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[Conversation No. 520-001](#)

Date: June 15, 1971  
Time: 7:56 am - 7:59 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield

President's schedule

- Forthcoming meeting with Kenneth B. Keating
- Forthcoming meeting with Arthur K. Watson

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 7:59 am

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 7:56 am

President's schedule

Bull left at an unknown time before 7:59 am

[Conversation No. 520-011](#)

Date: June 15, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 7:59 am and 9:48 am  
Location: Oval Office

Unknown people met



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*[Previous archivists categorized this section as unintelligible. It has been rereviewed and released 10/16/2017.]*

[Unintelligible]  
[520-011-w001]  
[Duration: 41s]

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The unknown people left at an unknown time before 9:48 am

[Conversation No. 520-012](#)

Date: June 15, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 9:48 am and 9:56 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

President's schedule

Bull left at an unknown time before 9:56 am

[Conversation No. 520-002](#)

Date: June 15, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 9:48 am and 9:56 am  
Location: Oval Office



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

President's schedule

- Meeting with Arthur K. Watson
- Preparation for meeting with Willy Brandt
- Meeting with Association of Real Estate Boards
- Watson meeting
  - Timing

[Conversation No. 520-003](#)

Date: June 15, 1971

Time: 9:56 am - 10:37 am

Location: Oval Office

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

Charles W. Colson

"Dick Cavett Show"

- Audience
- Youth and idealism

Pentagon Papers

- Memorandum from the President
  - Staff contact with the *New York Times*
    - Henry A. Kissinger
    - Max Frankel
    - George P. Shultz
    - Robert H. Finch
    - Donald H. Rumsfeld
    - William L. Safire
    - John A. Scali
- Administration tactics
  - Handling of *New York Times*' questions
  - Arguments against tactics



Personnel

- Unnamed person [John M. O'Neill]
- Colson handling
- Idealism

President's schedule

- Arthur K. Watson meeting
- Meetings
  - Policy
- Watson effort

Pentagon Papers

- Leaks
  - Need to prevent leaks
  - Congressional reaction
  - Department of the Army
  - Administration's handling of the story
    - John N. Mitchell
  - Daniel Ellsberg
  - Leslie H. Gelb
  - Prosecution
  - Mitchell
  - New York Times* role

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[*Previous PRMPA Personal Returnable (G) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift 10/18/2017. Segment cleared for release.*]

[Personal Returnable]

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[Duration: 1m 29s]

H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman's family

- Grandmother's murder
  - Mother's arrival on scene
  - Police investigation
  - Housekeeper's involvement



- Chance of conviction
  - Fingerprints
- Details of investigation
  - Possible pleas
  - Judge's treatment of cases involving alcohol abuse

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President's schedule

- Willy Brandt State Dinner
- Invitation for Watson

Congressional situation

- Hugh Scott's view of George S. McGovern-Mark O. Hatfield amendment
- Criticism of President
  - Role of *New York Times* publication of Pentagon Papers
    - Kissinger
    - Neil Sheehan
      - Counterattack
      - Tom C. Huston
  - Goal

President's schedule

- Minot Island
- Notification of press

Alexander P. Butterfield and Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 9:56 am

- Preparation for visitors
  - Watson

Butterfield and Bull left at an unknown time before 10:13 am

- Rochester trip
  - Nelson A. Rockefeller [?] schedule

Wedding

- Guest list



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- Rockefeller [?]
- Lyndon B. Johnson handling
  - Press release
  - Johnson Library release
- President's handling
  - Constance M. (Cornell) ("Connie") Stuart
  - Ronald L. Ziegler

Midway Island trip

- Preparations

Vietnam

- Troop announcements
- Melvin R. Laird
- Text of announcements
- Meeting with General Nguyen Van Thieu on Midway Island
  - Election impact
  - Ellsworth F. Bunker role
  - Television play
- Role of speeches
  - Counter to critics

Drugs

- Role of speeches
  - American Medical Association [AMA] role
  - Robert P. Griffin
  - Radio speeches
    - Raymond K. Price, Jr.'s efforts
- Perception of problem
  - President's supporters
- Drugs and crime
- Marijuana users
  - Support for President
  - Vietnam demonstrators
  - Eastern colleges
  - University of Southern California group

