural resources
  - Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson
    - Hearings
    - DNR
- John L. McClellan
  - William L. Gifford
- Holifield
- Frank J. Horton
- The President's 1955 trip to Latin America
  - Pan-American highway
  - Bureau of Public Roads
  - Bureaucracy

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

The President, *et al.* left at 4:35 pm