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Tape Subject Log
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Conversation No. 900-1

Date: April 18, 1973

Time: Unknown between 7:58 am and 8:11 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler. This recording began at an unknown time while the meeting was in progress.

Watergate

- President's statement
 - President's knowledge
 - President's investigation
 - Henry E. Petersen
 - President's feelings concerning grand jury
 - Petersen
 - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman
- Possible statement by Haldeman

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 7:58 am.

President's schedule

- Meeting with Petersen

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 8:11 am.

Watergate

- Haldeman, Ehrlichman
- Ziegler meeting with Leonard Garment
 - President's knowledge
 - President's schedule
 - William P. Rogers

Ziegler left at an unknown time before 8:11 am.

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Conversation No. 900-30

Date: April 18, 1973
Time: Unknown between 7:58 am and 8:11 am
Location: Oval Office

Unknown men [United States Secret Service (USSS) agents ?] met.

President's schedule
-Executive Office Building [EOB]

The unknown met [USSS agents ?] left at an unknown time before 8:11 am.

Conversation No. 900-2

Date: April 18, 1973
Time: Unknown between 7:58 am and 8:11 am
Location: Oval Office

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

President's schedule
Meeting with John D. Ehrlichman

Conversation No. 900-3

Date: April 18, 1973
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Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown woman.

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Conversation No. 900-3 (cont'd)

President's schedule [?]
-Instruction [?]

The unknown woman left at an unknown time before 8:11 am.

Conversation No. 900-4

Date: April 18, 1973
Time: 8:11 am - 8:38 am
Location: Oval Office

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

John D. Ehrlichman's schedule

Watergate

- White House tapes
 - Instructions for Haldeman
 - Disposition
 - Value
- John W. Dean, III
 - Report
 - Telephone call to Ronald L. Ziegler, April 17, 1973
 - Threats
 - Possible meeting with President
- President's April 17, 1973, conversation with Haldeman
 - E. Howard Hunt, Jr.'s threat
 - National Security considerations
 - Charles W. Colson
 - Timing
 - Role
- Dean
 - Immunity
 - Haldeman's possible testimony
 - Conversations with President

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Conversation No. 900-4 (cont'd)

- Blackmail
- \$1,000,000
- Contents
- Dean report
 - Individuals in cover-up
 - Instructions
 - John N. Mitchell
- Conversation with Ziegler
- Cover-up
 - Motives of White House staff
- Dean
 - 1972 election
 - Conversation with Haldeman, Ehrlichman and Mitchell
 - Hunt
 - Possible testimony
- Strachan's testimony
- Effect on President
- President's April 17, 1973 statement
 - Republicans' reaction
- Ziegler's April 17, 1973, press briefing
 - Leaks to press
 - Resignations of Haldeman and Dean

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 8:11 am.

Ziegler

- Meeting with the President

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 8:17 am.

Watergate

- Press coverage of Haldeman
- Dean
 - Conversation with President, March 21, 1973
 - Ehrlichman
 - Hunt

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Conversation No. 900-4 (cont'd)

Ziegler entered at 8:17 am.

Watergate

-Dean

-Conversation with Ziegler

-Dean report

-President's efforts at fairness

-Ziegler's press briefing

-President's fairness

-Dean's possible meeting with reporters

-Robert U. ("Bob") Woodward and Carl Bernstein

-Report

-Watergate aftermath

-Meeting with President, March 21, 1973

-President's investigation

-Ehrlichman

-Conversation with President

-President's conversations with Ehrlichman

-James W. McCord, Jr.'s March 23, 1973 statement

-Meeting with President, March 21, 1973

-Mitchell

-Paul L. O'Brien

-Possible public statement

-Ziegler's telephone call to Dean

-President's views

-Press stories

-President's conversation with Henry E. Petersen

-Watergate break-in

-Break-in compared to cover-up

-Public focus

-Indictments

-Mitchell and Jeb Stuart Magruder

-August 29, 1972 statement on White House involvement

-Dean

-*Washington Post* story

Ziegler left at 8:26 am.

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Watergate

- Dean
 - Ziegler's telephone call
 - Criminal activities concerning Watergate
 - Conversations with President
 - Hunt's demand
 - President's reaction
- Funds for defendants
 - President's knowledge
 - President's possible approval
 - Obstruction of justice
 - President's knowledge of \$350,000
 - Dean's role
 - \$1,500,000
 - Haldeman's knowledge
 - Dean's statement
 - Use
- Hunt
 - National Security
 - Threats concerning Ehrlichman
 - President's reaction
- Dean
 - Immunity
 - Clemency
 - Haldeman and Ehrlichman
- Prosecution
 - Mitchell
 - Special Prosecutor

Ziegler entered at 8:33 am.