Haldeman left at 10:13 am



William N. Brown, H. Jackson Pontius, Fred C. Tucker, Jr., Donald I. Hovde, John C. Williamson, George W. Romney, John D. Ehrlichman, and Henry C. Cashen, II entered at 10:14 am; Oliver F. ("Ollie") Atkins was present at the beginning of the meeting

Greetings

Introductions

Seating

Wedding

- Television coverage
- Viewing by population

Housing

- Revenue sharing
  - National Association of Real Estate Boards [NAREB]
    - Support for President
    - Plight of cities
    - Effect on property taxes
      - Use in speeches
      - Perception of people
      - History of property taxes
      - Correlation of taxes and revenue sharing
        - Rationale
          - John B. Connally role
- Effect on home buying and education
- Effects on individual taxes
  - Newark, New Jersey
  - High income versus low income effects
  - Political issue
    - Revenue sharing
    - Taxation
    - Basis for taxation
- Nature of tax burden
  - Lack of planning
  - Federal Housing Administration [FHA]
    - Project defaults in Newark
  - Effect on education



- School costs
- San Jose, California project
  - Natural beauty
  - Los Angeles
  - Knott's Berry Farm
  - Taxes
- Appreciation of President's stance on revenue sharing
  - NAREB conference, San Diego
  - Romney speech
  - Quality
  - Endorsement of President's program
- Construction costs and interest
  - Effect on home ownership
  - President's programs
  - Davis-Bacon Act
  - Construction cost stabilization
  - Reduction of interest rates
  - Effect of taxes and costs on ownership
  - Role of labor costs
    - Quadriad meeting
    - Industry agreements
    - Long-term nature of program
- Interest rates
  - Priority of problem
  - Romney efforts
  - Action of Philadelphia bank
  - History
  - Effect on housing levels
  - Relation to money supply
  - Inflation possibilities
  - FHA role
  - Snowball effect of rate rise
- Discrimination
  - Jackson Kearns of Civil Rights Commission
  - Romney efforts
  - Pressures on administration
  - Economic and racial discrimination
  - Pacific Northwest project
    - Objections





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- Reasons
- Use of public funds
  - Weapon against discrimination
    - ”Black Jack” case
- Separation of economy and racial discrimination
  - Romney efforts
- Nature of man
  - Supreme Court decision
    - Lackawanna case
      - Rationale
        - Referendum intent
- Problems
  - Need to sustain housing boom
  - Revenue sharing support
    - Relation to property taxes

General discussion

Gift presentation

State of the nation

Brown, *et al.* left at 10:37 am

[Conversation No. 520-004](#)

Date: June 15, 1971

Time: 10:39 am - 10:59 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger

Meeting with Willy Brandt

- Kissinger’s attendance
- Photo session
- Egon Bahr



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- Brandt
  - President's view
  - [David] Kenneth Rush
    - German politics
- Ostpolitik
- Berlin

Kissinger's schedule

- Meeting with Arthur K. Watson
  - Telegram sent through State Department
    - Georges J. R. Pompidou to President
      - Algeria
        - Export-Import Bank
- Leak

Watson

- Invitation to Brandt dinner
  - Attendance

Vietnam

- Troop levels
- Kissinger role
- Other negotiations
  - Financial arrangements
  - Possibilities

Kissinger lunch with John B. Connally

- Updating of Connally knowledge of negotiations
  - Connally knowledge versus John N. Mitchell knowledge
  - People's Republic of China [PRC]
  - Vietnam
- Leak of documents
  - William A. K. ("Tony") Lake defense
- Berlin negotiations with Soviet Union
- Vietnam talks
- Use of "Separate Channels"
- US-Soviet talks
  - Chances of agreements
- Movement in negotiations



- Reason for secrecy
- Knowledge of US actions by officials
  - William P. Rogers
  - Melvin R. Laird
  - Mitchell
- Effect of Departments of State and Defense bureaucracies
- Vice President Spiro T. Agnew

George S. McGovern-Mark O. Hatfield amendment

- Hugh Scott
- Kissinger's talk with unknown representative
- Gerald R. Ford role
  - Ford conversation with President
- US position
  - Milton R. Young
  - Narcotics
  - Role of military service
  - Change of context
- Kissinger's meeting with Henry Hubbard
  - Articles
- Public position of administration
  - Effect of passage of McGovern-Hatfield amendment
  - Destruction of negotiations

