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Conversation No. 918-1

Date: May 15, 1973
Time: Unknown between 7:50 am and 8:10 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

An unknown person's schedule

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 8:10 am.

Conversation No. 918-2

Date: May 15, 1973
Time: Unknown between 7:50 am and 8:10 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

An unknown man's schedule

Thomas Hart's location

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 8:10 am.

Conversation No. 918-3

Date: May 15, 1973
Time: Unknown between 7:50 am and 8:10 am
Location: Oval Office

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Conversation No. 918-3 (cont'd)

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

Stephen B. Bull's schedule
-Delay
-Location

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 8:10 am.

Conversation No. 918-4

Date: May 15, 1973
Time: Unknown between 7:50 am and 8:10 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown woman.

Stephen B. Bull's schedule
-Arrival

Delivery of item [?]

Thomas Hart's schedule

The unknown woman left at an unknown time before 8:10 am.

Conversation No. 918-5

Date: May 15, 1973
Time: Unknown between 7:50 am and 8:10 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Nellie L. Yates.

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Conversation No. 918-5 (cont'd)

Ronald L. Ziegler's location

Yates left at an unknown time before 8:10 am.

Conversation No. 918-6

Date: May 15, 1973

Time: 8:10 am - 8:35 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Watergate

- News story regarding allegations regarding President's San Clemente property
 - Washington Post* and *New York Times*
 - Associated Press
 - Nixon Foundation
 - Leonard Garment and Frank DeMarco, Jr.
 - DeMarco's forthcoming statement
 - Ervin Committee
 - National play
 - Possible effect of Ziegler's forthcoming statement
 - President's meeting with Alexander M. Haig, Jr. May 14
 - White House handling
 - Ziegler and Garment
 - Ziegler's forthcoming briefing
- White House staff
 - Ziegler, Haig, Patrick J. Buchanan and George P. Shultz
 - Demeanor
- News leads, May 15
 - William D. Ruckelshaus and Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] files
 - Los Angeles Grand Jury
 - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman
- East European view
 - Conspiracy against the President

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Conversation No. 918-6 (cont'd)

- Popular opinion in United States
 - Joseph C. Kraft
- President's suggestions for Special Prosecutor
 - Edmund G. ("Pat") Brown and Warren E. Hearnes
- White House strategy
 - Timing of possible press conference
 - US-Soviet Union summit

President's schedule

- Meeting with Vera Clemente [widow of Roberto Clemente], May 14
 - Press coverage
- Bipartisan Congressional leadership meeting
- Substantive meetings
 - Quadriad
- Press coverage of the President's meeting with congressmen, May 15
 - Campaign reform
- Norfolk, Virginia event
- George H. Mahon and Edward W. Brooke
 - William E. Timmons

Watergate

- John W. Dean III
 - Documents
 - Justice Department
- E. Howard Hunt, Jr.
 - Activities
 - Plumbers
 - Egil ("Bud") Krogh, Jr.'s role
 - Dean's knowledge
- Dean
 - Documents
 - Possible content
 - Security classification
 - Possible content
- President's possible statement
- President's schedule
 - Haile Selassie

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Conversation No. 918-6 (cont'd)

- Timing of activities
- Meeting with Clemente
- Congressmen
- Substantive meetings
 - Economy
 - Cabinet
 - Quadriad
 - National Security Council [NSC]
 - Congressional leaders
- Haig's mood
- President's health
 - Concerns
 - Haldeman and Ehrlichman's possible roles on Nixon Foundation
 - Executive privilege
- J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr., Haig

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 8:10 am.

Stephen B. Bull's schedule

- Delay
- Traffic

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

Watergate

- President's attention
- Press coverage

Spiro T. Agnew

- Memorandum [memo] to Arthur F. Burns
 - Reaction to removal from Domestic Council
 - Kenneth R. Cole, Jr.
- President's reaction
- Ziegler's assessment

Haig

- Role on White House staff

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Conversation No. 918-6 (cont'd)

-Ehrlichman

White House organization

- White House Communications Agency [WHCA] staff
 - Kenneth W. Clawson
 - Structure and size
 - Executive Office Building [EOB]
- William E. Timmons's staff
 - New employees
- John E. Nidecker
 - Departmental move
 - Retention

Bull's location

Watergate

- White House strategy
- Effect on White House staff
- Popular confidence in the President
- President's knowledge
 - Ervin Committee witnesses
 - Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters
 - Dean
- Other events
 - Skylab launch
- Dean
 - Documents
 - Possible contents
 - Evidence

President's schedule

- Bipartisan Congressional leadership meeting
- Bull
 - Message

Ziegler left at 8:35 am.

