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[Conversation No. 508-001](#)

Date: June 2, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 8:55 am and 9:20 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President dictated a letter to an unknown person

President's press conference  
-Ronald L. Ziegler  
-John A. Scali  
-President's previous experiences with the press

[Conversation No. 508-002](#)

Date: June 2, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 8:55 am and 9:20 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President dictated a letter to an unknown shortstop

Ronald L. Ziegler  
  
Unknown shortstop's batting problems  
-President's political career



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[Conversation No. 508-020](#)

Date: June 2, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 8:55 am and 9:20 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man

*[Previous tapes archival review indicated this was a conversation. Upon review of the digital copy, archivists did not discern conversation. For the sake of clarity and continuity, this conversation designation will not change.]*

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 9:20 am

[Conversation No. 508-003](#)

Date: June 2, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 8:55 am and 9:20 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President dictated a memorandum to John D. Ehrlichman

- Ehrlichman
- Schedule
  - Preparation of analysis of Black Caucus' legislative agenda
  - Cost
  - Timing

[Conversation No. 508-004](#)

Date: June 2, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 8:55 am and 9:20 am  
Location: Oval Office



The President dictated a memorandum to Egil ("Bud") Krogh, Jr.

Drug abuse studies

- Heroin addicts who started on marijuana
- Federal agencies as sources of information
- Dr. Bertram S. Brown, director, National Institute of Mental Health

[Conversation No. 508-005](#)

Date: June 2, 1971

Time: Unknown between 8:55 am and 9:20 am

Location: Oval Office

The President dictated a memorandum to John D. Ehrlichman

Drug abuse studies

- Department of Health, Education, and Welfare [HEW]
- Secretary of Health from Arizona
  - Physicians
    - Over-prescription of drugs
  - Study
- Instructions for Krogh
  - HEW

[Conversation No. 508-006](#)

Date: June 2, 1971

Time: Unknown between 8:55 am and 9:20 am

Location: Oval Office

The President dictated a memorandum to John D. Ehrlichman and Egil ("Bud") Krogh, Jr.



Drug use

- Recommendations for increasing criminal penalties
- Pushers who are addicts

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*[Previous PRMPA Personal Returnable (G) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift 05/15/2019. Segment cleared for release.]*

[Personal Returnable]

[508-006-w001]

[Duration: 4s]

[*Sneeze*]

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Drug use

- Courts possible reaction
- Use of death penalty
- Applicability of federal statutes

[Conversation No. 508-007](#)

Date: June 2, 1971

Time: Unknown between 8:55 am and 9:20 am

Location: Oval Office

The President dictated a memorandum to John D. Ehrlichman

Urban unemployment

- Pierre Rinfret's predictions
- Possible political problems
- Ehrlichman's forthcoming meeting with George P. Shultz
- Ehrlichman's recommendations



[Conversation No. 508-008](#)

Date: June 2, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 8:55 am and 9:20 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President dictated a memorandum to General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Memorial to Confederate dead in the US Civil War  
-Memorial to General Robert E. Lee and General Ulysses S. Grant at West Point  
-Implications for the South

[Conversation No. 508-009](#)

Date: June 2, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 8:55 am and 9:20 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President dictated a note to Melvin R. Laird

Attachment to formal letter  
-Commendation for unknown person

The President dictated a letter to Laird

US military  
-Ceremonial duties  
-President's view

[This conversation continues as Conversation No. 508-11]



[Conversation No. 508-010](#)

Date: June 2, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 8:55 am and 9:20 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

Request for recording tapes

President's schedule  
-Alexander P. Butterfield

Bull left at an unknown time before 9:20 am

[Conversation No. 508-011](#)

Date: June 2, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 8:55 am and 9:20 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President dictated a letter to Melvin R. Laird  
[This is a continuation of Conversation No. 508-9]

US military  
-Ceremonial duties  
-President's view  
-Military District of Washington  
-President's visits to foreign nations

[Conversation No. 508-012](#)

Date: June 2, 1971  
Time: 9:20 am - 9:40 am  
Location: Oval Office



The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield and Rose Mary Woods

President's dictation equipment

- Malfunction
- Peter G. Peterson
- Malfunction
- Manolo Sanchez

Woods left at an unknown time before 9:40 am

The President's schedule

- 80th Congressional Club reception June 3
  - Mr. and Mrs. Carl B. Albert
- Meeting with Anastasio Somoza Debayle
  - Tone
  - Henry A. Kissinger
  - Major General James D. ("Don") Hughes
  - Maurice H. Stans
  - Meeting protocol
    - Mrs. Somoza
    - Marion A. Smoak
    - William R. Codus
- 80th Congressional Club reception June 3
  - Physical arrangements
    - Number of attendees
  - Gifts for attendees
    - Ash trays, cocktail glasses, cuff links

The President's dictation equipment

- Woods

Forthcoming Congressional Club reception

- Gifts

The President's schedule

- Congressional briefing, June 8, 1971
  - International economic policy
  - Peterson
  - Timing