Watergate

- Dean
 - Ziegler's telephone conversation
 - Ziegler's news briefing
 - Dean report

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Conversation No. 900-4 (cont'd)

- President
- Possible meeting with Ziegler and the President
- Immunity
 - Ehrlichman and Haldeman
 - Colson
 - Threats

Haldeman and Ziegler left at 8:38 am.

Conversation No. 900-5

Date: April 18, 1973
Time: 8:38 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

President's schedule
-Meeting in the Roosevelt Room

Unknown people conferred in the hallway.

George P. Shultz

Meeting location

The President and the unknown man left at 8:38 am.

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Conversation No. 900-6

Date: April 18, 1973
Time: Unknown between 11:16 am and 11:22 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule
-H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
-Barber Shop
-Giulio Andreotti
-John A. Volpe
-Upcoming appointments

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:22 am.

Conversation No. 900-7

Date: April 18, 1973
Time: Unknown between 11:16 am and 11:22 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule
-James T. Lynn
-Signature
-David K. Wilson and George H. Bush
-Finance discussion
-Giulio Andreotti
-Cabinet room

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:22 am.

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Conversation No. 900-8 (cont'd)

Conversation No. 900-8

Date: April 18, 1973
Time: 11:22 am - 12:11 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Giulio Andreotti, Andrea Cagiatti, and Neil A. Seidenman. Portions of this conversation are in Italian.

Greetings

[Italian language spoken]

International trade
-Meeting

[Italian language spoken]

Henry A. Kissinger entered at 11:24 am.

Congressional relations
-Senate

International trade
-Bilateral trade
-Technical and diplomatic exchanges
-Tariffs and customs duties
-Preparatory work
-Reductions
-[General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs] Kennedy round
-Problems
-Japan

[Italian language spoken]

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Conversation No. 900-8 (cont'd)

Communist propaganda

- Europe
- Multinational capitalism
- Public relations [PR]
 - Coordination
 - North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO]

[Italian language spoken]

International trade

- Japan
 - Andreotti's visit
 - US viewpoint
 - Marketing
 - US, Europe, and People's Republic of China [PRC]
 - Andreotti's visit
 - Meeting with Kakuei Tanaka
 - Trade with PRC

[Italian language spoken]

International trade

- Japanese trade with PRC
- PRC exports

[Italian language spoken]

International trade

- Japan
 - Balance of trade
 - Amount

[Italian language spoken]

International trade

- Japan's US export market

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Conversation No. 900-8 (cont'd)

[Italian language spoken]

International trade

- Japan-US trade balance
- US measures
- Equity

[Italian language spoken]

International trade

- Japan-US markets
- Access

[Italian language spoken]

International trade

- European Economic Community [EEC]
- Trade policies
 - Anti-dumping
 - Domestic industries

[Italian language spoken]

International trade

- Japan's Europe export market

[Italian language spoken]

International trade

- Japan-Europe trade business
- Capitol and trade markets

[Italian language spoken]

International trade

- Japan
- Bargaining

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Conversation No. 900-8 (cont'd)

[Italian language spoken]

International trade

-Japan

-Diplomacy

-Orientation

[Italian language spoken]

Japan

-Tanaka

-Tenure

[Italian language spoken]

Japan

-Tanaka

-Nationalism

-Yoshido, Ikada, Nobusuke Kishi, Eisaku Sato

[Italian language spoken]

Japan

-Youth

-Nationalism

[Italian language spoken]

Japan

-Relationship with PRC

-Relations with industrial nations

[Italian language spoken]

Japan-Italy relations

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Conversation No. 900-8 (cont'd)

- Andreotti's visit to Japan
- Conciliation, realism
- Japan's trade balance

[Italian language spoken]

International trade

- Japan's PRC exports
 - Andreotti's conversation with Japanese industrialists
 - Tokyo Olympic Games [1964]
 - Trade balance
 - Clandestine transactions
 - Hong Kong
 - Japan-Soviet Union relations
 - Concessions
- Italy-Japan relations
 - Japan's advantage
 - Shipbuilding
 - Market share
 - Prices
 - Bilateral agreements