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Conversation No. 918-7

Date: May 15, 1973
Time: 8:36 am - 8:37 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Stephen B. Bull's schedule
-Forthcoming arrival

President's schedule
-Bipartisan Congressional leadership meeting
-Elliot L. Richardson [?]
-Press relations [PR]

Ziegler left at 8:37 am.

Conversation No. 918-8

Date: May 15, 1973
Time: Unknown between 8:38 am and 8:42 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule
-Meeting with Henry E. Petersen
-Bull's forthcoming call
-Scope of forthcoming conversation

Bull left at an unknown time before 8:42 am.

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Conversation No. 918-9

Date: May 15, 1973
Time: Unknown between 8:38 am and 8:42 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Henry E. Petersen's location
-Effect of weather

President's forthcoming conversation with Petersen
-Bull's note
-Grand Jury
-Privacy

Bull left at an unknown time before 8:42 am.

Conversation No. 918-30

Date: May 15, 1973
Time: Unknown between 8:38 am and 8:42 am
Location: Oval Office

Two unknown men met with Nellie L. Yates [?].

Problem
-Hearing [?]
-Diagnosis
-Lawrence M. Higby [?]

Yates left at an unknown time before 8:42 am.

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Conversation No. 918-30 (cont'd)

Escort duty [?]
-Timing

H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman [?]

Operation of device
-Timing
-Switching off

The unknown men left at an unknown time before 8:42 am.

Conversation No. 918-10

Date: May 15, 1973

Time: Unknown between 9:38 am and 9:59 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule
-John B. Connally
 -Timing of possible meeting
-Haile Selassie
-Talking paper
 -Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
-Haig
-Connally
 -Timing
 -George P. Shultz
 -Wage price issues
 -Charles J. DiBona
 -Energy
 -Roy L. Ash and Haig
 -Role in White House

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Conversation No. 918-10 (cont'd)

- Shultz
- National economy
- Haig

Bull left at an unknown time before 9:59 am.

Conversation No. 918-11

Date: May 15, 1973
Time: Unknown between 9:38 am and 9:59 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown person.

- Presidential gifts
- Cuff links for Haile Selassie

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 9:59 am.

Conversation No. 918-12

Date: May 15, 1973
Time: Unknown between 9:38 am and 9:59 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown person.

- Presidential gifts
- Cuff links
- Gratitude

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 9:59 am.

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Conversation No. 918-13

Date: May 15, 1973
Time: Unknown between 9:38 am and 9:59 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

President's schedule
-Henry E. Petersen's arrival for meeting
-Stephen B. Bull
-Ronald L. Ziegler

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 9:59 am.

Conversation No. 918-14

Date: May 15, 1973
Time: 9:59 am - 10:45 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man and Henry E. Petersen.

Greetings

The unknown man left at an unknown time after 9:59 am.

Congressional relations
-President's previous meeting with congressional leaders
-Delay
-Traffic

Watergate

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Conversation No. 918-14 (cont'd)

- J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.
 - Compared with John W. Dean, III
 - Petersen's knowledge
 - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
- Special Prosecutor
 - President's conversation with Elliot L. Richardson
 - President's conversation with Petersen and Richard G. Kleindienst, April 15, 1973
- Justice Department investigation
 - White House cooperation
 - Dean
 - William D. Ruckelshaus
- Special Prosecutor
 - Harold R. Tyler, Jr.
 - Relationship with Myles J. Ambrose
 - Richardson's plan
 - Function
 - Decisions to prosecute
- Grand Jury investigation
- Effect on the President and Petersen
- President's appointments
 - John N. Mitchell, Maurice H. Stans, H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman
 - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
 - President's decisions
- President's conversation with Richardson
 - Petersen
- Petersen's actions
 - Possible alternatives
 - Kleindienst
 - Dean
- L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III
 - Telephone call from the President
 - Hijacking incident
 - Investigation
- Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
 - Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters and Richard M. Helms