- Location
- Somoza
- Kissinger
- H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman

Butterfield left at 9:40 am

[Conversation No. 508-013](#)

Date: June 2, 1971  
Time: 9:45 am - 12:04 pm  
Location: Oval Office

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

Explorer Scouts

Anastasio Somoza Debayle's visit

- Department of State
- Briefing book
- Maurice H. Stans, Henry A. Kissinger
- Arrangements

State Department's bureaucracy

Medal of Freedom

United States civil service

- Sick leave, annual leave
- Haldeman and the President's experiences

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Segment cleared for release.*]



[Personal Returnable]  
[508-013-w013]  
[Duration: 1m 10s]

- Tricia Nixon Cox's wedding
  - Weather
  - East Room
  - Magazine cover for *Look*
    - The President's appreciation for cover
    - Ladies Home Journal* photo vs *Look* photo
    - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman's opinion
  - Photo with dogs

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Rose Mary Woods entered at an unknown time after 9:45 am

- The President's dictation
  - Peter G. Peterson
  - Malfunctioning equipment

Woods left at an unknown time before 10:13 am

- White House correspondence unit
  - Noble Melencamp
  - Dianne Humes, Raymond K. Price, Jr.

- President's schedule
  - Robert H. Finch
  - Trip

- White House correspondence
  - Price
  - Melencamp
  - William J. Hopkins role
  - Commitment of resources and volume of correspondence

Kissinger entered at 10:13 am



Vietnam War

- Military operations
  - Snoul
- Army of the Republic of Vietnam [ARVN] withdrawal
- North Vietnamese attack
- Casualties
- Press
  - General Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.
  - Melvin R. Laird
  - Associated Press reporter
  - John A. Scali
  - White House response

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*[Previous National Security (B) withdrawal reviewed under MDR guidelines case number LPRN-T-MDR-2012-002. Segment declassified on 03/19/2015. Archivist: DR]*

[National Security]

[508-013-w002]

[Duration: 21s]

Message from unknown Pakistani

- Yet to be received
- Comes via courier
- Code

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US-North Vietnamese negotiations

- Kissinger's cable to Ellsworth F. Bunker
- Timing
- Status
- South Vietnamese elections

Kissinger's foreign trips

- Visit with British



-Korea

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[National Security]

[508-013-w014]

[Duration: 2m 3s]

Henry A. Kissinger's foreign trips

-Islamabad, Pakistan

-Trip to mountains as cover

-People's Republic of China [PRC]

-Airplanes

-US ambassador to Pakistan

-Agha Muhammad Yahya Khan

-Summer house in the mountains

-Military airfield

-Malaya

-Duration of flight

-Pakistani ambassador to US

-Discretion

-The President's efforts to keep India from attacking Pakistan

-Stopped Department of State [DoS] from cutting aid

-US Ambassador to Pakistan

-Previous career in Panama

-Hatred of Department of State [DoS]

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US ambassadors

-Support for the President

-John S. Farland

-[David] Kenneth Rush

-Berlin deadlock

-Bunker



- Dr. David K. E. Bruce
- Farland

Vietnam

- Press coverage of President
  - Rowland Evans and Robert D. Novak
- Zbigniew Brzezinski's suggestion
- Timing of negotiation
  - Democratic National Convention
  - Lyndon B. Johnson
- North Vietnam bombing halt
  - Prisoners of War [POWs]
- Democrats

President's foreign policy

- Successful Vietnam War negotiations
- Summit meetings
- South Vietnam
  - End to American involvement
    - Effect
    - State Department Activities
    - Press
    - Academia
    - Council on Foreign Relations
      - John J. McCloy
      - North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO]
- US relations with the People's Republic of China [PRC]
- US-Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] relations
- US-North Vietnamese negotiations
  - General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.'s opinion

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[National Security]

[508-013-w015]

[Duration: 58s]



President's foreign policy

- US relations with People's Republic of China [PRC]
- US-Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] relations
  - India-Pakistan War
  - Tashkent negotiations
- US-People's Republic of China [PRC] relations
  - Aspirations of People's Republic of China [PRC]
  - President's assessment

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President's foreign policy

- Negotiations with North Vietnam
- Bombing

Vietnam

- Morale in North Vietnam
  - Supplies
  - Lam Son operation
    - Medical Problems
    - World War I
- US relations with USSR and PRC
- Joseph C. Kraft
  - Commentary on President's press conference
- Public opinion
- Hanoi propaganda efforts
  - President
- Johnson
  - Peace Initiatives
- President's peace initiative
  - Quaker background
  - Patrick J. Buchanan
  - President's World War II duty
    - President's family's reaction

President's foreign policy

- Saturday Review of Literature*



- Editorial praising President's foreign policy
- Norman Cousins
- Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT] announcement
  - Public opinion
- US relations with USSR, PRC
- Necessity of foreign policy successes
  - Trip to PRC
    - Timing
  - Vietnam
- Us-USSR relations
  - SALT
- President's possible trip to PRC
- Kissinger's forthcoming meeting with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin

Kissinger's health and age

The President left at an unknown time after 10:13 am

- US foreign policy
  - President's role
  - SALT

US relations with PRC

Kissinger left at 10:32 am

The President entered at an unknown time after 10:32 am

Kissinger's foreign trips

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 10:32 am

- Briefing book
  - Oval Office

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:55 am

- President's schedule
  - Possible PRC trip



Bull entered at an unknown time after 10:32 am

Briefing book

- The Residence
- Manolo Sanchez

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:55 am

President's previous press conference

- President's schedule
  - Commentator's conclusions
  - South Vietnam's forthcoming election
  - General Nguyen Van Thieu

President's schedule

- Dinner for Somoza
- Willy Brandt's forthcoming US visit

President's previous press conference

- Buchanan
- Herbert G. Klein, Ronald L. Ziegler, Scali, and Buchanan
- Handling of press
  - New York Times, Washington Post*
- May Day demonstrators
- Basic foreign policy issues
  - Drugs
  - Demonstrations
  - SALT
  - PRC
  - Middle East
  - International Labor Organization [ILO]
    - Kissinger
    - President's conversations with George Meany
    - William P. Rogers
- Novak's comment
- Politics
  - Edmund S. Muskie
  - Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy
  - Paul N. ("Pete") McCloskey, Jr.



- May Day demonstrators
  - John D. Ehrlichman's view
  - Walter E. Washington
  - Ehrlichman's reaction
  - Scali

#### May Day demonstrations

- Press
- Illegal arrest issue
- Processing of people arrested
- President's previous press conference
  - George P. Shultz's opinion

#### President's public image

#### President's previous press conference

- Types of questions
- Ziegler
- Clark R. Mollenhoff
- Questions on domestic affairs
  - Busing
  - Housing
  - Race relations
- Buchanan's preparation
- Foreign policy versus domestic policy
- William H. Carruthers
  - Mark I. Goode
- Rostrum
  - Presidential Seal
  - Camera angles

#### Possible telephone poll

- Timing
- Questions
  - China
  - Approval
  - Vice President approval
  - Trial heats
  - Press conference



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- SALT
- May Day demonstrations
  - President's support of police
  - Wording
- Legalization of marijuana

President's previous press conference

- Domestic issues
  - Revenue sharing
  - Government reorganization
  - Welfare reform
- Drugs
- May Day demonstrators
  - Reporter's questions
    - White House response
      - Buchanan
        - Letter writing
  - Jerald F. ("Jerry") terHorst

President's forthcoming press conference

- Domestic issues
- Trip to Arkansas
- Timing
- Announcement
- Physical arrangements
- Press coverage
  - Ziegler
- Story on housing
  - Views of Shultz and John N. Mitchell

Press coverage of administration

- SALT
- President's foreign policy
  - PRC
  - Kissinger
- May Day demonstrators

Vietnam

- Vietnam veterans' organizations



- Unknown man
- John F. Kerry
- Comments on Vietnam war crimes

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at an unknown time after 10:32 am

Haig's schedule

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 10:55 am

Vietnam

- Vietnam veterans
- Veterans of Foreign Wars [VFW]
- Unknown man's comments

Butterfield entered at an unknown time after 10:32 am

Haig's schedule

- Son

Kissinger's schedule

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 10:55 am

Vietnam

- Unknown man's comments
- Comments regarding May Day demonstrations
  - Charles W. Colson's role
  - Television network coverage
    - National Broadcasting Company [NBC]
    - American Broadcasting Company [ABC]
    - Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
- Herbert R. ("Chief") Rainwater's request for television time
- Unnamed veteran's forthcoming actions
  - Kerry
  - Melville Stephens

Kissinger entered at 10:55 am



General John W. Donaldson

- Allegation of Vietnam war crimes
  - Laird
  - Stanley R. Resor
  - Timing and location of actions
  - General William C. Westmoreland
    - Meeting with Kissinger
  - Time* magazine story
- Possible squelching of criminal charges
  - Department of the Army
  - Westmoreland
  - Resor
  - Role of Secretary of Defense

President's previous press conference

- May Day demonstrators
  - Ehrlichman
  - President's conversation with Julie Nixon Eisenhower
- Law and order
- National economy
- Law and order
  - Possible speech by President
  - William L. Safire

Colgate University

- Visit by Rogers
- College football
  - Andy Kirk
  - Game against Duke University
  - Walt Slade
- University president
- Actions of valedictorian
- Kissinger's actions at Johns Hopkins University
- Rogers' reaction
- Rogers' comments regarding commencement
  - West Point

West Point

- Commencement exercises



-Television coverage

Rogers

-Comments regarding young people

US relations with PRC

-President's previous press conference

-United Nations [UN]