[Italian language spoken]

Italy-Soviet Union relations

- Andreotti's visit, October 1972
 - Soviet Union ambassador
 - Rome statement
 - Timing
 - Soviet Union-Japan trade relations
 - Effect on Italy

[Italian language spoken]

Japan

- Trade unions
 - Wage, price increases

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-Competitive advantage

[Italian language spoken]

Argentina

- Andreotti's talks with Juan Peron and H. J. Campora
- Relations with US and Italy

[Italian language spoken]

Argentina

- Relations with US
 - War in 1943
 - Peron
- Relations with Italy
 - Cultural ties
 - Support for US
 - Latin America
 - Peace

[Italian language spoken]

Argentina-US relations

- Trade union contracts

[Italian language spoken]

US-Latin America relations

- Nelson A. Rockefeller's visit to Argentina
 - Prime Minister's remarks
- US trade union interest [George Meany]
 - Kissinger
 - Argentina
 - Peronista outlook

[Italian language spoken]

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Conversation No. 900-8 (cont'd)

US-Latin America relations
-Trade unions

[Italian language spoken]

US-Europe relations
-Mutual and Balanced Force Reductions [MBFR]
-Andreotti's views
-US Congress
-Senate Foreign Relations Committee
-President's appreciation

[Italian language spoken]

US-Europe relations
-MBFR
-Soviet Union agreement
-Soviet Union military
-Concessions
-Dangers
-Soviet Union actions
-Symbolism
-Europe's defense burden
-US involvement
-MBFR, CSCE linkage
-US defense commitments

[Italian language spoken]

US-Europe relations
-Shared defense burden
-US Congress

[Italian language spoken]

US-Europe relations
-Defense spending

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Conversation No. 900-8 (cont'd)

-Problem

[Italian language spoken]

US-Europe relations

- Defense spending
- US Congress
- Soviet Union
- Disarmament

[Italian language spoken]

US-Europe relations

- Defense
- Rome example
- Frontiers

[Italian language spoken]

US-Europe relations

- Domestic policies
- Radicals
- Surrender
- Cowardice
- Enemies
- Strength of US, NATO
- President's negotiations with Soviet Union, PRC
- Commitment

[Italian language spoken]

US-Europe relations

- President's talks with Aleksii N. Kosygin
- Domestic politics
- Public opinion

[Italian language spoken]

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Conversation No. 900-8 (cont'd)

Andreotti's schedule
-US Congress luncheon

[Italian language spoken]

Andreotti's schedule
-US Congress
-Significance

[Italian language spoken]

Andreotti's schedule
-US Congress
-State diner

[Italian language spoken]

President's talks with Andreotti
-Reassurance

[Italian language spoken]

Andreotti
-Realism
-Risk

[Italian language spoken]

Andreotti
-Compared to Alcide De Gasperi
-Kissinger

[Italian language spoken]

Andreotti
-De Gasperi

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Conversation No. 900-8 (cont'd)

[Italian language spoken]

US-Europe relations

-Defense

-Andreotti's experience

-Talks with Kosygin

-NATO planning

-Future role

The President *et al.* left at 12:11 pm.

Conversation No. 900-29

Date: April 18, 1973

Time: 12:11 pm - 12:12 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

President's schedule

-Dr. Rainer Barzel

-Timing

The unknown man left at 12:12 pm.

Conversation No. 900-9

Date: April 18, 1973

Time: 12:12 pm - 12:20 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with John A. Volpe.

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Conversation No. 900-9 (cont'd)

[Rainer Barzel's meeting with President]

- West Germany
- Willy Brandt

Poland [?]

- News story [?]

Volpe's activities

- Giulio Andreotti
 - Luncheon
 - Strength
- Meetings with Italian political leaders, ambassadors [?]
 - Aldo Moro, Amintore Fanfani, and Emilio Colombo
 - Informality

Ambassadorship to Poland

- Polish ancestry
- Recommendations
 - Sent to Henry A. Kissinger
 - Federal Bureau of Investigations [FBI]
- Gen. Leo John Dulacki
 - Biography for President
- Duties
 - Part-time arrangement
 - Military service
 - Retirement
- Dombrowski
 - John Cardinal Krol
 - Recommendations
- President of Polish-American alliance
 - Aloysius Mujeski
 - Political career
 - Polish-American Congress
- Volpe's meetings
 - Luncheons
 - Adm. [First name unknown] Wright [?]

