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Conversation No. 858-001

Date: February 16, 1973

Time: Unknown before 8:50 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's call to William F. ("Billy") Graham

Bull left at an unknown time before 8:50 am.

Conversation No. 858-002

Date: February 16, 1973

Time: 8:50 am - 9:08 am

Location: Oval Office

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

The President's schedule

-Trip to Florida

-Julie Nixon Eisenhower

-[Dwight] David Eisenhower, II

-Stephen B. Bull

-Julie Nixon Eisenhower

The President's call to Leslie T. ("Bob") Hope

-New York



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- Cavalcade
- Reaction to Vietnam settlement
 - Relations with soldiers
- Compared with Congressional reactions

White House social events

- Church services
 - Florida trip
- Congress members and contributors
 - State dinners
 - Evening at the White House
 - Youth
 - Julie Nixon Eisenhower
 - William E. Timmons's views
 - Edward R. G. Heath and Gold Meir dinners

Prisoners of War [POWs]

- Col. Robinson Risner's statement
- Support for President and the country
- Conscientious objectors
 - William P. Rogers's statement
 - Risner

President's schedule

- Pentagon visit
- Peter J. Brennan
 - Stephen B. Bull
- Trip to Florida

George Meany

- George P. Shultz
 - Brennan
- President to attend meeting
 - Announcement

President's speech to South Carolina Legislature



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- Harry S. Dent
- Timing
- President's reception

Unknown person entered at an unknown time after 8:50 am.

Transmitter

- Location

Unknown person left at an unknown time before 9:08 am.

Frank L. Rizzo

- Political future
- Home
- Inquiry

Aid for Vietnam

- Hubert H. Humphrey
- Congressional relations
 - Domestic programs
 - President's role
 - Henry A. Kissinger's role

Prisoners of War [POWs]

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 8:50 am.

- Statement
 - Wives
- Corsages
- Calls to President
 - Publicity
- Press relations
 - Ronald L. Ziegler

President's schedule



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- Brennan and Meany
- Florida trip
 - Brennan
- American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations [AFL-CIO] Council meeting
 - Announcement
 - Ziegler
- L. Patrick Gray, John D. Ehrlichman
- Shultz
 - Cabinet meeting
 - Meany
 - Brennan
 - Taxation
- Brennan
 - Under secretary
 - Candidate

Haldeman and Bull left at 9:08 am.

Conversation No. 858-003

Date: February 16, 1973

Time: 9:08 am - 9:36 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with John D. Ehrlichman and L. Patrick Gray.

[A transcript of the following conversation may be found in RG 460, pp. 1-26.]

[End of transcript]

Gray's health

-Operation



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-Gray's wife
-Fitness

[Previous National Security (B) withdrawal reviewed under MDR guidelines case number LPRN-T-MDR-2014-011. Segment declassified on 10/03/2017. Archivist: DR]

[National Security]

[858-003-w002]

[Duration: 4s]

Federal Bureau of Investigation duties
-Embassy protection

[Previous National Security (B) withdrawal reviewed under MDR guidelines case number LPRN-T-MDR-2014-011. Segment declassified on 10/03/2017. Archivist: DR]

[National Security]

[858-003-w003]

[Duration: 5s]

Surveillance
-Foreign governments
-Activities in US

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[National Security]

[858-003-w004]

[Duration: 3s]

Joseph Kraft

-Communication with North Vietnam

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[National Security]

[858-003-w005]

[Duration: 8s]

Joseph Kraft

-Trip to Paris

-Communication with North Vietnam

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[National Security]

[858-003-w006]

[Duration: 3s]

Joseph Kraft

-J. Edgar Hoover surveillance



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-Agent

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[National Security]

[858-003-w007]

[Duration: 3s]

Surveillance

-North Vietnam

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[National Security]

[858-003-w008]

[Duration: 1s]

Surveillance

-Israelis

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[National Security]

[858-003-w009]

[Duration: 2s]

Search

-Israeli sabotage agent

[A transcript of the following conversation may be found in RG 460, pp. 1-26.]

[End of transcript.]

Ehrlichman and Gray left at 9:36 pm.

Conversation No. 858-004

Date: February 16, 1973

Time: 9:46 am - 10:32 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Sir Christopher Soames, Peter M. Flanigan, and Helmut (“Hal”) Sonnefeldt. The White House photographers and members of the press were present at the beginning of this meeting.

Bill signing

-Congress

-Impeachment

Meeting with William P. Rogers



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Photograph session

- Seating

United States [US] relations with Europe

- William Wagner [?]
- John Talbert [?]
- Prior discussions
 - Trade policy
 - Edward R. G. Heath
- Year of Europe
- People's Republic of China [PRC], Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
 - Dialogues
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO]
 - Strategy
 - Evaluation
- European Parliament

United States [US] Isolationism

- Vietnam War
- Domestic issues
 - Taxes
 - Prices
 - Prosperity
- Old internationalists
 - Support of United States [US], foreign aid
 - Marshall Plan
- F. William Fulbright, Michael J. ("Mike") Mansfield
- United States [US] trade policy
 - Europe's economy
- Communist threat
- Domestic priorities
 - Ghettos
- Great Britain
- Heath
 - Opposition
 - Old internationalists



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-Isolationists

-France

-Indochina, African colonies, Algeria

-Isolationist attitude

-Germany

-Divided country

-Economic successes

-Italy

-Scandinavia

-United States [US]-European cooperation

-Problems

-General Andrew J. Goodpaster

-North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO] strength

-Unilateral troop reductions

-Trade

-United States [US] labor and business

-New isolationism

-United States [US] isolationism

-President's speech at the Pentagon

-Heath

-Commitments in Asia, Europe

-Long term effects

-Trade

-Living in terror

President's role in world affairs

-People's Republic of China [PRC], Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
opening