-Chiang Kai-shek

-Possible announcement

-Rogers' role

-Forthcoming meeting with General Nguyen Van Thieu

President's previous press conference

-Impression on American people

-Questions on foreign policy

-President's Vietnam policies

President's Vietnam policies

-Kraft's comments

-President's forthcoming news conference

-Planted questions on Vietnam

President's previous press conference

-Question on morality of Vietnam bombing

-President's background

-Garnett D. ("Jack") Horner

-Horner's question

-Repatriation of POWs

-Korean War

-Vietnam War

-Question of morality of bombing

-President's visits to Germany

-Essen, Berlin, and Dresden

-Morality of war

-Adolf Hitler's goals

-US bombing Vietnam

-Vietnamese Communists

-Treatment of Catholics after 1954



- Bishop of Da Nang
- Howard K. Smith

#### US war efforts

- Strategic concepts

#### US bombing of North Vietnam

- US relations with USSR and PRC
- Future strategy
  - Possible reaction by American people

#### Morality of war

- US Civil War
  - General William T. Sherman
    - March to the sea
  - Abraham Lincoln
  - Cost of disunion
- US bombing targets
  - Laos
- North Vietnamese
  - Atrocities in 1954
  - Communist atrocities in South Vietnam
- Japanese killed at Hiroshima and Nagasaki
  - Harry S Truman
  - Dwight D. Eisenhower
  - Possible 1945 invasion of Japan
    - American casualties
- Hitler
- North Vietnamese
- May Day demonstrators
- Previous press conference
  - President's response

#### Vietnam

- Military action in Laos and Cambodia
  - Kissinger's conversation with Scali
  - Television networks' reporting
  - Casualty figures

#### President's accomplishments



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- Firings
- Permissiveness
- Welfare "loafers"
- Foreign policy
  - Bombing of Vietnam
  - SALT
  - Vietnam negotiations
  - President's record

Mood of nation

- Liberals

President's domestic program

- Ehrlichman
- President's philosophy
- Environment
- Food stamps
- Consumerism
- Revenue sharing
  - John V. Lindsay
  - Cuts in property taxes

Liberals

- Views regarding President
- Desire for power
- Ehrlichman

Poll

- National issues
- Haldeman's conversation with Thomas W. Benham
  - Environment
    - Concerns
    - Air and water
  - Consumerism
    - Effect of news media
  - Welfare
- Distribution
  - Domestic Council
    - Environment
  - Haldeman's possible consultation with Ehrlichman



-President's role

Ziegler entered at 11:24 am

PRC

- Study on UN membership
- Completion date
- Timing of decision
  - Announcement

May Day arrests

- Ziegler's possible response
- Release of individuals

President's previous press conference

- Ziegler, Scali, Klein
- Washington press corps
- Questions
  - Foreign policy
  - International monetary policy
  - Revenue sharing
  - Manpower
  - Public service jobs

May Day demonstrators

- Ziegler's possible comments
- Previous press conference
  - President's answer
  - Legality of arrests
- Ziegler's possible comments
  - Release of demonstrators
  - Views of White House press corps
  - President's view
    - Kennedy
  - President's approval of police actions
  - Orderly government
  - Constitutionality
    - Liberals
- Press response



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- Ziegler's possible comments
- Public support for President

President's previous press conference

- President's foreign policy
- SALT
- PRC
- Telephone polls on Vietnam

Ziegler's possible comments

- Mutual and Balanced Force Reduction [MBFR]
  - Negotiations
    - NATO
    - USSR
    - Warsaw Pact countries
    - Timing
    - Rogers
- US relations with PRC
  - Timing and form
- President's travel plans
  - Midway Island
  - Possible meeting
- Vietnam
- Southeast Asia

May Day demonstrators

- Media's views
- Actions
  - President's views
- Unknown man's conversation with Ehrlichman
  - Civil Rights marches
  - Selma, Alabama

Washington press corps

- Smith
  - Son's experience in Vietnam
- Members of Congress
  - William B. Saxbe
  - Son's experience in Vietnam



- Sons' lack of experience in Vietnam
- [Dwight] David Eisenhower, II
  - Military service
- Fears
- President's previous press conference
  - Wire Service reporters
    - J. William Theis
    - Jack Dwyer [?]
  - [First name unknown] Gannett
    - Draftees to Vietnam
    - Behavior at Kissinger's press briefing
  - Sarah McClendon
  - Marianne H. Means
  - Ford Rowan
    - WTOP
  - Question on Vietnam
- terHorst
- Theis
- Peter Lisagor
- Herbert E. Kaplow
  - Philosophy
- Dan Rather
  - Motivation
  - POW families
  - Johnson's bombing
- President's responses
- Morality of war
  - North Vietnamese
  - World War II

#### Bombing of Germany in World War II

- Morality of war
  - President's Quaker background
- US Soldiers
  - Actions
  - Compared to American Indian Wars
- Morality
  - Hitler