*New York Times* disclosures (Pentagon Papers)

- Mitchell
  - Lyndon B. Johnson
    - Substance of articles
    - Defense of governmental process
    - New York Times* role

Ronald L. Ziegler entered at 10:47 am

- Attorney General role
- President's action on assuming the Presidency
  - Assessment of policy
- Substance of article
- Role of previous administrations
- Injunction from Justice Department



- Rationale
  - Enforcement of law
  - Disclosure of classified material
    - Procedures
    - Legal requirements
      - Prosecution of guilty
  - Responsibilities of administration
  - Flexibility of position
- New York Times* response
  - Administration response
    - Legal process of declassification
    - Violation of declassification procedures
- Necessary procedures
- President's non-involvement in "family quarrel"
- Responsibilities of administration
- Penalties for administration disclosures
- Max Frankel

Ziegler left at 10:54 am

Kissinger-Anatoliy F. Dobrynin meeting

- Advantages
  - Relation to upcoming PRC trip
  - Noncommittal acceptance of proffered document
- Soviet desire for summit
  - Timing of response

*New York Times* situation

- Mitchell
- Injunction
  - President's approval
  - Rationale

Vietnam negotiations

- President's meeting with Republican Congressional leaders
  - Peter H. Dominick
- Questions
  - Coalition government
- "Back channel" negotiations



- Results of nonsupport of President
- Handling Congress
  - Effect of *New York Times* situation during election
- Security of files
  - Laird role
  - Rogers
- Cabinet leaks
  - Campaign problems
- Congressional attitudes
  - Kissinger
  - John D. Ehrlichman
- Reminder of Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
- PRC trip
  - Packaging
- Soviet Union
  - SALT

Kissinger left at 10:59 am

[Conversation No. 520-005](#)

Date: June 15, 1971

Time: Unknown between 10:59 am and 11:02 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

Arrival of Willy Brandt

-Preparations

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:02 am

[Conversation No. 520-006](#)



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Date: June 15, 1971  
Time: 11:02 am - 12:34 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Willy Brandt and Stephen B. Bull; members of the press were present at the beginning of the meeting

Greetings

Seating

Photographic session

Brandt's trip

- Visit to Yale University
- Jamaican stop

[Camera noise]

The press left at an unknown time after 11:02 am

Brandt schedule

- Henry A. Kissinger
- Egon Bahr
- State dinner
- Appointments in US

Berlin negotiations

- Soviet Union's position
  - Movement
  - US response
    - Relation to Brandt
    - Berlin ties
  - Possibility of surprises
- Berlin talks
  - Possibilities
  - Displays of Western "willingness"
  - Comparison with Four Power talks in 1959



- Comparison with John F. Kennedy
- Soviet military
- Soviet
- Soviet negotiating tactics

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 11:02 am

Refreshments

Kissinger and Bahr entered at 11:13 am

Greetings

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 12:32 pm

Previous President-Brandt talk

- Berlin talks
- Department of State role
  - Leak problem
  - 1959 Berlin talks
    - Kennedy
- Substance
- Soviet movement
- Soviet tactics
  - Isolation of Berlin
  - Public versus private stance
- Substance of talks
  - Consular offices in West Berlin

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[National Security]

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[Duration: 1m 23s]

Berlin negotiations



- Chances of Berlin settlement
  - US presence in West Berlin
  - Russian ambassador Valentin M. Falin meeting
    - Ratification of treaties
    - Valentin M. Falin's personal view
    - Controversies over US and Soviet presence in West Berlin

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Berlin negotiations

- Chances of Berlin settlement
  - Russian ambassador Valentin M. Falin meeting
    - Benefits of consular offices
- Scope of talks
- Need for US-Federal Republic of Germany [FRG] cooperation
- Negotiating tactics
  - Need for caution
- Bahr relationship with Kissinger and [David] Kenneth Rush
- Soviet tactics
  - Desire for contact at highest levels
  - Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
- Formulation of solutions
- Strategy
- Future positions
  - Ostpolitik
  - Role of Berlin
- Linkage
  - Mutual and Balanced Force [MBFR] talks
  - Other goals
  - US-FRG cooperation

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[National Security]  
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[Duration: 13m 30s]

