Conversation No. 082-001

Date: November 4, 1971
Time: 5:06 pm - 6:23 pm
Location: Cabinet Room


General conversation

Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
- Record as Governor of Maryland
- White House staff concerns
- Firing by the President
- Meeting, September 23, with Congressmen
  - Rowland Evans and Robert D. Novak column, October 26
- Statement regarding possible candidacy in 1972
- Marriott Hotel
- Attendees

John B. Connally
- Loyalty
- Knowledge of economics
- Spokesman

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[National Security]
Trips to Vietnam and Japan

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[Personal Returnable]
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[Duration: 1m 31s]

Vice President Agnew
-Republican popularity
-Support of administration
-Fundraising
  -Satisfying donors
-Hurt base if replaced
  -Connally [?]
-Possible candidacy in 1972

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The President’s Supreme Court nominees
-Constituents’ reaction
-Lewis F. Powell, Jr.
  -Speeches
  -Contrasted with William O. Douglas
-William H. Rehnquist
  -Past statements
-The President’s opponents’ reaction
-Powell
-Rehnquist
  -Contrasted with Byron R. ("Whizzer") White
-Record
-Rehnquist
  -Views of counsel of Arizona State Central Committee
  -Views of Justice Department lawyers
  -Handling of Pentagon Papers case
  -Future appointments

Busing
  -Supreme Court decision
  -Popular opinion

Office of Economic Opportunity [OEO]
  -Money for child care
    -Possible veto
  -Hunt
  -Director
  -Constituents
  -Pending legislation
  -Constituents’ view in Camden County, New Jersey
    -Dwight D. Eisenhower
  -The President’s conversation with Frank C. Carlucci
  -Pending legislation
    -Possible veto

Busing
  -John N. Mitchell’s intervention
    -Texas, Tennessee, and Michigan
  -Possible constitutional amendment
    -Howard H. Baker, Jr. and Robert P. Griffin
    -The President’s schedule
      -Mitchell
      -Florida
  -Possible legislation
    -Ehrlichman and Mitchell
-Samuel J. Ervin, Jr.’s amendment
-Constiutionality
-Joseph Alioto’s election
 -Indictment
 -Stand on busing
 -Griffin’s views
-Ehrlichman’s role
 -Rehnquist
 -Options
-Possible constitutional amendment
 -Role of the President
-Possible legislation
 -Democrats’ possible votes
-Possible constitutional amendment
 -California Constitution
-Ruling of Alabama state court
 -Mitchell’s possible action
   -Federal court in Birmingham

Office of Economic Opportunity [OEO]
-Pending legislation
 -Child development
 -Possible veto
 -Legal aid

Busing
-Possible statement by the President
-Justice Department intervention
-The President’s conversation with Mitchell
-De facto versus de jure segregation
 -Pasadena, California case
-Possible Supreme Court decision
 -Northern states
 -Pontiac, Michigan decision

United States’ role in world
-Conservative House members’ views
-Foreign aid
  -Senate vote
    -United Nations’ vote on Taiwan
    -Robert J. Dole

United Nations vote on Taiwan
  -Delegates’ reaction
    -George H. W. Bush

Bush
  -Speeches

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[National Security]
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[Duration: 11m 20s]

Foreign aid program
  -Views of J. William Fulbright and Frank Church
  -The President's meetings with Kofi A. Busia and Indira Gandhi
  -Military vs. economic assistance
  -Korea
    -Reduction of forces
  -Thailand and Japan
  -United States Treaty Obligations
  -Military Assistance
  -Upper Volta
  -Liberals' view
    -Greece
    -Yugoslavia and Rumania
    -Greece
  -Greece
-NATO members' views
- Turkey
- Thailand
- Cambodia
  - Nixon Doctrine
  - Media coverage of military situation
  - United States presence
- Laos
- Thailand
- Effect of fall of Southeast Asia
  - Cambodian military effort

Vietnam
- Negotiations
- United States aid program
- Military capability

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[Privacy]
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- Casualties
  - Bob Mann[?], head of the president's secret service detail

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- Death of son, 11/3
  - Contrasted with situation in January 1969
- Views of Fulbright, Church, Clifford P. Case, Alan Cranston and Birch Bayh
- The President's Program
- Foreign Aid Program
-Possible Continuing Resolution
-Effect on Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Korea

Japan
-Situation in world
-Possible actions

Foreign Aid
-Importance

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Foreign Aid
-Anti-Ballistic Missile [ABM], Minute Men, Polaris
-Possible inclusion of military aid in Defense Department budget
-The President’s conversation with Melvin R. Laird
-Senators’ votes
-Hawks and doves
-J. William Fulbright
-Continuing resolution
-George H. Mahon, Frank T. Bow
-Rules Committee
-Cooper-Church Amendment
-Prisoners of War [POWs]
-Presidential powers

Vietnam
-Southern Democrats
-The President’s opponents
-Edmund S. Muskie and Hubert H. Humphrey
-Democrats’ program contrasted with the President’s
-South Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos
-Prisoners of War [POWs]
Vietnam
  -Negotiations
    -North Vietnamese position
      -Nguyen Van Thieu

-Possible congressional action
  -Prisoners of War [POWs]
  -Withdrawal
  -The President’s handling
  -Cambodia and Laos operations
    -Importance
    -Winston S. Churchill’s account of March 21, 1918
      -British commanding general, [Forename unknown] Jackson
      -Erich F. W. Ludendorff and Paul von Hindenburg’s offensive