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Morality of war

- Bombing of Vietnam
- Aftermath of North Vietnamese Takeover
- Reports of Communist Atrocities
  - Deportation of Czechs
- World War II
  - Rowan's possible opinion
- Fascism versus Communism

President's previous press conference

- May Day demonstrators
- Domestic questions
  - Aluminum
  - Steel
  - ILO
    - Ziegler's previous briefing
    - Reporter's question
  - President's response
  - Meany
- Arrangements

Ziegler left at 11:48 am

Possible summit meeting with USSR

- MBFR
- Announcements
  - Rogers, Laird
- SALT

Hedley W. Donovan's call to Kissinger, June 1

- Possible briefing by Kissinger
  - Time's* advertisers
  - James R. Shepley
- Possible briefing by Kissinger
  - Peter M. Flanigan's possible actions
  - Shultz's experience
  - Purpose
- Possible briefing by Kissinger
  - Michael Coles



- Cousins
- Purpose

Kissinger's possible meeting with *New York Times* editorial board

- Time* magazine
- John W. Gardner
- Kissinger's schedule
- Somoza dinner

Ziegler entered at 11:52 am

Ziegler's forthcoming press briefing

- President's press conferences
- Politics
- Candidate's press conferences
- Politics

Ziegler left at 11:55 am

President's schedule

- Somoza dinner
- Haig
- Stans

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[National Security]

[508-013-w012]

[Duration: 14s]

President's schedule

- Anastasio Somoza Debayle dinner
- Money to [first name unknown] Torrientos
- Cuba
- Use of alternate channels



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President's schedule

- Anastasio Somoza Debayle dinner
- Major General James D. ("Don") Hughes
- Salvador Allende Gossens

Kissinger left at 11:56 am

Haldeman's conversation with Benham

- Polling information
- Vietnam War and American people
  - President's standing as military strategist
- Goals of administration
  - Domestic Council
  - Vietnam War
  - Haldeman's forthcoming conversation with Ehrlichman
- President's personal characteristics
- Theme of administration
  - Law and order
- Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
- Vietnam War
- National economy
- Possible impact of foreign policy achievements
  - Kissinger
  - SALT
  - PRC
- President's previous press conference

Haldeman left at 12:04 pm

[Conversation No. 508-014](#)

Date: June 2, 1971

Time: Unknown between 12:04 pm and 12:12 pm



Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

President's schedule

- Certificate
- Thelma C. (Ryan) ("Pat") Nixon

Mrs. Nixon entered at 12:07 pm

- Medal of Freedom presentation
  - William J. Hopkins
  - Family
- Sequence of events
- Citation
  - Commander Craig S. Campbell

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:08 pm

Oval Office

- Furnishings

Bull, Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins, Gail Hopkins, and Mr. and Mrs. John N. Castell entered at 12:08 pm

Introductions

W. J. Hopkins' home town in Kansas

- President's home town
- High school

Bull, G. Hopkins, and Mr. and Mrs. Castell left at 12:10 pm

Hopkins' role with administration

Bull entered at an unknown time after 12:10 pm

Arrangements for ceremony



[An unknown man introduced the participants]

[Applause]

The President, Mrs. Nixon, and Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins left at 12:12 pm

[Conversation No. 508-015](#)

Date: June 2, 1971

Time: Unknown between 12:19 pm and 12:24 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

President's schedule

-Robert H. Finch

-H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:24 pm

[Conversation No. 508-016](#)

Date: June 2, 1971

Time: Unknown between 12:19 pm and 12:24 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

Robert H. Finch's schedule

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:24 pm



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[Conversation No. 508-017](#)

Date: June 2, 1971  
Time: 12:24 pm - 12:26 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield

President's schedule  
-Robert H. Finch

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 12:26 pm

[Conversation No. 508-018](#)

Date: June 2, 1971  
Time: 12:26 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

President's schedule  
-Robert H. Finch  
-H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman

Bull left at 12:26 pm

[Conversation No. 508-019](#)

Date: June 2, 1971  
Time: 12:26 pm - 2:25 pm



Location: Oval Office

The President met with H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman

President’s schedule

- Robert H. Finch
- William J. Hopkins
- Medal of Freedom presentation

Finch entered at 12:27 pm

-Hopkins

Finch’s memo

- Finch’s forthcoming meetings
- Tom Reed [sp?]
- Harley [sp?] [Surname unknown]
- [Forename unknown] Monaghan [sp?]
- John N. Mitchell
- Leonard K. Firestone

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Robert H. Finch’s memorandum

- Leonard K. Firestone's suggestion
- Possible political roles
  - John N. Mitchell
  - Ronald W. Reagan
    - Honorary Chairman in California
    - National visibility
  - Nelson A. Rockefeller
    - Honorary Chairman in New York



