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Tape Subject Log
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Conversation No. 915-1

Date: May 10, 1973
Time: 7:59 am - 8:29 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Watergate

- News coverage
 - Motives
 - Public reaction
- Daniel Ellsberg's actions compared to handling of cables
- H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
 - Conversation with the President
 - Possible meeting with J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.
- Charles W. Colson
 - Possible meeting with Buzhardt
 - Papers

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 7:59 am.

President's schedule

- Stephen B. Bull and Haig

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 8:29 am.

Watergate

- Colson
 - Papers
- Haldeman's papers
 - Executive privilege
 - White House possession
 - Buzhardt to research
- Papers of Colson, Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman
- Buzhardt

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- News report regarding John W. Dean, III
 - Implication of the President
- President's conversation with Dean and Haldeman, March 21
 - Clemency and money issues
- President's conversation with Haldeman, May 9
 - Content
 - Blackmail
 - Clemency
 - Money
 - John N. Mitchell
 - Conversation with Dean
- Haldeman's testimony
- E. Howard Hunt, Jr. and Ehrlichman
 - Plumbers
 - William O. Bittman
- President's reaction
- Haldeman's possible testimony
 - Application of executive privilege
 - Testimony on conversations and release of papers

President's conversations with Haldeman

- Range of subjects
- Henry A. Kissinger
 - Possible problems
- Haldeman's papers
 - Possible effects of release
 - World reaction

Buzhardt's schedule

- Leonard Garment

Personnel appointments

- Elliot L. Richardson
 - Confirmation as Attorney General
- Warren E. Hearnes
 - Missouri Governorship
 - Presidency of Governors Association

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- Lawyer
- Partisanship
- Possible recommendation as Special Prosecutor
- Democrat
- Special Prosecutor
 - Issue of line of authority
 - Richardson's confirmation
 - Stance during hearings
 - Impact of possible disapproval
 - Secretary of Defense
- Senate Judiciary Committee
 - James O. Eastland
 - William E. Timmons
 - William P. Rogers
 - Haig
 - Cabinet meeting
 - Haig's previous conversation with Richardson
 - Richardson's reaction
 - Timing of confirmation

Watergate

- Buzhardt's forthcoming meeting with John C. Stennis
 - Stennis
- Ervin Committee
 - Howard H. Baker, Jr.
 - Witnesses' possible testimony
 - Haldeman, Ehrlichman and Mitchell
- President
 - Possible departure from office
 - White House reaction
- Effect on White House staff and Cabinet
- President's speech, May 9
- Spiro T. Agnew
- Special Prosecutor
 - Hearns
- William C. Sullivan
 - Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] activities

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- Lyndon B. Johnson and Robert F. ("Bobby") Kennedy
- Daniel Ellsberg
 - J. Edgar Hoover
 - Actions
- Dean's documents
- Dean
 - Meeting with the President and Haldeman, September 19, 1972
 - Content
 - News story regarding statements to investigators
- White House response
- Buzhardt's forthcoming meeting with Stennis
- Senate hearings

Haig left at 8:29 am.

Conversation No. 915-2

Date: May 10, 1973
Time: Unknown between 8:29 am and 8:35 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

President's schedule
-Congressional leaders

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 8:35 am.

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Conversation No. 915-3

Date: May 10, 1973
Time: Unknown between 8:29 am and 8:35 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

Refreshments
-Number of coffees

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 8:35 am

Conversation No. 915-4

Date: May 10, 1973
Time: 8:35 am - 9:09 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Hugh Scott, Robert P. Griffin, Gerald R. Ford, Leslie C. Arends, William E. Timmons and Alexander M. Haig, Jr. The White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

Watergate
-President's speech, May 9
-Elliot L. Richardson
-Special Prosecutor
-Duties and line of authority
-Nomination
-Timing
-Possible effects
-Justice Department
-Philip A. Hart
-Congressional liaison
-Haig, Scott, Roman L. Hruska, and James O. Eastland

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Conversation No. 915-4 (cont'd)

- Ervin Committee hearings
- Richardson's confirmation
 - Special Prosecutor
- Senate investigations
 - Timing during grand jury investigation
 - Alger Hiss case
 - Grand jury activities
 - John C. Stennis
 - Witnesses
 - Potential indictment
 - Effect of Senate hearings
- Ervin Committee hearings
 - Samuel J. Ervin, Jr's actions
 - Indictments
 - Attorney General
 - Use immunity
 - Witness list
 - John W. Dean, III
 - Robert C. Odle, Jr.
 - Possible public statement by the President
 - Purview
 - Campaign financing
 - Donald H. Segretti
 - Campaign violence
 - Alleged Democratic campaign practices
 - Bombing of Republican National Committee [RNC] headquarters
 - Grand jury
 - Effects of television [TV]
 - Howard H. Baker, Jr.
 - Edward J. Gurney, Jr.
 - Possible Senate action
 - Ervin
 - Stennis
 - Eastland
 - Media image
 - Executive session