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- Kleindienst
 - Number of interviews
- Gray
 - Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] investigation
- Jeb Stuart Magruder

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[Statute]

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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Watergate

- President's meeting with Petersen and Kleindienst, April 15, 1973
 - Resignations of Haldeman and Ehrlichman
- Material for W. Matthew Byrne
- President's telephone call to Petersen from Camp David
 - G[eorge] Gordon Liddy
- Break-in at Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist's office
 - Evidence
 - President's knowledge
 - Justice Department investigation
 - CIA
 - Lawrence ("Larry") Houston
 - Cooperation
- President's conversation with Walters
 - Haig
- Dean
 - Efforts regarding CIA and defendants
- Break-in at Ellsberg's psychiatrist's office
 - Justice Department's investigation

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Conversation No. 918-14 (cont'd)

- CIA
 - Camera
 - Photographs
 - Liddy
 - Earl J. Silbert
 - Dean's statement to Petersen, April 15, 1973
- President's conversation with Dean
 - Timing
- Justice Department's investigation
 - Dean's knowledge
 - Byrne
 - President's conversation with Petersen, April 18, 1973
 - E. Howard Hunt, Jr.
 - Petersen's subsequent conversation with Richardson
 - Hunt's White House activities
 - National security
 - Use of evidence
 - Effect on Ellsberg case
 - Byrne's action
- FBI wiretaps
 - Ellsberg
 - Morton H. Halperin, staff member of National Security Council [NSC]

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[Privacy]

[Duration: 12 s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Watergate

- National security

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- Ruckelshaus's press release, May 14, 1973
- Ehrlichman
- President's telephone call to Petersen
 - Liddy's lawyer, Peter L. Maroulis
- Break-in of Ellsberg's psychiatrist's office
 - Investigation
 - Hunt
 - Los Angeles
 - Joseph P. Busch
 - Justice Department
 - Ervin Committee
- Hunt
- Liddy
 - Testimony
- Ervin Committee
 - Hunt
 - Immunity for witnesses
- Immunity
 - Byron White's decision
 - Murphy v. Waterfront
 - Effect on possible prosecutions
 - Dean
- Petersen's possible book
- Petersen's possible conversation with Richardson
 - Petersen's conversation with the President
 - Hunt
- Petersen's previous conversation with Ronald L. Ziegler
- President's possible obstruction of justice
- President's conversation at Camp David
- Leaks
 - Hunt and Liddy
 - Effect on NSC staff members
 - Halperin
 - Henry A. Kissinger
- FBI records
 - William C. Sullivan
 - Mitchell

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- J. Edgar Hoover's possible use
- President's knowledge
- Lyndon B. Johnson
- Robert F. ("Bobby") Kennedy
- Indictments
 - Timing
- Testimony
 - Perjury
 - Personal gain
 - Corroboration
 - Documentation
 - Motives
- Cover-up
- Threat of jail
- President's conversation with Dean, March 21, 1973
 - Money
 - William O. Bittman
 - Hunt
- Cubans
 - Sentences
 - Compared with Ervin Committee investigator
 - John J. Sirica
- White House cooperation with Justice Department
 - Buzhardt
 - Ellsberg case
- Ellsberg case
 - Judge's opinion of government's case
 - FBI records
 - Halperin

- Presentation of gifts by the President
 - Cuff links

- Message to Mrs. Petersen

- Watergate
 - President's cooperation

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Conversation No. 918-14 (cont'd)

- Ervin Committee
 - Effect on defendants' trials
 - Mitchell
 - Ability to stop hearings
 - Petersen, Richardson, Special Prosecutor
 - Samuel L. Dash
 - Change of venue
- Ellsberg

Petersen left at 10:45 am.