- Robert H. Finch's opinion
- Organizing committees
- List
- Reaction against Leonard K. Firestone
  - Asa V. Call
  - Earl C. Adams
  - Jack Drown
  - The President's opinion
  - Acceptance by Ronald W. Reagan's people
  - Image
  - John Simon Fluor
  - Nixon Foundation
    - Lyndon B. Johnson
    - Funds
    - Jack Drown
    - Robert O. Reynolds
    - Fred Dutton and [first name unknown] Kovlens [sp?]
      - Loyalty
      - Obligation to Ronald W. Reagan
    - Russ Greene [sp?]
    - Harry Sherman

#### Political situation in California

- Pete Wilson
  - San Diego
- Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger running for San Francisco Mayor
  - Robert H. Finch's conversation with George P. Shultz
  - Thomas Reed's polls
  - Possibility of winning
  - Robert H. Finch's opinion
  - Joseph Alioto
  - Importance to 1972 campaign
    - Advocate for the President
  - Counties in Northern California
    - Contra Costa
    - Santa Clara
    - Marin
    - Alameda
    - San Mateo



- Alternatives
  - Robert H. Stewart, III
  - William M. Draper Sr.'s son William M. Draper, Jr.
    - Robert H. Finch's assessment
  - Paul N. ("Pete") McCloskey, Jr.
- Ambitions
  - Joseph Alioto
  - Criminal case
  - Thomas Reed's poll
  - Joseph Alioto
    - The President's opinion
    - Catholic voters
    - Catholic Church hierarchy
    - Blue-collar voters

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- President's schedule
  - President's letter to John Cardinal McIntyre

- California poll results
  - Vietnam War
  - US economy
  - Forthcoming administration grants
    - Department of Transportation [DOT]

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- California poll results
  - Robert H. Finch's assessment of candidates standing
    - Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy



- Edmund S. Muskie
- Trial heats
- Hubert H. Humphrey

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California poll results

- President's program for California
  - President's conversation with George P. Shultz
  - Agricultural extension program
  - Meeting between Charles W. Colson and Jeb Stuart Magruder
  - Congressmen

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Political situation in California

- Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger's possible campaign
  - Value to the President
- Field poll results
- Opinion Research Corporation [ORC] poll results
  - The President
    - vs. Hubert H. Humphrey
    - vs. George S. McGovern
    - vs Edmund S. Muskie
  - Paul N. ("Pete") McCloskey, Jr.
  - Alan Cranston
    - vs. Ronald W. Reagan
    - vs. Robert H. Finch
- Ronald W. Reagan's possible campaign for Senate
  - Robert H. Finch chances in primary
  - Age



- George A. Murphy
- Robert H. Finch's possible campaign for governor
  - vs. Houston I. Flournoy
  - vs. Edwin Reinecke
  - vs. Evelle J. Younger
- Edwin Reinecke
- Edmund S. Muskie
- Democratic poll results
  - Hubert H. Humphrey
  - George S. McGovern
  - Edmund S. Muskie
  - Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy
  - The President's opinion of results
- Effect of national economic situation
- Ronald W. Reagan's ratings in polls
  - Stance nationally
- Poll results on President's performance
  - Foreign policy
- Unemployment
  - California
  - Blame
    - Ronald W. Reagan administration
    - Aerospace cutbacks
    - President's administration
- Forthcoming meeting
  - President, Robert H. Finch, John N. Mitchell, H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- Robert H. Finch's June 3, 1971 trip to California
  - Return week of June 7, 1971
- Proposed June 11, 1971 meeting
  - Leonard K. Firestone, John N. Mitchell, and Herbert W. Kalmbach
- Leonard K. Firestone's role
  - Chairman of organization committee
- California
  - Employment

1972 election

- Primaries
  - Robert H. Finch proposed weekly meetings
  - Bryce N. Harlow



- H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- Jeb Stuart Magruder
- Robert H. Finch
- Charles W. Colson
- John N. Mitchell
  - Relations with Charles W. Colson
- Charles W. Colson
  - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman's opinion
- Future political strategy meeting
  - John N. Mitchell, Charles W. Colson
    - The President's opinion
    - Robert H. Finch's opinion
  - Bryce N. Harlow's role
    - Robert H. Finch's assessment
      - Business community
- Robert A. Taft, Jr.
- Alaska primary
  - Walter J. Hickel
  - Prospects
- President's campaign travel
  - Primary elections
  - The President's campaign preferences
- Dwight D. Eisenhower's campaign work
  - Thomas H. Werdel's primary run against Earl Warren
- Election strategy for Republican primaries
  - Conservatives
  - Liberals
  - Need to be center or right
  - Focus on November and not primaries
  - Robert C. Hill's suggestion
    - New Hampshire
    - Wisconsin
    - Nebraska
    - Oregon
  - President's schedule
- Political strategy team
  - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
  - Bryce N. Harlow
  - Robert H. Finch



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- Harry S. Dent
  - Florida
- John N. Mitchell's team
  - Richard G. Kleindienst, Robert C. Mardian, and Jeb Stuart Magruder