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Conversation No. 915-4 (cont'd)

- Ervin
 - Prosecutors
 - Richardson
 - John J. Sirica
 - Background
 - Nicholas B. Katzenbach's statements

Appointments

- Richardson
 - Dr. James R. Schlesinger as replacement at Defense Department
 - Stennis and F. Edward Hebert
- William Colby at Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
 - Vietnam War
 - Compared with Richard M. Helms
- Haig
 - Role in White House
 - Congressional relations

White House staff

- Haig
 - Chief of Staff
 - Access to President
 - Congress
 - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
 - Objections
 - Military experience
 - Robert H. Michel [?]
 - Civilian experience
 - Henry A. Kissinger
- Congressional relations
 - Timmons
 - Access to President
 - Exaggeration
 - Frank Sanders
 - Previous experience
 - Melvin R. Laird
 - North Carolina Democrat

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-Republican leanings

Watergate

- Schlesinger
 - Confirmation hearings
 - CIA activities
- Colby
- CIA involvement
 - Compared to Pentagon Papers
 - Schlesinger
 - Colby
 - Vulnerability

Dwight D. Eisenhower

- James Duff
 - Request for meetings

President's speech, May 9

- Possible press actions
- Reaction in House, Senate
 - House Democrats
- William Proxmire and Scott
- Support by Republican congressmen
 - Scott, Griffin

Campaign finance reform

- Spending and practices
- Congressional interest
 - William E. Brock, III
 - John W. Gardner
 - Common Cause
- Possible recommendation by the President
 - Blue ribbon commission
 - Composition
 - George H. W. Bush
 - Democratic National Committee [DNC] chairman
 - Compared to Federal Electoral Commission

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Conversation No. 915-4 (cont'd)

-Purpose

-Carl B. Albert, Scott, and Michael J. ("Mike") Mansfield

-Mansfield

-Ray C. Bliss and Marlow W. Cook

-Possible recommendation by the President on commission

-Purview

-Leonard Garment and Raymond K. Price, Jr.

-Joseph A. Califano, Jr.

-Ford

-Appointments

-Milton S. Eisenhower

-Formula

-Need to seize initiative on issue

-Possible recommendation by the President on blue ribbon commission

-Robert C. Byrd's pending bill

-Rules Committee

-Change of national election date

-Possible action on Senate floor

-Richardson's role

-Congressional leadership

-Statutory authority

-Appointments

-Composition

-RNC and DNC chairmen

Timing

Watergate

-Ervin Committee hearing

-Effects on administration

President's schedule

Chinese tradition

John B. Connally

-Absence

-Role in government

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- Compensations
- Cabinet meeting

Appointments

- Colby
 - Role in Watergate
 - CIA
- President's statement
- Schlesinger
 - Colby
 - Record in Vietnam
- Connally
 - Role in White House
 - Special advisor
 - Compensation

Housing in Detroit

- Garment
- Foreclosures
- Detroit News*
- Legislation
- Administration

Scott *et al.* left at 9:04 am. Timmons remained.

President's speech, May 9

- Response
- Distribution of transcripts to Congress

President's schedule

- Republican leaders

Congressional relations

- Hearings
 - Vote count
 - Hart
- Report

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Conversation No. 915-4 (cont'd)

- Forthcoming House vote
- Bipartisan support
- Democratic Caucus
- Margin
- Importance

The President and Timmons left at 9:09 am.

Conversation No. 915-22

Date: May 10, 1973
Time: Unknown between 9:09 am and 10:47 am
Location: Oval Office

An unknown man talked with an unknown person.

Inquiry
-President

Conversation No. 915-23

Date: May 10, 1973
Time: Unknown between 9:09 am and 10:47 am
Location: Oval Office

Unknown persons met.

Preparations for audio message
-Picture [?]

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 9:09 am.

Readiness

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Conversation No. 915-23 (cont'd)

Call for assistance

The unknown persons left at an unknown time before 10:47 am.

Conversation No. 915-5

Date: May 10, 1973

Time: Unknown between 10:47 am and 10:57 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull. The recording began at an unknown time while the conversation was in progress.

