Conversation No. 923-001

Date: May 19, 1973
Time: Unknown between 10:03 am and 10:17 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Draft of speech [Address for Armed Forces Day ceremony]
- Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon [?]
- Analogy
  - Deletion
- Henry A. Kissinger
  - Editing
  - Proposal
- Article 20 [Vietnam Peace Agreement]

Weather in Norfolk, Virginia

President’s schedule
- Camp David
- Andrews Air Force Base
  - Helicopter
- Mrs. Nixon
- Charles G. (“Bebe”) Rebozo

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:17 am.

Conversation No. 923-002
Date: May 19, 1973
Time: Unknown between 10:17 am and 10:48 am
Location: Oval Office

Alexander M. Haig, Jr. met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

President’s schedule

The President entered and Butterfield left at 10:48 am.

Weather

Israel
- Four year program
  -President’s view
  -Delay
  -Concessions
  -Haig’s view
  -Cut-off

Watergate
- Special Prosecutor
  -Haig’s conversation with Elliot L. Richardson
  -Archibald Cox
  -Compared to Robert F. (“Bobby”) Kennedy and Nicholas deB.

Katzenbach
- Richard M. Helms
  -Forthcoming conversation with Haig
- Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters
- Huston Plan
  -Release of documents
    -[William] Stuart Symington
- Ervin Committee hearings
  -Television [TV]
- Democrats’ reaction
- Rhodesian chrome
- Vietnam
  - Prisoners of War [POWs]
- Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] Director
  - Joseph A. Califano, Jr.’s call to Haig
  - Lyndon B. Johnson and J. Edgar Hoover
- Military background
  - Haig’s conversation with Richardson
- Walters
  - Memoranda of conversation [Memcons]
  - Compared with affidavit
- [Richard G.] Stilwell [?]
- Walters
- Stilwell
  - Background
- Selection process
- Stilwell
  - Califano and [First name unknown] Lake [?]

Califano
  - Telephone call to Haig
  - Johnson

Watergate
  - White House response
    - Forthcoming White Paper
  - Ervin Committee hearings
  - Martha (Beall) Mitchell’s possible statement
  - White House response
    - Forthcoming White Paper
      - President’s possible meeting with Congressional leaders
  - Possible TV speech
    - Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
  - Domestic intelligence
  - Wiretaps
    - Hoover
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-Clemency
  -James R. Hoffa
  -Charles W. Colson
-Funds for defendants
  -H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
    -Informing President concerning $350,000
  -John D. Ehrlichman
    -Informing President concerning Herbert W. Kalmbach
-Presidential’s knowledge
  -E. Howard Hunt, Jr. and William O. Bittman
-Forthcoming White Paper
  -White House staff opinion
    -Haig, Ronald L. Ziegler and Bryce N. Harlow
-Preparation
  -President’s schedule
-Possible meeting with Congressional leaders
-Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
  -Involvement
    -John J. ("Jack") Caulfield
    -Bay of Pigs
    -Richard M. Helms’s conversation with President
-Helms
  -Forthcoming testimony before Foreign Relations Committee
  -Walters’s role in Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
-Martha (Beall) Mitchell
  -Effect on John N. Mitchell
-Mitchell
-John W. Dean, III
  -White House staff activities
  -Haldeman and Ehrlichman
-Colson
  -Involvement
-Ehrlichman
  -Kalmbach
-Impeachment
- Possible White House response
- Effect
- Congressional interest
  - Symington
  - Senate Armed Services Committee
  - Bella S. Abzug
  - John C. Stennis
    - Conversation with J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr., May 18
- Wiretaps
- Edward Brooke
  - Compared with Charles Percy
- Helms
  - Conversation with Haig
    - President’s opinion of Helms
    - Testimony before Senate Foreign Relations Committee
- Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
  - Loan of equipment to Hunt
- White House response
  - Possible televised speech by President
  - Forthcoming White Paper
    - Briefing
      - Haig
      - Ziegler
      - Buzhardt
- Impeachment
  - Process
  - Possible effect of vote
- Relationship to other actions during present administration

Haig left at an unknown time before 10:48 am.