-Western military, economic strength and unity

-Cho en-Lai, Mao Tse-Tung, Leonid I. Brezhnev

-Understanding

-National interests

-United States [US] idealism

Duke of Wellington [Arthur Wellesley]

-Remarks



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European Economic Community [EEC]

- Great Britain's application
 - Heath
 - Soames's past career
 - Minister of Agriculture
 - House of Commons
- European commission
 - Soames's role
 - Significance for Great Britain
 - Europe's forum for discussion
 - Monetary and political regime
 - Authority over European trade matters
 - Treaty of Rome
 - Enlarging the European Economic Community [EEC]

United States [US] relations with Europe

- Problems
 - Monetary policies
- Trade balance
 - United States [US] economy
 - Budget
 - Farm prices
 - Inflation
- Japan
 - United States [US] trade deficit
 - Europe's role
- Trade negotiations
 - Advantages, disadvantages
 - Tariffs
 - Japan
 - Political effects
 - General Agreement on Trades and Tariffs [GATT]
 - European Free Trade Association [EFTA] countries
 - Free trade areas status
 - Effects on trade



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- Multilateral trade negotiations
 - Deficit reduction
- Article 24-6
 - Canada, Australia
- General Agreement on Trades and Tariffs [GATT]
 - Great Britain's role
 - Austria, Switzerland, Norway
 - Free trade
 - United States [US] State Department
 - Article 24-6
- Trade negotiations
 - United States [US] exports to Europe
 - European tariffs
 - Protectionist legislation
 - Smithsonian agreement
 - Soames's report to European Economic Community [EEC] ministers
 - Balanced negotiating position
 - Political problems
 - Trade deficits
 - Aircraft
 - Agricultural products
 - Japan
 - Great Britain's trade
 - Deficits
 - Currency reserves
 - Devaluation
 - Reliance on exports
 - United States [US] image
 - Market expansion
 - Political importance
 - Tariffs
 - Soames's schedule
 - Heath
 - George J. R. Pompidou
 - Willy Brandt



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- Great Britain's entry into European Economic Community [EEC]
 - Pompidou
 - Brussels
- Agricultural states' influence
 - President's talk with Heath
 - Trade bill
 - Votes
 - Senate
 - Compared with Europe
 - Agricultural lobby
 - British Parliament
 - Germany
 - Pompidou
- Byrd-Hartke bill
 - Support from labor, business
- Public opinion about international economy
 - Japan
 - Multinational corporations
 - Small businesses
 - Fear of European common market
- United States [US] support for Great Britain's entry into the European Economic Community [EEC]

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 9:46 am.

- Political significance
- Pompidou, Brandt, Giulio Andreotti
- Wall Street
 - Economic foresight
- United States [US] crisis orientation
 - Henry Fairlie's "The Kennedy Promise"

Vice President Spiro T. Agnew's location

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:32 am.



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Trade negotiations

- Wall Street people
 - Education
 - Stock Market
- Agriculture
 - Soybeans, bananas, oranges
 - Political considerations
- United States [US] relations with Europe
 - Confrontation
 - European Economic Community [EEC]
- Japan
 - Export domination
 - Domestic market
 - Access
- Third World markets
- Exclusive economic spheres
- Japan
 - Western competition
- Japan's exports to Europe
 - Compared to United States [US] experience
 - Increase
 - Market dominance
 - Germany
 - Zeiss
 - Denmark
 - Earth-moving equipment

Energy

- Competition for resources
 - Japan
- Sources of oil
 - Iran
 - North Sea
 - Saudi Arabia
 - Political situation
 - Mohammed Mossadegh



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- Iran
- Political situation
- Great Britain's oil imports

Great Britain's system of economic preference

- Two categories
 - Under developed Commonwealth nations
 - Commonwealth sugar agreement
 - Mediterranean
 - Ties to Europe
 - Talking paper
 - heath

Latin America

- United States [US] interests
 - Economic preferences
- Mediterranean
- Heath
- Africa

Ties to former colonies

- Stability in Europe
- Great Britain, France, Netherlands, Belgium
- Diminished role of United States [US] in Africa
 - Congo, Ghana

Black Africa

- Former colonies of Great Britain and France
- United States [US] interests
- State Department's plans
 - Upper Volta mission
 - Aid for Chad, Kenya
 - Political backlash

New isolationism

- Europe, United States [US]



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- Need for leadership
- Heath
- Fight for markets
- Politics

President's report to cabinet

- Protectionism
- Secretaries of Labor and Commerce
- United States [US]-Europe dialogue

Conversation No. 858-005

Date: February 16, 1973

Time: Unknown between 11:59 am and 12:07 pm

Location: Oval Office

John D. Ehrlichman met with George P. Shultz. This recording began at an unknown time while the conversation was in progress.

Farm prices

Someone's trip

Sir Christopher Soames

Cabinet meeting

- International perspectives
- Department responsibilities
- Peter J. Brennan

The President entered at an unknown time after 11:59 am.



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Meeting with Brennan

- Travel plans
- Ehrlichman

Labor Department personnel

- Shultz's previous meeting with Brennan
- Brennan's management
- Understanding
- George Meany [?]
- Under Secretary

Meany's note

- Congressional relations
 - President's authority
 - Bill
 - Labor support
 - Shultz's conversation with William L. Timmons [?]
- Tax reform
 - Meany
 - Revenue
 - Tax equity
 - Ehrlichman's role

Shultz's schedule

Aid to North Vietnam

- Domestic spending
- Congressional responsibility
- Lyndon B. Johnson
- William P. Rogers's role
- Domestic programs
- Post-war aid to Japan and Germany
 - Peace
 - Trade

The President, Shultz, and Ehrlichman left at 12:07 pm.



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