President's schedule

-Duration of meeting

-[Unknown man]

-Location

-Preparations for audio messages

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:57 am.

Conversation No. 915-6

Date: May 10, 1973

Time: Unknown between 10:47 am and 10:57 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

Preparations for audio message

-Papers

-Readiness

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Conversation No. 915-6 (cont'd)

-Technicians

The President and the unknown man left at an unknown time before 10:57 am.

Conversation No. 915-7

Date: May 10, 1973

Time: Unknown between 10:47 am and 10:57 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown person.

Acknowledgment

The unknown person left at 10:57 am.

Conversation No. 915-8

Date: May 10, 1973

Time: Unknown between 10:57 am and 11:01 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule

-H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman

-Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:01 am.

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Conversation No. 915-9 (cont'd)

Conversation No. 915-9

Date: May 10, 1973
Time: 11:01 am - 11:12 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

Dr. William M. Lukash
-Possible telephone call
-President's preferences

Correspondence
-"Top man"

[Unknown man]
-Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Alexander M. Haig, Jr. entered at 11:02 am.

President's speech, May 9

Woods left at 11:02 am.

Congressional relations
-Difficulty
-President's assessment
-Haig's assessment

Special Prosecutor
-Haig's forthcoming call to Elliot L. Richardson
-Warren Hearns

Haig's previous conversation with John B. Connally
-Appointment
-Firm
-Possible meeting with President

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Conversation No. 915-9 (cont'd)

- President's schedule
- Radio speech

Ronald L. Ziegler entered at an unknown time after 11:02 am.

Connally

- Previous conversation with Ziegler
 - Mood
- Continued presence
- Previous conversation with Haig
- Possible meeting with President

William Colby

- Nomination to Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
 - Hypocrisy

President's counselors

- Forthcoming press briefing regarding role
 - Advisory compared to operational
 - Congress
 - Legislation
 - Reorganization
- Cabinet
 - Coordinating committees
- Press relations
- Wire services, networks
- Connally's role
- Leaks

Watergate

- New York Times* story
- John W. Dean, III
 - Justice Department and Senate Committee
 - Documents
- Need for positive action by administration
 - Haig and Ziegler
- President's speech, May 9

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Conversation No. 915-9 (cont'd)

- Ervin Committee hearings
 - John C. Stennis
 - John J. Sirica
 - Warren E. Burger
 - William P. Rogers
 - Special Prosecutor
- White House reaction to possible trials
 - Legal strategy of defendants
- Dean
 - New York Times* story
 - Source
 - Wire service story
 - Lawyer

Henry A. Kissinger's schedule

- Return from Moscow

Connally

- Rumor
- Leonid I. Brezhnev

US - Soviet relations

- Announcements
- Communications
- Connally
- Kissinger
 - Moscow trip
 - Cables

Haig and Ziegler left at 11:12 am.

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Conversation No. 915-10

Date: May 10, 1973
Time: Unknown between 11:12 am and 11:21 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:21 am.

Conversation No. 915-21

Date: May 10, 1973
Time: Unknown between 11:12 am and 11:21 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Refreshments [?]

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 11:21 am.

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Conversation No. 915-11

Date: May 10, 1973
Time: Unknown between 11:12 am and 11:21 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Refreshments
-Coffee

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 11:21 am.

Conversation No. 915-12

Date: May 10, 1973
Time: 11:21 am - 12:05 pm
Location: Oval Office

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

Nixon Foundation
-Employment of Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman
-Considerations on access and retention of security clearances
-Value to Haldeman and Ehrlichman
-Possible grand jury actions
-Timing

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Conversation No. 915-12 (cont'd)

- Leonard K. Firestone and Taft Schreiber
- Roy L. Ash

Maurice H. Stans

- Committee to Re-Elect the President [CRP] Finance Committee funds for defendants' legal fees
 - Republican National Committee [RNC] employees
 - White House staff
 - Gordon C. Strachan and Lawrence M. Higby
 - Possible transfer to RNC
 - George H. W. Bush
 - Strachan

Watergate

- Samuel J. Ervin, Jr.
- Ervin Committee hearings
 - Effect on rights of possible defendants
- News coverage
 - John Chancellor
- Ervin Committee hearings
 - Comparison of forum with court setting
- Kenneth Clawson
- President's meeting with Haldeman and John W. Dean, III, September 15, 1972
 - Recollection and Haldeman's notes
 - President's log
 - Dean's request for information
 - David C. Hoopes's response
 - Meetings, August 14, 1972 and February 1973
 - Haldeman's log
 - President's recollection
- New York Times* story
 - Dean's evidence
 - Documents in safe deposit box
 - Seymour M. Hersh
 - E. Howart Hunt, Jr.
- President's meeting with Haldeman and Dean, March 21, 1973
 - Executive privilege

