Date: October 22, 1971

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

Location: Cabinet Room


[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

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

[Breaks in conversation]

The President entered at 10:52 am

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

The President’s previous meeting with Republican women
- End of Vietnam War
- Comparisons
- Long-term peace initiatives
  - United Nations [UN]
- Importance of United States’ relations with Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] and People’s Republic of China [PRC]
- Foreign policy
- Threat of nuclear war
- Challenge of peace
  - Paavo Nurmi
  - Running strategy

World situation
- Germany, Japan
- Europe
- People’s Republic of China [PRC]
- Taiwan
- Singapore
- Hong Kong
- USSR
- US, Western Europe, Eastern Europe/Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR], People’s Republic of China [PRC], China
- Latin America, Africa
- US government
  - Competitiveness
  - Economy

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

The President left at 11:09 pm

Conclusion of the meeting

[Recording is cut off while the conversation is in progress]

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

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

[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

Polls
- National issues
- Economy
- Vietnam
- Other issues
- Louis Harris, George H. Gallup
  - Comparison
  - Personal issues
    - Economy, Vietnam
    - Other issues
    - Taxes, education
Issues used by Democratic candidates
- Focus on economy
- Other issues
  - Crime and drugs
  - Veterans
  - Agriculture
  - Environment
  - Education
  - Health and aging
  - Vietnam
  - Women’s rights

National economy
- Harris poll
  - Unemployment projections for 1973

Projected 1972 domestic issues

Possible new programs for 1972

Research and development
- Vocational education

Proposals and programs before Congress
Polls
- Federal budget spending
  - Program areas
  - Education
  - Taxes
    - Types

Taxes
- Problem areas
  - Property taxes
  - Parochial school aid
  - Value-added Tax [VAT]
  - Education
  - Equal Protection
    - California Supreme Court decision
  - Federal budget
- Support for schools
  - Property taxes
- Crime, health
  - Percentage of local taxes
- Federal
  - Value-added Tax [VAT]
    - Percentage to states
    - Effect on school funding
      - Property tax
      - New York
  - Use
  - Rate
  - Effect on families
  - Income redistribution
  - Progressive compared with a flat rate
  - Key states
  - Advantages
  - Disadvantages
  - Areas eliminated
  - Effect on property taxes
-Political accountability
  -Effect on state taxes
    -Income tax
    -Sales tax
    -Effect on constituency

Aid to parochial schools
  -Possible Congressional actions
    -Tax credit
      -Constitutionality
      -Cost

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

Welfare reform
  -Popular opinion
  -Work requirements, family assistance

Revenue sharing
  -Popular opinion
  -State and local government interest

Government reorganization

Possible Congressional actions
  -Welfare reform, revenue sharing, reorganization
- The President’s opponents
  - Value added Tax [VAT]

Parochial school aid
  - Popular opinion
  - Importance
  - Political value
  - Department of Health, Education, and Welfare’s [HEW] views
  - National Education Association’s [NEA] views
  - The President’s constituency
    - Edward M. (“Ted”) Kennedy
    - Blue-collar Catholics
    - The President contrasted with possible Democrat opponents
  - Value

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

Polls
  - Catholics
  - Harris

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[Personal Returnable]
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-Harris poll
  -The President vs. Kennedy or Edmund S. Muskie
  -1968 election
    -Humphrey
    -Catholic vote

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Parochial school aid
  -Compared to tax credits
  -Bible-belt Congressmen

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Catholic voters
  -1960 election
    -John F. Kennedy
    -Roper and Gallup polls
  -Key states
    -New York
    -New Jersey
    -Ohio
    -Illinois
    -California
    -Pennsylvania
    -Texas
Polls
-Catholic voters' concerns
-Total Catholic vote
  -New Jersey
  -New York
  -Pennsylvania
  -Connecticut

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

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

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1970 state by state analysis of Catholic vote
- Income
- Republican versus Democrat
- Blue-collar
  - New York
    - James L. Buckley
    - Charles E. Goodell
    - Thomas J. Dodd, Lowell P. Weiker, Jr.
- New Jersey
- Connecticut
  - Lawyers vote
- Property taxes

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

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

National economy
- Balanced federal budget
  - Value added Tax [VAT]
  - Uncontrollable expenses

Taxes
- Value added Tax [VAT]
  - State taxes
  - Political effect
  - California

Federal judges

Taxes
- Value added Tax [VAT]
  - Business community
  - Effect on other taxes
  - Popular opinion

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

The President’s schedule

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

Taxes
  - Value added Tax [VAT]
  - Fiscal responsibility
  - Effect on local property taxes

Congressional vote

The President’s law firm
  - Bonds

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[Duration: 26s]

David Packard
  - Opinion

General conversation

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

Date: November 2, 1971
Time: 3:37 pm - 4:35 pm
Location: Cabinet Room

[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

Government reorganization
- Rural Electrification Administration [REA]
- Forest Service
- Farm Home Administration
- Department of Housing and Urban Development [HUD]
- Fragmentation of US Department of Agriculture [USDA]
- Handling jurisdictional disputes between Congressional committees
  - William R. Poage
  - Department of Natural Resources [DNR]
  - John D. Dingell, Jr.
  - Department of Health, Education, and Welfare [HEW] as example
  - Possible Congressional reorganization
    - US Department of Agriculture [USDA], Department of Labor, Department of Housing and Urban Development [HUD]
  - Department of Health, Education, and Welfare [HEW] as example
  - Forthcoming testimony before Holifield Committee
  - The President’s Congressional experience
- US Department of Agriculture [USDA] reorganization
  - Farmers’ view
  - Titles
- Community development
- Titles
- Executive pay schedules
- Ranks and titles
  - California example
  - Service department examples
- Titles
- Congressional Committees’ jurisdiction
- National Journal article
- Bureaucrats’ interaction with constituencies
  - Transportation
  - John A. Volpe
- Oil company support
  - Energy
  - Department of Natural Resources [DNR]
- Senate Public Works Committee
  - Tennessee Valley Authority [TVA]
  - Regional commissions
  - Revenue sharing
  - Joseph M. Montoya
- Community Development
  - Abraham A. Ribicoff
  - Chet Holifield
    - Hearings
- Natural resources
  - Henry M. (“Scoop”) Jackson
    - Hearings
    - Department of Natural Resources [DNR]
- John L. McClellan
  - William L. Gifford
- Holifield
- Frank J. Horton
- The President’s 1955 trip to Latin America
  - Pan-American highway
  - Bureau of Public Roads
  - Bureaucracy
General conversation

George W. Romney
  -Schedule
    -Meet the press

The President’s schedule
  -Meeting with Alexander M. Haig

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