Conversation No. 918-15

Date: May 15, 1973

Time: Unknown between 10:45 am and 11:07 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Watergate

- John W. Dean, III documents
- J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.
- Elliot L. Richardson
 - Confirmation
 - Special Prosecutor
- Special Prosecutor
 - President's role in appointing
- Richardson
 - Role in investigation
 - Vote count
 - William E. Timmons
 - Confirmation
 - Vote count
 - Timmons
 - Buzhardt's conversation with Haig, May 15, 1973

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Conversation No. 918-15 (cont'd)

- Special Prosecutor
 - Harold R. Tyler, Jr.
 - Buzhardt
 - Need for quick appointment
 - President's role in appointing
 - Richardson's statement
 - Dean
 - Leonard Garment
 - Richardson's statement, May 14, 1973
 - White House suggestions

Richardson

- Appointment
- Rejection
- Concern regarding Defense Department
- Dr. James R. Schlesinger

Watergate

- Special Prosecutor

President's forthcoming speech

- John K. Andrews, Jr.
- Henry A. Kissinger
- Vietnam
- Phraseology
 - Congressional action on Southeast Asia

John B. Connally's schedule

- Stephen B. Bull
- George P. Shultz
 - National economy
- Charles J. DiBona
 - Energy
- Haig and Roy L. Ash
- Cabinet meetings

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Conversation No. 918-15 (cont'd)

Haile Selassie's location

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 11:07 am.

Connally's schedule

- Forthcoming meeting with Haig and Ash
- Forthcoming meeting with the President

Watergate

- Kissinger
 - Joseph Kraft
 - Wiretaps
- Kraft
- Plumbers
 - National security

Haig left at an unknown time before 11:07 am.

Conversation No. 918-16

Date: May 15, 1973

Time: Unknown between 10:45 am and 11:07 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

Haile Selassie's location

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 11:07 am.

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Conversation No. 918-31

Date: May 15, 1973
Time: Unknown between 10:45 am and 11:07 am
Location: Oval Office

Unknown men met.

Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft [?]

Preparations for Haile Selassie's visit

The tape cut off an unknown time before 11:07 am.

Conversation No. 918-17

Date: May 15, 1973
Time: 11:07 am-12:13 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Haile Selassie, Minassie Haile and Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft. Members of the press and the White House photographer were present at the beginning of the meeting.

Minassie Haile as interpreter
-Significance

Selassie's command of English language

[Photography session]

[Selassie's remarks in Amharic]

US-Ethiopian relations
-Selassie's visit to White House
-Friendly reception in US

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Conversation No. 918-17 (cont'd)

- President's visit to Ethiopia
- Purpose
 - Soviet Union's influence in Indian Ocean, Red Sea, Africa

[Selassie's prepared statement in Amharic]

US-Ethiopia relations

- Regional security
 - Red Sea, Indian Ocean
 - Soviet Union influence
- Common objectives between Ethiopia, US, and Western Europe
 - Peace and security
 - Freedom of navigation
 - Red Sea
 - Access to natural resources
 - Oil
 - Protection against enemy takeover
- Shared desire for peace
 - Ethiopian armed forces
 - US aid
 - United Nations [UN] participation

Soviet Union

- Expanding influence
- Goals for Red Sea, Indian Ocean
 - Replacement of Western influence
 - Great Britain armed forces
 - Control of Red Sea commerce and resources
- Ethiopia
 - Strength as compared to Arab states
 - Cooperation with Western nations
 - US
- Arab states
 - Convergence
 - Danger
 - Red Sea
 - Israel

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- Somalia
- US support for Ethiopia
- Objectives
 - Ethiopia's weakness
- Support for Eritrean Liberation Front [ELF]
- Relations with Somalia
 - Support for territorial claims
 - Weapons
- Somalia
 - Territorial claims
 - Somali language speakers
 - Africa
 - National boundaries
 - Colonial origins
 - London, Europe
 - Linguistic boundaries
 - UN resolution
 - Refusal to recognize colonial borders
 - Ethiopia's offer to demarcate
 - UN
 - Provisional agreement
 - Refusal
 - Militarism
 - Support from Soviet Union
 - Arms
 - Naval bases, air bases, communication bases
- People's Democratic Republic of Yemen [South Yemen]
 - Strait of Bab el Mandeb [?]
 - Territorial claim
- Djibouti
 - Somali claims
 - Soviet Union support
 - Tribal ethnicity
 - Ethiopian origin