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Conversation No. 900-9 (cont'd)

-Bishop [First name unknown] Mancincri
-Catholicism

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 12:12 pm.

President's schedule
-Telephone call from Spiro T. Agnew

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:20 pm.

Italy-Vatican relations
-Press relations
-Italy
-Andreotti

Andreotti
-Strength as Prime Minister
-Compared to Alcide De Gasperi, Fanfani, Columbo

Italian government
-Andreotti
-Strength

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

[National security]

[Duration: 2 m 23 s]

ITALIAN DOMESTIC POLITICS

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Conversation No. 900-9 (cont'd)

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

Volpe left at 12:20 pm.

Conversation No. 900-10

Date: April 18, 1973
Time: 12:20 pm - 12:21 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Spiro T. Agnew.

[See Conversation No. 38-97]

The President met with an unknown man at an unknown time after 12:20 pm during the conversation.

President's schedule

The unknown man left at an unknown time.

Conversation No. 900-11

Date: April 18, 1973
Time: 12:22 pm - 12:25 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

Statement by Ronald L. Ziegler

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Conversation No. 900-11 (cont'd)

Spiro T. Agnew's conversation with President

Jewish emigration

- President's April 18, 1973 meeting with congressmen
 - Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson
- Statement by Ziegler
 - Communications with Soviet Union leader
- Meeting with Jewish leaders
- Kissinger meeting with Yitzhak Rabin
- Meeting with Jewish leaders
 - Cancellation
 - Leonard Garment
 - Meeting with Kissinger
 - Constructiveness
- Soviet Union
- Michael J. ("Mike") Mansfield
- Hugh Scott

President's schedule

- Rainer Barzel
 - Press photographs
 - Meeting with Congressional leaders
 - US support

Kissinger's schedule

- Ziegler
- Barzel

Kissinger left at 12:25 pm.

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Conversation No. 900-12

Date: April 18, 1973
Time: 12:25 pm - 12:33 pm
Location: Oval Office

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

President's schedule

- John A. Volpe
- Rainer Barzel
- US support

Watergate

- John W. Dean, III
 - Telephone call to Ronald L. Ziegler
- Possible meeting with President
 - John D. Ehrlichman and H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman

Ziegler entered at 12:27 pm.

Watergate

- Ziegler's forthcoming briefing
- Ziegler's knowledge of Watergate
- Comment on individuals
- Dean
 - Telephone call to Ziegler
 - Negotiations with Ervin Committee
 - Leonard Garment and Ehrlichman
 - Contact with press

Haldeman and Ziegler left at 12:33 pm.

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Conversation No. 900-13 (cont'd)

Conversation No. 900-13

Date: April 18, 1973

Time: Unknown between 12:33 pm and 12:48 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

President's schedule

- Meeting with Rainer Barzel
- Press photograph
- Duration

Barzel and Erich Feldweg entered at 12:33 pm. The White House photographer and members of the press were present at the beginning of the meeting. Portions of this conversation are in German.

Arrangements for photograph

- White House photographer
- Brother
- Meeting with President

Barzel's political stance

- North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO] support
- Support for US
- Previous German leadership
- Support from President
 - NATO
 - Western Europe, Germany
 - Unilateral disarmament

[German language spoken]

President's schedule

- Welcoming of Barzel
 - Kissinger
- Trip to Europe

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Conversation No. 900-13 (cont'd)

German concerns

- Youth
 - Germany
 - Italy
 - France
 - US
- Leader class
 - Television [TV]
 - Newspapers
 - Professors
 - Weakness to enemy
- New alliance

President's schedule

- Trip to Europe

Kissinger

- Substitute for President

Kissinger, Barzel, and Felding left at an unknown time before 12:48 pm.

Conversation No. 900-14

Date: April 18, 1973

Time: Unknown between 12:33 pm and 12:48 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with a Nellie L. Yates.

President's schedule [?]

Yates left at an unknown time before 12:48 pm.

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Conversation No. 900-15

Date: April 18, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:33 pm and 12:48 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule
-George P. Shultz
-Economic Stabilization Act
-Capitol Hill
-Energy message
-Arthur F. Burns

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:48 pm.

Conversation No. 900-16

Date: April 18, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:33 pm and 12:48 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule
-William G. Bray
-Delay
-George P. Shultz
-Congress
-Telephone call

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:48 pm.