Laos operation
  -Negotiations
    -Prisoners of War [POWs]
-Possible action against North Vietnam

- Eisenhower
- Congressional action
- Troop withdrawals
- Congressional action

Corn
- Strategic reserves
  - William R. Poage
  - Pending legislation
    - Carl B. Albert
    - Possible administration action
    - John C. Whitaker
    - Possible grain sale to the Soviet Union
- Possible grain sale to the Soviet Union
  - Administration negotiations with maritime unions
- Loan program
  - Dock strike
- Possible grain sale to the Soviet Union
  - Henry A. Kissinger’s forthcoming meeting with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
- Prices
- Dock strike
- Effects on states
  - Contrasted with wheat states
  - Charles A. Halleck
    - Corn-hog ratio
- Pending legislation

Dock strike
- Mobile, Alabama
  - Soybeans
  - Possible Taft-Hartley injunction
-George P. Shultz
-Soybeans
-National Labor Relations Board [NLRB] injunction
-Soybeans

Grain elevator strike
-Taft-Hartley injunctions

Dock strike
-Transportation legislation
-Mobile

Busing

The President’s forthcoming trips to the People’s Republic of China [PRC] and the Soviet Union [USSR]

United Nations [UN]
-Taiwan

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[National Security]
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[Duration: 11m 18s]

Taiwan, the President’s Forthcoming Trips to the People’s Republic of China [PRC] and the Soviet Union [USSR]
-Purpose
-United States military strength compared to the Soviet Union
-Arms control agreement
-Middle East
-Vietnam
-The President's knowledge of communism
-Chou En-Lai, Mao Tse-Tung, Leonid I. Brezhnev and Aleksei Kosygin
-Popular apprehension
-Role of state department
-Indira Gandhi
  -Meeting with the President
-The President's conversations with Charles de Gaulle and Konrad Adenauer in 1967
-Japan
-State Department reaction
-Effect on South Pacific nations
  -The President's conversation with prime minister William McMahon of Australia
-Singapore
  -Lee Kuan Yew's view
-Malaysia
  -Tun Razak's view
-Taiwan
  -United States’ treaty obligations

Presentation of gifts by the President
  -Bella S. Abzug

Congressmen’s voting records
  -White House lists
  -Foreign policy

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Unknown person’s trip to Miami
Defeat in polls

General conversation

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Possible assassination of the President
-Vice President Agnew

Corn issue

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General Conversation

Russians

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The President, et al. left at 6:23 pm

Date: November 12, 1971
Time: 5:03 pm - unknown before 11:59 pm
Location: Cabinet Room

Conversation No. 082-002

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General conversation

Work place

Briefs

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Arms control negotiations with the Soviet Union
- William P. Rogers’s press conference
  - Anti-Ballistic Missile [ABM]
    - United States’s position
    - Extent of Soviet system
    - Extent of Safeguard system
    - Soviet proposal
      - Possible United States response
    - Possible hard site defense
    - United States position
  - Possible Soviet position
    - SS 9
  - Difficulties
  - Value
  - Anti-Ballistic Missile [ABM]
    - Possible Congressional action
    - Soviet proposal
    - Value
    - Effect
  - Submarines (SLBM)
    - Soviet capacity
    - United States program
    - Vs. Anti-Ballistic Missile [ABM]
      - Popular opinion
  - United States position
    - Melvin R. Laird
    - Alaskan Seals
    - Popular opinion
  - Submarines
- Soviet capability vs. United States capability
- Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles [ICBMs]
- Submarines
  - Soviet capability vs. United States capability
    - The President's discussion with Andrei Gromyko
    - Soviet Union's intentions
  - Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles [ICBMs]
  - United States strategy
- Submarines
  - United States strategy
    - Possible congressional action
    - Administration's possible public position
- Soviet views
  - Soviet capability vs. United States capability
  - Possible congressional reaction
  - United States strategy
  - Issues being negotiated
  - Soviet capability
    - Possible Congressional reaction
    - The President's schedule
  - Anti-Ballistic Missile [ABM]
  - Timing
  - Submarine-launched Ballistic Missile [SLBM]
- The President's schedule
- Submarines
  - United States building program
- Joseph Alsop's columns

The President, Rogers, and Kissinger left at 6:22 pm
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[Duration: 2m48s]

General conversation

Gerard C. Smith

General George A. Lincoln

Publicity

Gerard C. Smith

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The Vice President, et al. left at an unknown time before 11:59 pm

Conversation No. 082-004

Date: November 15, 1971
Time: Unknown between 12:00 am and 3:36 pm
Location: Cabinet Room


National economy
- Price adjustments
- Vote

The President, Donald H. Rumsfeld, Dr. C. Jackson (“Dan”) Grayson, Jr., and George H. Boldt entered at 2:02 pm; members of the press were present at the beginning of the meeting.

National economy
- Cost of Living Council
  - President’s schedule
  - Connally
- Pay Board and Price Commission
  - Accomplishments
  - Success of the President’s program
- Prospects for 1972
  - Phases I and II
  - Television appearance
- Connally’s view
- The President’s program
  - Roles of McCracken and Burns
  - Success of Phase I
  - Congressmen’s comments
- Movement into Phase II
  - Rumsfeld
  - Inflation

Pending continuing resolution
  - Senate action
  - Effect of non-passage

The President left at 2:13 pm

Vote on option 2

Question on option 2

Recording was cut off at an unknown time before 3:36 pm