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Somalia

- Soviet Union aid
- Military resources compared to Ethiopia
 - Tanks
 - Armored personnel carriers [APCs]
 - Radar
 - Aircraft fleet
 - MiG-21s
 - IL-28s
 - Anti-aircraft batteries
 - Rocket launchers
 - Policy of Soviet Union
 - Goals

Ethiopia

- Role in maintaining peace in region
- Possible consequences
 - Possible effects on US interests

Somalia

- Incursions into Ethiopia
- Djibouti
 - Request
- Possible effects of aggression
- Support by Arab nation states, Soviet Union
 - Libya
- Uganda
- Soviet advisors
 - Number
 - Anti-aircraft
 - Coalition

Ethiopia

- Contested with Somalia
 - Past experience
 - Arms gap

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- Somalia's tactical position
- US support
 - Somali attack
 - Soviet Union assistance
 - Arab assistance
 - Contingency plans
 - Balance of power in region
- Military requirements
 - Emergency assistance
 - Parity with Somalia
- Threat of defeat
 - Consequences for Europe, US
- Cooperation
- Plans to improve armed forces
 - Timing
 - Requirements
 - Discussions
 - Military hardware
 - Somalia
 - Replacement of aircraft, tanks
 - Request for US support
- Military compared to economic threats
 - Diversion of resources
 - Security
- US aid
 - Immediate threat
 - Military hardware
 - Soviet Union goals

Documents relating to Ethiopia

- Selassie's statement
- Emergency plans
- Long-range plans for armed forces

[Selassie's remarks in Amharic]

Arab-Israeli peace negotiations

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- Selassie's previous conversation with Anwar el-Sadat
 - Messages for President
 - Recovery of territory from Israel
 - 1967 war
 - Views on Israel
 - Opening of Suez Canal
 - Provisional basis
 - Condition
 - Withdrawal of Israeli troops
 - Egypt's proposal
 - Hafez Ismail's visit to US
 - Sovereignty compared with security of Israel
 - Popular opinion
 - Sovereignty
 - Israel's occupation

Ethiopia's concerns

- Peace [?]

US foreign policy

- Africa
 - Common objectives with Ethiopia

Need for translation

US foreign policy

- Ethiopia
 - Consideration of military assistance and economic aid
 - Scowcroft's role
 - Documents regarding Ethiopia
 - William P Rogers's absence
 - [David] Kenneth Rush
 - Under Secretary of State
 - President's confidence
 - Previous experience at Defense Department
- Foreign aid
 - Difficulties with Congress

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- Appropriations
 - Contrasted with Selassie's requests
- Supplemental credit assistance
- Selassie's analysis of regional security issues
 - President's concerns
 - Congressional support
- History of non-aggression
- Resistance to Soviet Union
 - Selassie's appearance at League of Nations
- Role in peacekeeping missions
- US views
- Forthcoming Soviet Summit
- Middle East
 - Conflicts
 - US-Soviet Union interests
 - Importance of region
 - Possible role of US, Soviet Union
 - Egypt
 - Sadat
 - Contrasted with Israel
 - US support for Ethiopia
 - Review of Selassie's concerns
 - Scowcroft
 - US Congress
 - President's sentiments

[Selassie's remarks in Amharic]

US foreign policy

- Challenges
 - Peacekeeping
 - Variations
- President's accomplishments
 - Détente
 - Innovation

US-Ethiopia relations

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- Ethiopia's security, power
 - Papers [?]
 - Soviet Union policy
 - Arms escalation
 - US aid
 - Quantity and quality
 - Self-defense
 - President's consideration
 - Selassie's gratitude
 - Vital need
 - Soviet Union

[Selassie's remarks in Amharic]

Soviet Union

- Knowledge of US-Ethiopian relations
- Pressure on Ethiopia
 - Policy

[Selassie's remarks in Amharic]

Ethiopia – Soviet relations

- Communist associates' support
- Loan
 - Unpaid balance
- Nature of relationship
- Soviet Union policies
 - Ethiopia's role
 - US role
- Selassie's possible visit to Soviet Union

[Selassie's remarks in Amharic]

Ethiopia's foreign relations

- People's Republic of China [PRC]
- Egypt
 - Boundary resolution

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- Soviet Union
 - Concern
 - Military assistance
 - Somalia
- Cooperation with US

Forthcoming State Dinner

- Seating arrangements
- Forthcoming conversation between President and Selassie

[Selassie's remarks in Amharic]

Documents relating to Ethiopia

- Scowcroft
- Henry A. Kissinger's location

Scowcroft

- President's confidence
- Position as general

Selassie's schedule

- Chief of Staff
- Possible meeting with Defense Department
- Meeting with Rush

The President *et al.* left at 12:13 pm.