Date: May 19, 1973
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Time: 10:48 am - 10:54 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

Watergate
- Martha (Beall) Mitchell  
  - Television [TV] appearance, May 18  
  - Comments regarding President
- White House response
- James W. McCord  
  - Testimony  
  - Lie detector test
- Martha (Beall) Mitchell  
  - Woods’s opinion  
  - Physical appearance
- White House response  
  - Bryce N. Harlow and Gerald R. Ford
- McCord  
  - Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]  
  - Departure  
  - Alcoholism
- John N. Mitchell  
  - Effect of Martha (Beall) Mitchell  
  - Alleged conversation with Helen A. Thomas
- White House response  
  - President’s possible resignation
- Clayborn Gray’s [?] telephone call to Woods  
  - Duke Law School [1937]  
  - Opinion of President

President’s schedule
- Camp David

Mitchell
- Martha (Beall) Mitchell
- Legal situation
  - Perjury
  - Indictment
  - Hearsay
  - Effect of televised Ervin Committee hearings
    - McCord’s testimony
      - Hearsay
        - Mitchell
        - George Gordon Liddy
    - Equipment
      - Cast

Watergate
- White House response
- Mitchell
  - Alleged statement
  - McCord’s testimony
    - Robert C. Mardian [?]
- McCord
  - H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman
- Committee to Re-Elect President [CRP]
- Role in government
  - Justice Department
  - Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
  - John J. (“Jack”) Caulfield
- White House response
  - Harlow
  - Forthcoming White Paper
    - Republican leadership meeting

Woods left at 10:54 am.
Date:  May 19, 1973
Time:  Unknown between 10:54 am and 11:02 am
Location:  Oval Office

The President met with an unknown person.

Ronald L. Ziegler’s location

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 11:02 am.

Date:  May 19, 1973
Time:  Unknown between 11:02 am and 12:47 pm
Location:  Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Ziegler’s schedule
 - Press briefing

President’s forthcoming speech
 - Peace [?]

Ziegler’s morale

Watergate
 - White House response
   - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
   - Forthcoming White Paper
   - Possible television [TV] speech
     - Wiretaps
     - Domestic intelligence
     - Egil (“Bud”) Krogh, Jr. and plumbers
- Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
- Clemency
- Cover-up by President
- Forthcoming White Paper
  - President’s possible meeting with Congressional leaders
- Possible TV speech
  - Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters’s testimony
    - Previous speech regarding H. R. (“Bob”)

Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman
- Ervin Committee hearings
  - Charles W. Colson
  - Martha (Beall) Mitchell
- Forthcoming White Paper
  - Briefing
    - Haig
    - Ziegler
- J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.
- Bryce N. Harlow
- Patrick J. Buchanan and Raymond K. Price, Jr.
  - Conversations with Ziegler
- Forthcoming White Paper
  - Preparation
- Further revelations
  - Walters’s memoranda
  - Ervin Committee hearings
- Walters
  - Memoranda of conversation [Memcons]
    - Haldeman and Ehrlichman
    - John W. Dean, III
    - Possible release
      - Buzhardt’s view
- President’s schedule
  - Newspapers
    - Robert U. (“Bob”) Woodward
      - New York Times
- White House response
-Forthcoming White Paper
-Executive privilege
  -White House staff members’ notes of conversations with President
    -Haldeman, Ehrlichman and Colson
    -Dean
  -George H. W. Bush
    -President’s freedom of discussion

-Clemency
  -Conversations with President
    -Haldeman
    -Ehrlichman
    -Colson
    -Dorothy Hunt
  -President’s authorization
    -Conversations with President
    -John J. ("Jack") Caulfield
      -John N. Mitchell
      -Dean
    -Dean
    -Allegations regarding Ehrlichman and President

-White House response
  -National security
    -Relationship to Watergate break-in
      -Mitchell’s role