John N. Mitchell's possible successor as Attorney General

- John D. Ehrlichman's comment to Godfrey Sperling, Jr.
  - Lack of desire to be Attorney General
- Robert H. Finch's comments to press
  - Richard G. Kleindienst
- John N. Mitchell's views
  - L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III

President's press conference June 1, 1971

Forthcoming press conference by President

- Equal time provisions
- Press
  - The President's opinion

President's campaign plans for 1972

- John N. Mitchell
- President's schedule
  - Ohio
  - New York
  - California
  - Florida
  - White House functions
    - Strategy sessions
    - Black-tie dinner

Forthcoming primary in Ohio

- Robert A. Taft, Jr.
- Ray C. Bliss's plan
  - William B. Saxbe
- John N. Mitchell

1972 primary strategy

- Stand-ins



- Florida
- California
- Nebraska
- Oregon
- New Hampshire
- Wisconsin
- President's opinion
- 1960 campaign
  - President's strategy in 1960
  - John F. Kennedy
- Preparation for general election
  - Indiana
    - Robert A. Taft, Jr.
      - Sentiments of constituents
  - Pennsylvania
    - Write-in
- 1960 campaign
- Local committees

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Ronald L. Ziegler entered at an unknown time after 12:27 pm

- President's press conferences
  - Press's reaction
    - Political questions
      - Equal time
      - President's use
      - Opposition's response
        - George S. McGovern
    - Ziegler's response
      - Foreign, domestic policy issues
  - Public perception
  - President's June 1 press conference
    - Television coverage

Ziegler left at an unknown time before 1:10 pm



- National issues
  - Possible administration actions
  - Vietnam
  - Economy
  - Drugs
  - Law and order
    - Ronald W. Reagan

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- National issues
  - Law and order
    - Ronald W. Reagan
      - The President's opinion of governing ability

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- 1972 campaign strategy group
  - Robert J. Dole
    - The President's opinion
    - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman's assessment
  - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman meeting with John N. Mitchell
    - Charles W. Colson



- The President's direction to Robert H. Finch
- Weekly meeting with John N. Mitchell
- The President's meeting
  - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman, John N. Mitchell, Robert H. Finch, Bryce N. Harlow
  - Trustworthy
- Robert J. Dole
  - Trustworthy but bad judgment
- Harry S. Dent
  - The President's approval
  - Activities in the South
- Field men
  - Pennsylvania
  - New York
- John D. Ehrlichman
  - Robert H. Finch's recommendation
  - The President's opinion
  - Staff
  - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman's opinion

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President's schedule

- Meeting with Explorer Scouts
- White House tour

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1972 campaign strategy group

- Meeting with John N. Mitchell
  - Richard G. Kleindienst
- Charles W. Colson



- The President's opinion
- H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman's opinion

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Colson's activities

- Meeting with veterans group
- John F. Kerry
- Television networks
- Equal time

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[Duration: 53s]

Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger

- Possible campaign for Mayor of San Francisco
- The President's role
- Robert H. Finch's conversation with George P. Shultz
- Mayor to state-wide office

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Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger

- Possible appointment to Supreme Court
- Possible Attorney General
- Role in Office of Management and Budget [OMB]
  - John D. Ehrlichman
  - [Forename unknown] Gifford

Peter M. Flanigan

- Possible role with administration



- Budget director
- Cabinet officers
- Weinberger
- Possible Supreme Court appointment
- Issues

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[Duration: 20s]

- 1972 election strategy
  - Primaries
    - Meeting with Robert H. Finch, H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman, and John N. Mitchell
    - Forthcoming talk between H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman and John N. Mitchell

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- President’s Tulsa, Oklahoma trip
  - President’s schedule
  - Thelma C. (Ryan) (“Pat”) Nixon’s schedule
    - Page Belcher
  - Congressmen
  - White House staff
  - Arrangements

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Charles B. ("Bud") Wilkinson

- Senate candidate
- Desire to run
- Best option
- The President's opinion

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Charles C. Edwards

- Performance
- Staffing
- Issues

President's drug program

- Egil ("Bud") Krogh, Jr.
- Polls
- Donald H. Rumsfeld
- Drugs in Vietnam
- Defense Department
- Finch's appearance on Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS] "Morning News"
- State Department
- Defense Department
  - Ehrlichman
  - Veterans' hospitals
  - Joint Chiefs of Staff
- Criminal penalties for dealers
  - Ehrlichman, Krogh
- Congress
- Dr. Bertram S. Brown of National Institute of Mental Health [NIMH]
- President's forthcoming speech to American Medical Association [AMA]
  - Prescriptions
    - Abuse
- Drugs and military men
  - President's and Haldeman's observations
- Prescription abuse

President's schedule

- Samuel L. Devine



-Clark MacGregor

President's accomplishments

- World events
- Vietnam War
- Republicans' response
  - Congressional votes
  - MacGregor
- Foreign policy
- Cabinet officers' activities
  - John B. Connally
- Polls
  - Lyndon B. Johnson
  - "Dignity"