Conversation No. 918-18

Date: May 15, 1973

Time: Unknown between 12:13 pm and 12:19 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

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Conversation No. 918-18 (cont'd)

John B. Connally's schedule
-Meeting with President
-George P. Shultz, Charles DiBona, and Roy L. Ash

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 12:13 pm.

Delivery of paper

Bull and the unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:19 pm.

Conversation No. 918-19

Date: May 15, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:13 pm and 12:19 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule
-George P. Shultz
-Possible telephone conversation
-Congressmen

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:19 pm.

Conversation No. 918-20

Date: May 15, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:13 pm and 12:19 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

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Conversation No. 918-20 (cont'd)

President's schedule
-Forthcoming meeting
-Congressman's arrival

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:19 pm.

Conversation No. 918-21

Date: May 15, 1973
Time: 12:19 pm - 12:21 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stanford E. Parris, Robert G. Goodnough, Harry Parrish and Max L. Friedersdorf. The White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

Introductions

Centennial

-Manassas, Virginia
-Civil War

[Photography session]

Manassas

-Battlefield site
-President's visit
-Partisanship

Presentation of coins to President

-Presidential library

Presentation of gifts by President

-Cuff links
-Ladies [golf ?] club

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Conversation No. 918-21 (cont'd)

Support for President

Parris et al. left at 12:21 pm.

Conversation No. 918-22

Date: May 15, 1973

Time: Unknown between 12:21 pm and 12:24 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

Ronald L. Ziegler's schedule

-Press briefing

-Possible meeting with President

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

Conversation No. 918-23

Date: May 15, 1973

Time: Unknown between 12:21 and 12:24 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 12:24 pm.

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Conversation No. 918-24

Date: May 15, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:21 pm and 12:24 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger.

- President's previous meeting with Haile Selassie
 - Delivery of prepared remarks
 - Duration
- President's statement to Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft
 - Kissinger's schedule

Conversation No. 918-25

Date: May 15, 1973
Time: 12:24 pm - 1:00 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

- Watergate
 - Henry A. Kissinger
 - Seymour Hersch
 - James B. ("Scotty") Reston's statement
 - Story on wiretaps
 - Haig's call to Reston
 - Hersch
 - Wiretaps
 - Kissinger
 - Wiretaps on National Security Council [NSC]
 - Hersch
 - Pentagon Papers case

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Conversation No. 918-25 (cont'd)

- Wiretaps
- White House handling

John B. Connally's schedule

- George P. Shultz, Charles J. DiBona
- Haig, Shultz, and Roy L. Ash
- President

Watergate

- Special Prosecutor
 - Elliot L. Richardson
 - President's role
 - J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.'s opinion
 - Role
- Richardson's ambitions

Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] director

- Haig's forthcoming meeting with Jerry H. Jones
- William D. Ruckelshaus's statement, May 14
 - Tone
 - Handling of question and answer [Q&A] period

Administration loyalists

- Earl L. Butz
- James T. Lynn
- Peter J. Brennan
- Cabinet
- Rogers C. B. Morton
- George H. W. Bush
- Ruckelshaus and Richardson

Watergate

- Special Prosecutor
 - Richardson's statement
- Ruckelshaus's statement
 - FBI files
 - Retention

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Conversation No. 918-25 (cont'd)

-Location

- William Sullivan's statement regarding FBI files, May 14
 - J. Edgar Hoover
 - Robert Mardian
 - Story in *Washington Post*