-Martha (Beall) Mitchell
  -Statement concerning President

-White House response
  -Executive privilege
    -Walters’s memcons
    -White House staff members’ notes of conversations with President
    -Ziegler’s conversation with Buzhardt, May 18
      -Possible order by John J. Sirica
    -Notes of Haldeman and Ehrlichman
    -Colson
Notes
- President’s meeting with Haldeman and Ehrlichman
  - Haldeman and Ehrlichman
- Clemency
  - President’s discussions
  - Motive
  - E. Howard Hunt, Jr.
- James W. McCord, Jr.’s testimony
  - Rose Mary Woods’s opinion
  - TV coverage
  - Credibility
  - G[eorge] Gordon Liddy
- Ervin Committee hearings
  - Impact on public
- Purpose of attacks on President
  - White House response
    - President’s previous TV speeches
      - December 1972 bombing of North Vietnam
  - Congress
  - Press
- Reaction of public
  - Compared to Dita D. Beard
- White House response
  - Resignation and impeachment
  - Future allegations
  - Forthcoming White Paper
    - Possible effects
- President’s opponents
- Support for President
- White House response
  - Ziegler’s press briefing, May 18
    - President’s possible resignation
    - R. Sargent Shriver
    - Joseph A. Califano, Jr.’s speech
    - President’s election mandate
  - President’s possible resignation
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-Harris poll
-Courtney Sheldon’s question to Ziegler
-New York Times story
-Peace issue
-Harris poll

-Impeachment
-President’s meeting with Haldeman
-Congressional procedure
-Bella S. Abzug
-Buzhardt’s theory
-Effect of possible vote
-Possible outcome of vote

-White House response
-Forthcoming White Paper
-Possible effect
-President’s schedule
-Haldeman, Ehrlichman, and Dean’s roles in White House

-Dean
-Allegations regarding August 19, 1972 meeting with President
-Investigation

Lyndon B. Johnson comparison

White House staff operation

Watergate
-Unknown doctor’s letter to Haig
-Justice Department’s investigation
-Wiretaps
-Morton A. Halperin’s conversation with Daniel Ellsberg
-Forthcoming leak by White House

White House staff operation
-Doctor’s letter to Haig
-Notification of President
-Congress
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-Press and bureaucracy
-Cabinet meeting
-Strategy
   -Tone
   -Momentum
-John B. Connally
   -Cabinet meeting
-Bryce N. Harlow
-Ziegler’s forthcoming conversation with Connally
   -Connally’s schedule
     -Economic meeting
     -Quadriad

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 11:02 am.

President’s schedule
   -Haig
   -Richard M. Helms
     -Haig’s recommendation

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:48 am.

Watergate
   -Special Prosecutor
     -Archibald Cox
       -“Kennedy man”
     -Elliot L. Richardson
       -Reaction
   -White House response
     -Morale

Haig entered and Ziegler left at 11:48 am.

Watergate
   -President’s schedule
     -Helms
Haig’s recommendation
-Helms
-Conversation with Haig
-Helms’s testimony before Senate Foreign Relations Committee
-Equipment
-National Security Council [NSC] meeting
-Conversation with President concerning Central Intelligence Agency [CIA] involvement
-Helms’s possible resignation
-Daniel P. (“Pat”) Moynihan

Moynihan
-Letter to Haig

Watergate
-Haig’s activities
-Conversation with Helms
-Huston Plan
-Huston Plan
-Possible release
-Compared with Pentagon Papers

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Watergate
- Huston Plan
  - Possible release
  - Tom C. Huston’s memorandums
- Executive privilege
  - President’s previous conversation with Ziegler
  - Buzhardt
  - Haldeman and Ehrlichman
- Need for presidential confidentiality
- Buzhardt’s possible conversation with Leonard Garment
- White House staff members’ notes of conversations with President
  - Haldeman
  - Walters’s memcons
  - President’s conversations with Henry A. Kissinger

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

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Watergate
- Executive privilege
- White House staff members’ notes of conversations with President
  - Criminal activities
    - Central Intelligence Agency [CIA] cover-up
  - Colson
    - Possible statement
    - Location of files
  - Leaks during India-Pakistan conflict
  - Instructions for Buzhardt
    - Colson
    - Haldeman and Ehrlichman

Haldeman

Mitchell
  - Telephone call to Helen A. Thomas
    - Martha (Beall) Mitchell
  - White House activities