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Conversation No. 900-17

Date: April 18, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:33 pm and 12:48 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 38-98]

Conversation No. 900-18

Date: April 18, 1973
Time: 12:48 pm - 12:58 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with George P. Shultz.

[See Conversation No. 38-99]

Conversation No. 900-19

Date: April 18, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:58 pm and 1:03 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

President's schedule
-[Kiwanis International]

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Conversation No. 900-19 (cont'd)

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 1:03 pm.

Conversation No. 900-20

Date: April 18, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:58 pm and 1:03 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

- President's schedule
- Lunch
- Executive Office Building [EOB]
- Sleep

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 1:03 pm.

Conversation No. 900-21

Date: April 18, 1973
Time: 1:03 pm - 1:17 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Congressman William G. Bray, Lorin J. Badskey, Darrell Coover, and Max Friedersdorf. The White House photographer and members of the press were present at the

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Conversation No. 900-21 (cont'd)

beginning of the meeting.

Introductions

- Kiwanis International convention, 1957
 - President's speech
 - Atlantic City

Presentation to President

- Unknown man
 - Governor
 - Kiwanis
 - US Marshall
- Wood carving

Arrangements for photograph

Unknown man's health

Extension of Capitol

- Cost
- Bray's vote
 - Gerald R. Ford
- Hideaway

Kiwanis

- Presentation to President
 - Medallion
 - Location
 - Lakeman, Indiana

President's family roots in Indiana

- Quakers

Kiwanis

- Program
 - "Share your life" theme
 - Service

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Conversation No. 900-21 (cont'd)

- Recreation
- Exploration
- Individual's activity

Retired people

- Elderly care
 - Service in communities
 - Retirement homes
- Prisons
- Expansion

Badskey's travels

- Country visits
 - Badskey's wife
- US districts

Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions

- Volunteer services

Bray's schedule

- Kiwanis meeting
 - Washington, DC
 - Congress members
- Return to communities
 - Weekend trips
- Kiwanis culture

Service clubs

- Value
- Support by President
- Leadership for community
- Spirit

Kiwanis's Camelot program

- Montreal launch
- Chris Schenkel
 - Inter-financial force [?]

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Conversation No. 900-21 (cont'd)

- Mark Spitz
 - King of Sports title
 - Citizenship criteria
- International presence
 - Local community support

Presentation of gifts by President
 -Presidential cufflinks

Earl L. Butz

Bray et al. left at 1:17 pm.

Conversation No. 900-22

Date: April 18, 1973
 Time: Unknown between 1:17 pm and 1:18 pm
 Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

President's attire

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 1:18 pm.

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Conversation No. 900-23 (cont'd)

Conversation No. 900-23

Date: April 18, 1973

Time: Unknown between 1:18 pm and 2:56 pm

Location: Oval Office

Unknown persons entered.

President's location

Noise level

Film crew arrival

-President's knowledge

Francis A. ("Frank") Sinatra [?]

Technical arrangements

-Wiring

-Acoustics

-Power sources

-Lighting

-Shadows

-Back lighting

-Testing

Greetings

Technical arrangements

-Technique

-Readiness

The President entered at 2:43 pm.

George P. Shultz

-Location

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Conversation No. 900-23 (cont'd)

Technical arrangements

- Size of room
- Seating
- Boom microphone [?]
- Focus of camera
- Picture
- Stand-by
- Countdown
- Focus
- Talk with President

The President filmed a portion of his “Remarks on Transmitting a Special Message to the Congress on Energy Policy” at an unknown time between 2:43 pm and 2:45 pm.

[A transcript of the final broadcast 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 301-302.]

[Begin recorded remarks]

[End recorded remarks]

Speech

- Miscue
- Technical problems
 - Audio
 - Sound test

The President re-filmed his “Remarks on Transmitting a Special Message to the Congress on Energy Policy” in its entirety at an unknown time between 2:43 pm and 2:45 pm.

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[Begin recorded remarks]

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Conversation No. 900-23 (cont'd)

[End recorded remarks]

The President left at 2:45 pm.

Speech

- Filming
 - Back-up feed
 - Live feed
- Approval
- Rehearsal

Filming equipment

- Disassembly and removal

Instruction [?]

The unknown persons left at an unknown time before 2:56 pm.

Conversation No. 900-24

Date: April 18, 1973

Time: Unknown between 2:56 pm and 2:58 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President and Stephen B. Bull entered.