Kissinger

- Attitude
- Telephone call from Reston
 - Hersch
- Continued role on White House staff
 - Soviet Summit
 - December bombing
- Psychological problems
- Possible replacement by Connally as Secretary of State
 - Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft and NSC
- William P. Rogers's possible resignation
- Possible Secretary of State
 - Compared with Rogers
- Accomplishments
 - Press's view
- Possible replacement
 - Timing
- Accomplishments
 - People's Republic of China [PRC], Soviet Union and Mideast
- Timing

FBI director

- Haig's recommendation

Watergate

- Daniel Ellsberg's wiretap
 - Leak
- Special Prosecutor
 - Buzhardt's forthcoming meeting with Haig

President's forthcoming speech at Norfolk, Virginia

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- Timing of draft
- Armed Forces Day
 - Audience
- Length

Message to Congress on election reform, May 16

- Carl B. Albert
- Response from House
- Gerald R. Ford
- Support from Senate
- Term of office for House members
 - Response

Watergate

- John W. Dean, III's documents
 - Judge's motives
 - Possible content
 - John D. Ehrlichman, H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman, and President
- Effect of delays
- Special Prosecutor
- Richardson
 - Role as Attorney General, compared to Secretary of Defense
- Special Prosecutor
 - President's schedule
 - Meeting with Buzhardt, Richardson
 - President's role in appointing
 - Effect
- President's previous speech
 - Richardson and Richard G. Kleindienst
 - Escalation of demands
- Special Prosecutor
 - Richardson's confirmation
- Richardson
- Special Prosecutor
 - President's role in appointing
- News story regarding the President's San Clemente property
 - Ervin Committee

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- White House reaction
- Press coverage

President's schedule

- Meeting with Congress
- Meeting with Haile Selassie
 - News story
- Possible speech
- Cabinet meeting
- Quadriad
 - Shultz

Energy

- Need for action
 - Advisory group
 - Forthcoming summer challenges
- Shultz
- Ash and Charles DiBona

White House staff organization

- Haig
- Ash
- Kenneth R. Cole, Jr.
- Cabinet
- Connally
- Spiro T. Agnew
- Ruckelshaus
 - Suitability, as compared to FBI directorship

Watergate

- FBI files
 - Hoover
 - Ziegler
 - Sullivan, Mardian, Ehrlichman
 - Ruckelshaus
 - Sullivan's statement
- President's conversation with Henry E. Petersen, May 15

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Conversation No. 918-25 (cont'd)

- Purpose
- Buzhardt
- Special Prosecutor
- National security
- E. Howard Hunt, Jr.'s photograph
 - Dean's statements
 - Justice Department's knowledge
- Dean
 - Conversations
 - Petersen, April 15
 - President, Ehrlichman and Egil ("Bud") Krogh, Jr.
 - President's conversation with Petersen, May 15
 - National security
 - Ellsberg
 - Information to William H. Byrne, Jr.
 - Central Intelligence Agency [CIA] involvement
 - Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters's statements
- Dean
 - Possible knowledge of Hunt photography
 - Reports to the President
 - Possible report to Ehrlichman
- Buzhardt
 - Ehrlichman, Haldeman
 - Possible meeting with Charles W. Colson
- Richard M. Helms
 - Walters's forthcoming conversation with Haig

President's schedule

- Forthcoming conversation with Shultz

Haig left at an unknown time before 1:00 pm.

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Conversation No. 918-26

Date: May 15, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:24 pm and 1:00 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 46-52]

Conversation No. 918-27

Date: May 15, 1973
Time: 1:00 pm
Location: Oval Office

The White House operator talked with the President.

[See Conversation No. 46-53]

Conversation No. 918-28

Date: May 15, 1973
Time: Unknown between 1:00 pm and 1:04 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

Ronald L. Ziegler's schedule
-Press briefing
-Duration

President's schedule

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Conversation No. 918-28 (cont'd)

- Executive Office Building [EOB]
- Ziegler
 - Summary of press briefing

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 1:04 pm.

Conversation No. 918-29

Date: May 15, 1973

Time: Unknown between 1:04 pm and 1:07 pm

Location: Oval Office

Unknown United States Secret Service [USSS] men met.

President's schedule

- Haile Selassie's state visit
 - Press photographs
- Rotation
 - Message
 - Break

Selassie's arrival

- Check
- Lock

The conversation was cut off at an unknown time before 1:07 pm.