Watergate
  - Dean
    - Possible immunity
    - Documents
      - Huston Plan
  - Forthcoming roles
    - Haldeman, Ehrlichman and Colson
    - Dean
  - White House response
    - Congress, press and public
    - President’s forthcoming speech at Norfolk, Virginia
  - Forthcoming speeches
    - Connally, Spiro T. Agnew, and Cabinet members
    - Content
    - President’s schedule
    - Possible TV speech
    - San Clemente
      - Time spent away from Washington, DC
-Key Biscayne
-George P. Shultz
-Richardson
-Special Prosecutor
-Forthcoming White Paper
-Preparation
-Huston Plan
-Background
-J. Edgar Hoover
-Haldeman’s memorandum to Huston
-Termination
-Documentation
-Louis W. Tordella
-William C. Sullivan
-Hoover
-Meetings with Mitchell and Clyde A. Tolson
-Mitchell’s possible meeting with President
-Huston’s telephone calls to rescind report implementation
-Copies of memorandum
-Sullivan
-Huston’s possible conversation with Haldeman
-Implementation
-Robert C. Mardian
-Domestic intelligence
-Krogh and plumbers
-Ellsberg
-Pentagon Papers
-Hoover
-President’s order
-Activities
-Brookings Institution
-Alleged possession of Pentagon Papers
-Huston
-1968 bombing halt study
-Efforts to locate
-Pentagon
Leslie Gelb, Morton K. Halpern

-Activities
  -Burglary in Georgetown
  -Studies for President

-Pentagon Papers
  -Break-in of Ellsberg’s psychiatrist’s office
    -Contrasted with break-in of President’s doctor’s office

-Allegations concerning President
  -White House staff operation

-White House response
  -Forthcoming White Paper
    -Distribution
  -President’s possible TV speech
    -Escalation of charges
    -Timing
      -Ervin Committee witness schedule
        -Mitchell, Haldeman, Ehrlichman and Colson

-Indictments

-Walters’s memcons
  -Release
    -Timing
      -[William] Stuart Symington and Henry M. (‘Scoop’) Jackson
    -Timing
      -John C. Stennis
        -President’s forthcoming meeting with Congressional leaders
      -Haig’s conversation with Helms
      -Buzhardt’s conversation with Stennis

-Forthcoming White Paper
  -Ehrlichman

-Mitchell
  -White House staff involvement

-Cubans

-Plumbers

-Mexican money
- Recollections of Haldeman and Ehrlichman

- Walters
  - Affidavit
    - Content
    - Compared with memcons
  - Memcons
    - Problem areas for President

- White House response
  - Forthcoming White Paper

- Walters’s memcons
  - President’s order to Ehrlichman and Haldeman to meet with Helms and Walters
    - President’s motive
    - President’s call to L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III
    - Inclusion of Walters in meeting with Helms, Haldeman, and Ehrlichman
      - President’s motive
    - President’s telephone call to Gray
    - Explanation of problem areas for President
    - President’s conversation with Gray

- President’s meeting with Gray
  - Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] investigation

- Gray

- Walters
  - Memcons
  - Possible testimony
    - Dean
  - Memcons
    - Possible allegations regarding President and cover-up

- Dean’s conversation with President, May 21

- White House response

- Walters
  - Testimony before Armed Services Committee
    - Dean

- Dean
  - Activities

- Walters
Unknown men met.

Date:  May 19, 1973
Time:  Unknown between 11:48 am and 12:47 pm
Location:  Oval Office

Unknown men met.
President’s schedule
- Instructions

Greetings

The unknown men left at an unknown time before 12:47 pm.

Date: May 19, 1973
Time: Unknown between 11:48 am and 12:47 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President’s schedule
- Briefcase
- Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon
  - Location
- Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
  - Timing
    - Office
    - Departure

The President and Bull left at an unknown time before 12:47 pm.

Date: May 19, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:47 pm and 11:59 pm
Location: Oval Office
Unknown people met.

Departure
- Timing
- Wife and daughter

Instruction [?]

Location
- [Unintelligible name]

The unknown people left at an unknown time after 12:47 pm.