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- Haldeman's possible testimony
 - President's motives
 - James W. McCord, Jr.
 - Richard A. Moore
 - Dean's presentation
 - \$350,000
 - Blackmail
 - Hunt's alleged threat regarding Ehrlichman
 - President's response
 - President's methodology
 - Dean's conversation with John N. Mitchell
 - Thomas A. Pappas
 - Dean as focus of problem
 - President's order for meeting among Dean, Haldeman, Ehrlichman, and Mitchell
 - Meeting among Dean, Mitchell, Haldeman and Ehrlichman, May 22
 - Dean's desire for immunity
 - Ehrlichman's and Kalmbach
 - Haldeman and \$350,000
 - CRP
 - President's statements regarding funds for defendants
 - William O. Bittman
 - President's statements regarding clemency
 - Blackmail
- Dean
 - Relationship with prosecutors
 - Jack N. Anderson
 - President's meeting with Dean and Haldeman, September 15, 1972
 - Logs of the President's daily schedule
 - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
 - Dean's possible actions
 - Haldeman's notes
 - Ervin Committee hearings
 - Special Prosecutor
 - Effect on defendants' rights

White House staff

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- President's conversation with Haldeman, May 9, 1973
- President's needs
 - Reassurance
 - Advisor

President's previous meeting with Gerald R. Ford, Hugh Scott, Robert P Griffin, and Leslie C. Arends

- President's speech, May 9
- Senatorial reaction to Watergate
 - Griffin
 - William Proxmire
 - Barry M. Goldwater
 - Republicans's performance
 - Lack of counterattaci

Watergate

- Washington Post* column regarding television [TV] news stakeout of Haldeman, May 16
- Ehrlichman and Haldeman
- President's meeting with Haig, May 9
- Leonard Garment, [Horace] Chapman ("Chappie") Rose and J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.
 - Haldeman's notes
 - Statement by Haldeman's lawyer
- Haldeman's lawyers' meeting with Garment
 - Executive privilege
 - John W. Wilson
 - Compared to Joseph McCarthy
- Haldeman's notes
 - Dean's call to Haldeman, March 26
- Dean
 - Actions
- President's response

Haig

- Role on White House staff
 - Haldeman's experience as Chief of Staff

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Congress

- Program
- Republican leaders
- William E. Timmons
 - Work ethic enthusiasm

President's speech, May 9

- Crowd's reaction
 - Lobbyist
 - Duty to supporters

Watergate

- Dean's possible testimony
 - Meeting on September 15, 1972
 - Alleged bribe to Cubans
 - President's possible response
- Haldeman's memory
- Ehrlichman
 - Testimony in Robert L. Vesco case
 - Dean
 - Frank Strickler
 - Egil ("Bud") Krogh, Jr.
 - Central Intelligence Agency [CIA] allegations regarding Hunt
 - Letter from Robert Cushman
 - Krogh
 - Memorandum from Cushman
- Popular opinion
 - CIA
 - Break-ins and bugging
 - Watergate and Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist's office
 - Cover-up
- Haldeman's role
- Obstruction of justice
 - Recognition as legal problem
- Haldeman's working relationship with Dean

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[Statute]

[Duration: 37 s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Watergate

- Haldeman's working relationship with Dean
 - Haldeman's intent regarding funds for defendants
 - Dean's role as lawyer
 - Failure to point out illegalities
 - Instructions
 - Haldeman
 - Gordon C. Strachan
 - Wilson
 - Haldeman's intent
- Ronald L. Ziegler's public statements
 - Clearance with Dean
- Dean
 - Possible counterattack by Haldeman and Ehrlichman
 - John B. Connally
- Haldeman's morning routine
 - Contrasted with Garment
- Media
 - New York Times* story, May 10
 - John W. Chancellor's comment
 - Teapot Dome scandal
 - Motive
- President's possible departure from office
 - Spiro T. Agnew
 - Effect on American political system
 - President's possible response to impeachment

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- Bella S. Abzug
- Paul N. McCloskey, Jr.
- President's meeting with Dean and Haldeman, 9/15/72

Haldeman left at 12:05 pm.