President's schedule

- Cabinet
 - Friday
 - Camp David
 - Testimony

The President talked with Julie Nixon Eisenhower between 2:57 pm and 2:58 pm.

[Conversation No. 900-24A]

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Conversation No. 900-24 (cont'd)

[Begin telephone conversation]

[See Conversation No. 38-103]

[End telephone conversation]

Bull left at an unknown time before 2:58 pm.

Conversation No. 900-25

Date: April 18, 1973

Time: Unknown between 2:58 pm and 3:05 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule

- Meeting regarding Soviet Jews
- Leonard Garment
- Henry A. Kissinger

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 2:58 pm.

President's schedule

- George P. Shultz, Arthur F. Burns
- John D. Ehrlichman

The unknown man left an unknown time before 3:05 pm.

President's schedule

- Meeting with Jewish leaders
- Garment
- Kissinger
- Timing

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Conversation No. 900-25 (cont'd)

- Kissinger's view
- Possible failure
- Camp David
- Invitation
 - Garment, Kissinger
- Kissinger
- Advice

Bull left at an unknown time before 3:05 pm.

Conversation No. 900-26

Date: April 18, 1973
Time: 3:05 pm - 3:23 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with John D. Ehrlichman.

- President's energy message
 - Joseph W. Alsop's opinion
 - Strength
 - Ehrlichman's opinion
 - Appointment of Czar
 - Straight line projection
 - Ruin of nation
 - Automobile use

[A transcript of the following portion of this conversation was initially prepared for the Watergate Special Prosecution Force (WSPF) and can be found in Record Group (RG) 460, Box 174, "Transcript of a Recording of a Meeting between the President and John Ehrlichman, on April 18, 1973, at 3:05 to 3:23 p.m.," pages 1-17. The Nixon Presidential Materials Staff reviewed the transcript and made changes as necessary. This transcript has been reviewed under the provisions of the Presidential Recordings and Materials Preservation Act of 1974 (PRMPA). The National Archives does not guarantee its accuracy.]

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Conversation No. 900-26 (cont'd)

[Begin transcribed portion]

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 3:05 pm.

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 3:23 pm.

[End of transcribed portion]

Ehrlichman left at 3:23 pm.

Conversation No. 900-27

Date: April 18, 1973
Time: 3:23 pm - 3:44 pm
Location: Oval Office

An unknown person talked with the President.

Request [?]

Conversation No. 900-28

Date: April 18, 1973
Time: Unknown between 3:23 pm and 5:20 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule
-Meeting with Henry A. Kissinger
-Jewish leaders
-Recommendations
-Paper

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Conversation No. 900-28 (cont'd)

- Camp David
- John D. Ehrlichman
- Helicopter

George P. Shultz, Arthur F. Burns, and Ehrlichman entered at 3:24 pm.

- President's schedule
- Meeting with Kissinger
- Meeting with Jewish leaders
- Length

Bull left at an unknown time before 3:45 p.m.

Greetings

- Burns's personnel requests
- Approval by President
- Shultz
- Teamwork
- Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] checks
- Robert C. Holland
- James L. Robertson
- Secretary

- President's mood
- Length of day
- Congress

Wilbur D. Mills

- Shultz's conversation concerning most favored nation
- Congressional committee
- Approval by House of Representatives

Jewish emigration's effect on US-Soviet Union policy

- Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson, Jacob K. Javits, Abraham Ribicoff
- Jackson
- Sacrifices

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Conversation No. 900-28 (cont'd)

- Arms control
- Mutual and Balanced Force Reduction [MBFR]
- Influence of Soviet Union
 - Middle East
 - Arms in Vietnam
- Agreement between Soviet Union and US on Jewish emigration
- President's conversation with Kissinger concerning US Jewish community
 - Nuclear arms control
 - MBFR
 - Peace in Middle East, Vietnam
 - Anti-Semitism
 - Communists
 - Trust
- President's meeting with Jackson
- John Downey's release from People's Republic of China [PRC]
 - Relationships
 - Responsibility
- Shultz's conversation with Jackson

Kissinger entered at an unknown time after 3:24 pm.

President's concerns

Kissinger and the President left at an unknown time before 4:06 pm.