California politics

- Party affiliation
- National economy

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Republican support for the President

- Congressmen, governors
  - Need for Nixon loyalists
- Youth
  - Reason for lack of Republican support
    - Democratic parents
  - Labor
  - T. Harding Jones
  - College students
    - By region
      - Avoid Stanford, California and East Coast



- Focus on Midwest and South
  - Kansas
  - Nebraska
- By academic distinction
  - Eliminate top 25 percentile colleges
- Harvard
- Yale
- Princeton
- Maureen Finch's fiancé
  - Loyola University
  - Jewish
- 2 to 1 Republican voter registration at Loyola University

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#### Vietnam War

- Peace initiative
- North Vietnam bombing
  - Prisoners of War [POWs]
  - Extent
- Popular Support
- "Pueblo" incident

#### US foreign relations

- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
- People's Republic of China [PRC]
- Middle East
  - Henry A. Kissinger's prediction
    - Suez Canal
    - William P. Rogers

#### President's domestic program

- Ehrlichman
- Careers for women
- Health care
- Unemployment of liberal arts graduates
  - Revolutionary societies
- Higher education



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- Number of students
- Subjects studied
- Federal funding
  - Shultz, Weinberger, Ehrlichman
  - National Science Foundation
  - Department of Health, Education, and Welfare [HEW]
  - Cutting funds
    - Shultz's view
      - University of Chicago
      - University of California
        - Nuclear energy
        - Southern California
    - Stanford University
    - National Science Foundation
      - Budget
        - President's conversation with Dr. Lee A. DuBridge
        - Subsidization of teachers' salaries
    - Teaching versus applied science
      - Proposed shift in funds
        - National Aeronautics and Space Administration [NASA]
- Educational lobby
- Bernie Schaefer [sp?]
  - Report on applied technology
  - Robert S. McNamara
- Supersonic Transport [SST]
  - Subsidies of Boeing
    - Position of the United States
    - Possible condominium with Japan
  - Concorde
    - Great Britain and France
- TU-144
  - USSR
- President's conversation with Rogers
  - Soviet plane
  - Boeing
  - McDonnell-Douglas
- Value
  - Length of flights
- Commercial advantage



- Freight
- American airline industry
- Possible subsidies by military
- SST
- Magruder
- Boeing
- Seattle unemployment
- Compared to Southern California
- Movie industry
  - Flanigan's efforts on tax reform
  - Television networks
  - Federal Communications Commission [FCC]
  - Employment

California

- Possible actions
- Weinberger
  - Meeting with Finch
- Government programs
  - Planning and impact
  - Agricultural extension
  - Irrigation districts
  - HEW
- Johnson's efforts on behalf of Texas
- Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy's campaign theme in 1962
  - George Lodge
- Government programs
  - Press coverage
    - Model Cities program
    - John V. Tunney
    - Alan Cranston
    - Republican congressmen

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- 1972 campaign political strategy
  - Ronald W. Reagan's role
    - Honorary Chairman
    - John N. Mitchell
      - Statement to Ronald W. Reagan
  - Leonard K. Firestone's plan
    - Split delegation and campaign
  - Potential telephone call from John N. Mitchell to Ronald W. Reagan
    - Ronald W. Reagan's role
      - Organizing committee
        - State-wide Republicans
    - Keep Charles W. Colson away
  - Primaries
    - Psychological effect of a good showing
      - Enthusiasm
    - Pennsylvania
      - Test for the team
    - Ohio
    - Indiana
      - Surrogates
    - Robert A. Taft, Jr.

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Finch left and Alexander P. Butterfield entered at 1:57 pm

Papers to sign

Butterfield left at 1:59 pm

- President's schedule
- Ehrlichman
  - Meetings
  - Explorer Scouts
  - Shultz's request



- Veterans Administration [VA] medical budget
- Charles M. Teague
- Olin E. (“Tiger”) Teague
- Arlen Specter
- Press conference
  - Types of questions
  - Previous press conference in California
    - Ziegler
  - Publicity value

President’s previous press conference

- Political questions
  - Press’ objections to Ziegler
  - Press’ motives

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President's schedule

- Press conferences during campaign
  - Lyndon B. Johnson

1972 campaign

- Robert H. Finch's memorandum
  - The President’s opinion
- H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
  - Strategy
    - Inspiration
    - President's role

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Peter G. Peterson

- Memorandum to the President
- Possible conversation with Haldeman and Ehrlichman
  - Charles L. Shultze and John W. Gardner
    - Partisanship
    - Bipartisanship
  - Shultze
    - Shultz's efforts
  - Gardner
    - Possible role with administration

Brookings Institution

Bipartisanship in government

- Support from Democrats

Anastasio Somoza Debayle dinner

- Kissinger
- Entertainment
  - Army Chorus
- President's schedule
  - Mrs. Nixon
  - Joint Chiefs of Staff
    - Forthcoming breakfast meeting

Haldeman left at 2:25 pm