Conversation No. 915-13

Date: May 10, 1973
Time: 12:05 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

- President's schedule
 - Swearing-in ceremony
 - Press
 - Ronald L. Ziegler [?]
 - Briefing [?]
 - Bible
 - Private office

The unknown man left at 12:05 pm.

Conversation No. 915-14

Date: May 10, 1973
Time: 12:06 pm - 12:15 pm
Location: Oval Office

An unknown man met with Michael P. Balzano, Jr., Denise I. (Wiens) Balzano, Isabel Wiens, Mrs. John L. MacMichael, Stephen Allers, Aloysius Mazewski, Frank Scumaci, Micahel A. Revisto, and Nicholas S. Nunzio. The White House photographer and members of the press

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were present at the beginning of the meeting.

Arrangements

[General conversation]

Arrangements

-Placement for photographers

The President entered at an unknown time after 12:06 pm.

Bibles

-Balzano's personal Bible

-Swearing-in

-President's swearing-in

Swearing-in of Balzano

Balzano

-Pride

-ACTION

-Hope

-Leadership

[General conversation]

Arrangements for photographs

Presentation of gifts by the President

-Cufflinks, pins

[General conversation]

Balzano et al. left at 12:15 pm.

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Conversation No. 915-15

Date: May 10, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:15 pm and 12:21 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

President's schedule

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:21 pm.

Conversation No. 915-16

Date: May 10, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:15 pm and 12:21 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Gene Taylor, Dewey J. Short, and William E. Timmons.

Greetings

Photographs

Congress

- Short's experience
- Oratory
- Senate

Watergate

- Taylor's interview in Missouri
- Administration's accomplishments
 - Vietnam War, prisoners of war [POWs], military draft, economy, and demonstrations
- Short's opinion

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Conversation No. 915-16 (cont'd)

- President's legacy
- Effects on the President's supporters
- Taylor's mail
 - Support for President
- Congress
 - President's previous speech
 - Timmons
 - Support for President
 - Need to respond
- Compared with Democrats' activities
 - Bombing of Republican campaign headquarters
 - Republican national convention

Presentation of gifts by the President

- Cufflinks, Presidential seals

Vietnam

- Congressional vote

Taylor *et al.* left at 12:21 pm.

Conversation No. 915-17

Date: May 10, 1973

Time: Unknown between 12:21 pm and 12:31 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

Request

- Ronald L. Ziegler

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:31 pm.

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Conversation No. 915-18

Date: May 10, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:21 pm and 12:31 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

Ronald L. Ziegler's schedule
-Briefing
-Questions and answers

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:31 pm.

Conversation No. 915-19

Date: May 10, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:21 pm and 12:31 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

Briefcase
-Move to Executive Office Building [EOB]

President's schedule

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:31 pm.

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Conversation No. 915-20 (cont'd)

Conversation No. 915-20

Date: May 10, 1973
Time: 12:31pm - 12:45 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

President's schedule

- Executive Office Building [EOB]

Watergate

- Haig's conversation with William P. Rogers
 - Warren E. Burger
 - Possible action by Elliot L. Richardson
 - Timing of indictments
 - New York Times* article
- Special Prosecutor
 - J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.'s plan
 - Samuel J. Ervin
 - Warren E. Hearnes and Edmund G. ("Pat") Brown
 - Support for George S. McGovern
 - Relationship to Buzhardt
 - John C. Stennis
 - Selection process

Campaign practices reform

- Resolution by Congress
 - Leonard Garment
- Possible speech by the President
 - Raymond K. Price, Jr.
 - Timing
 - Press coverage
 - Content
- Composition of blue ribbon commission

Presidential counselors

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- Earl L. Butz's opposition
- Garment and Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger
 - Power
- Role

Cabinet

- Mood
- Previous meeting
 - Weinberger, Butz and John B. Connally

Watergate

- Special Prosecutor
 - Ervin
 - Hearnes
 - Buzhardt
- President's meeting with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman, May 10
 - John D. Ehrlichman and Haldeman
 - Finances
 - Need for calm in White House
 - Haldeman's lawyers' meeting with Garment
 - Executive privilege

White House legal counsel

- Garment
 - Haig's assessment
 - Chemistry
 - Role on White House staff
- Buzhardt
 - Role on White House staff
 - Reaction
 - Haig's assessment

Campaign practices and finance reform

- Garment
 - Preparation of speech by the President
 - Deadline
 - Price

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- Limits on campaign contributions
 - Business, labor unions
- Potential affect on Republican part

Watergate

- Effect on White House
- Progressive nature of demands
 - Ervin Committee
 - Haldeman and Ehrlichman
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Haig left at 12:45 pm.