Burns's personnel request

- FBI checks
- Senate
 - William E. Timmons
 - Individual's state of origin
 - Virginia
- Carl T. Curtis
- Roman L. Hruska
- Cabinet

Jackson

- Political ambitions

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-Presidency

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Burns's conversation with Soviet friends

- Political inefficiency
- Change in law

Jewish emigration issue

- Official statements
- States
- Jackson

The President entered at an unknown time after 3:23 pm.

Jewish emigration issue

- President's forthcoming meeting with Jewish leaders, April 19, 1973
- Ribicoff, Jackson, Javits
- Political issue
- Possible national television [TV] broadcast by President
- Javits
- Comparison with Jackson and Ribicoff
- Strength of Jackson
- Legislation
- Discretion of President's
- Negotiations
- Number allowed out of Soviet Union
- President's initiatives
- Soviet Union law
- Inefficiency
- Administration
- Javit's understanding of American Jewry
- President's negotiations in Peking, Moscow
- Arms Control treaty
- National TV broadcast

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-Jackson

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

National Economy

- Bank regulation
- Interest rate
 - Dual schedule
 - Big business compared with small business, home buyers, farmers, consumers
 - Market driven rate
 - Political impact
 - Protection of politically important groups
 - Subsidies
 - Prime rate
 - Pace
 - Effect on legislation
 - Federal Housing Administration [FHA]
- Burns's press conference
 - Public relations [PR]
 - Statement
- Congressional relations
 - Edward J. Patten
 - Gale W. McGee
 - William S. Cohen [?]
 - Economic Stabilization Act
 - John G. Tower, Gerald R. Ford, John J. Sparkman
 - Rent control
 - House of Representatives
 - Possible veto
- Interest rate
 - Market driven rate
 - Prime rate
 - Fluctuations
 - Effect
 - Small banks

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- Traditional banking
- Stable rate
- Big business compared with small businesses, home buyers, farmers, consumers
 - National money market
 - System of guidelines
 - Flow of credit
 - Reporting
- Pledges from banks
- Burns's duties with Committee on International Dividend [CID]
 - Chairmanship
 - Federal Reserve System and the political process
 - Prime rate
 - Routine guidelines
 - George P. Shultz
 - William E. Simon
 - Treasury Department
 - Power of Federal Reserve over banks
 - Voluntary system
 - Clout
 - Agreement
 - Economic Stabilization Act
 - Phase III Act
 - Relationship with Shultz
 - Pledge
 - Campaign finances
 - Nominees
 - Czechoslovakia
 - Recommendations of President
 - Economic boom
 - Civil disorder
 - Blacks
 - Students
 - Crime
 - Watergate issue
 - Inflation
 - Understanding

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- Congress
 - Senate
- Interest rate ceiling
 - Roll backs
 - Veto
- Voluntary programs
- Committee on Inflation
- Wage and price review board
- Rent controls [?]
- Incomes policy
 - Political impact
 - Federal Reserve
 - Elections
- Quadriad meeting
- Controls
 - John B. Connally's view
 - Freeze
 - Political effects
 - Long view held by President
 - Freeze
 - Wages
 - Prices
 - Recession
 - Inflation
 - Economic boom
 - Federal Reserve Board
 - New appointment
 - Action
- Discount rate
 - Banks' requests for increase
 - Economic Stabilization Act
 - Congress
 - Committee on Interest and Dividends [CID]
 - Raise discount rate
- Effect
 - Subsidies
 - Loans to banks

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Meany

- Relations with administration
- Common situs picketing
 - Peter J. Brennan's view
 - Labor
 - Building trades
 - Steel workers
- Statements concerning wages
 - Public posture
 - Conversations with Shultz concerning food prices
 - Wages
 - Inflation
- Relationship with Shultz
- Secretary of Labor position
 - Brennan's qualifications
- John F. O'Connell
 - Bechtel Corporation [?]
- Public statements
 - Miami, Florida
 - Reaction of building trades
- Public esteem for organized labor
 - Political impact
 - Congress
 - Senators
 - Confrontation with Meany
 - Howard Survey

Forthcoming Quadriad meeting

- Price freeze
 - Pierre Rinfret's view
 - Advocacy
- Effects
 - Long term effects
 - Phase II
 - Political impact
 - Phase III

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-Modification

Economic indicators

- Gross National Product [GDP]
 - Inflation rate
- CPI index
 - Annual rate of increase
 - Food prices
- Wholesale price index
- Need for political action
 - House of Representatives victory
 - Senate

Wilbur D. Mills

- Illness
 - Fear
 - Expense
- Walter Reed hospital
 - Telephone call by President

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 3:24 pm.

President's schedule

- Quadriad meeting
 - Roy L. Ash
 - Herbert Stein

Unknown man left at an unknown time before 4:06 pm.

Mills

- Political ambitions
 - Presidential election
- Desire to help administration
 - Attention

National economy

- Price freeze

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- Duration
- Wage freeze
 - Cost of living
 - Public response
- Price freeze
 - Duration
 - Inflation
 - Congressional response
 - Public response
- Sentiment
 - Psychology
 - Effect
 - Businessmen
 - Optimism
 - Investors
 - Depression
 - Consumers
 - Depression
 - “Scissors movement”
 - Burns’s reaction
- Federal Reserve’s actions
- Economic indicators
 - Gross National Product [GNP]
 - Rate of expansion
 - Capacity
 - Recession
- Psychology
- Expectation

Professional men
-Psychiatrists

Tuxedo

Ash and Stein entered at 4:06 pm.

Greetings

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Impoundments

Wounded Knee incident

- Legal actions
- Suits
- Constitutional issues
 - Hostages
 - Indians
 - Congressional relations
 - Control

National economy

- Economic indicators
 - CPI
 - Food prices
 - Wholesale price index
- Mood of nation
 - Consumers
 - Investors
 - Business men
 - Economic boom
 - Inflation
- Status
 - Comparison with August 1971
 - Recession
 - Inflation
- Inflation
- Price freeze
 - Effect
 - Psychological effect
 - Long term effect
 - Labor
 - Food prices
- Phase II, Phase III
 - Modifications
 - Recommendations

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- Phase III
 - Duration
 - Timing
 - Election
 - Efficacy of controls
 - Market forces
 - Supply and demand
 - Expectations
 - Presidential announcements
- Inflation rate
 - Psychology
 - Controls
 - Possible duration
 - Need for honesty
 - Projections
 - CPR
 - WPR
 - Congressional response
 - Policy
 - GNP
- Phase II
 - Modification
 - Money volume
 - Political impact
 - Government spending
 - Public reaction
 - Inflation
 - Budget
 - Receipts
 - Deficits
 - Need for fiscal restraint
 - Federal Reserve
 - William McChesney Martin, Jr.
- Sentiment of American people
 - Government action
 - Prosperity
 - Confidence in government

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- Congress
- Economic Stabilization Act
- Frustration of American people
 - Price statistics
 - Inflation
 - Government action
 - Political impact
- Phase II
 - Modifications
 - Rent controls
 - Small business
 - Pre-notification
 - Cost of Living Council's [COLC] power
 - Wages and prices
 - Leadership by President
- Perception of Congress
- Economic Stabilization Act
 - Expansion
- Phase III
 - Pre-notification
 - History
 - Explanation
 - Food price statistics
 - Labor and management statement
 - Congress
 - Newspapers
 - COLC action
 - Administrative stance
 - Price increases
 - Study of business
 - Pre-notification
 - Wage and price controls
- Inflation
 - Long term trend
 - Business cycle
 - Price advantages
 - World-wide phase

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- Raw materials prices
 - Devaluation
- Industrial prices
 - Products
- Economists' predictions
- Need for Presidential leadership
 - Consequences
 - Election
 - Franklin D. Roosevelt
 - Economic thinking
 - Herbert C. Hoover
 - Political impact
- Phase II
 - Pre-notification
 - COLC action
 - Individual cases
 - Choice
 - Wage and price increases
- Name for new program
 - Phase IV
- Pre-notification
 - Burns's recommendation
 - Price freeze
 - Duration
 - Public reaction
 - Meat price ceiling
- Trade unions
- Business practices
- Antitrust laws
 - Enforcement
 - Penalties
 - Fines
- Trade unions
 - Monopolies
 - Public reaction
- Temporary nature of President's controls program
 - President's leadership role

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- Pre-notification
- Free market direction
 - Confidence
 - Controls
- Free market
 - Corporations and trade unions
 - Monopolies
 - Banks
 - Competition
 - Brennan
 - Meany
 - Trade unions
 - Corporations
 - Farmers's organizations
 - George W. Romney
 - Speech
 - Congressional action
 - Lobbyists
 - Labor
 - Business
 - Two vetoes before Congress
 - William J. Baroody's activities with business lobbyists
 - Influence
 - Cattlemen's visit to Carl B. Albert

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