Berlin negotiations

- North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO] Council Meeting
  - Mansfield Amendment
  - Spirit of meeting
    - Mutual and Balanced Force Reduction [MBFR] consideration
  - Meeting of Deputy Ministers
  - Informal discussions
    - Nature of talks
    - Russian viewpoint
    - Melvin R. Laird
      - Mutual and Balanced Force Reduction [MBFR] paper
      - Consultation with partners in Europe
- Communications procedures for formal and informal discussions
  - Private discussions
    - Mutual and Balanced Force Reduction [MBFR]
- Relations between the US and Europe
  - Recognition of problems related to the Vietnam War in US
  - Europe's role in Vietnam
  - Strengthen defense responsibility of European powers
    - Comparison to US defense budget
    - Defense improvements
    - Improvement of European public image in US
  - Political relations
    - Discussions of the previous year
    - Handling relations between US and enlarged European community
- British entry into Common Market
  - Willy Brandt contact with British politicians
  - House of Commons voting
  - Edward R. G. Heath
    - Ability to get a majority
  - Results of entry on Union
    - Labour voting
    - Conservatives voting
  - Uncertainty
    - Farmers
  - New European community with British
    - Community of ten



- Open to the world
- Free trade
- French
- US/Common Market relations
  - Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development [OECD]
  - Use for economic discussions
- Alliance contacts
  - Level of contacts
  - Discussion of economic issues
  - Benefits
- Changing political climate in Western Europe
  - Consultation and cooperation
  - Reliance of Europe on US
    - History
    - National identities and character
  - Georges J. R. Pompidou and Willy Brandt conversation
  - Edward R. G. Heath
  - Concept of European government
    - Common policy
    - Nature
    - Role of Council of Ministers
  - Foreign Minister's consultation
    - Scope
    - History
    - Present efforts
    - Future
    - French and British
  - Need for US/Europe contacts
    - Georges J. R. Pompidou visit to Brussels
    - Basis for common action
  - Role of US

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- European affairs
  - European evolution
  - History
  - Role of US



- Contemporary Europe
  - Economic strength
    - Germany
    - France
    - Great Britain
  - Future
    - US “stake” in future
  - Fear of European economic unity
    - Rationale
  - Need for political consultation
    - Cooperation of Western Europeans
      - Contribution to world stability
    - Old politics
    - US position in alliance
    - Efforts to strengthen Europe
    - Efforts towards British inclusion
    - Edward R. G. Heath
    - Georges J. R. Pompidou

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[National Security]

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[Duration: 8m 58s]

European affairs

- Contemporary Europe
  - US economic cost
  - US trade with European Economic Community [EEC]
    - Compared globally
    - Future trends
    - Great Britain
- Japan
  - Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development [OECD] meeting
    - William P. Rogers role
  - Economic competition



- Conflicting German/US goals
  - Resolution
  - Georges J. R. Pompidou role
- Comparison of Germany and Japan
- Need for cooperation
- US treatment of Japan
  - US goods from Japan
  - Strength of Japan and Asian countries
  - Perseverance of Japanese people
- Military Links
  - France and Western Europe
    - Linkage to North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO] integration
    - Visit of Chief of Staff
  - British role
    - European defense improvement role
    - Isolation of French
      - US/French talks
        - Georges J. R. Pompidou
        - French policy toward North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO]
    - Georges J. R. Pompidou power to force change
    - Background
    - Charles A. J. M. De Gaulle
  - French concerns
  - Great Britain
  - Need for conversation and cooperation with French
  - US talks with France
    - Prevention of isolation
- France
  - Position of French language in Europe
    - French language education in German schools
      - Appealing to French sentiment
      - External appearance
      - Importance
    - French and English language education and use
    - English supplant French

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Defense spending

- Growing expenditures
  - Michael J. (“Mike”) Mansfield Amendment
    - Consequences
      - Burden-sharing
      - MBFR
  - Assurances to legislators
    - Content
    - Alliance systems
  - Brandt’s views on MBFR
    - Bilateral talks
      - US-Soviet Union
    - Multilateral talks
      - Participants
  - United Nations [UN]
    - General Assembly
      - Fairness of voting
      - Efficacy
  - Bilateral US-Soviet negotiations
  - MBFR
    - Scope
    - Initiation

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[National Security]

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[Duration: 1m 5s]

Defense spending

- Growing expenditures
  - Mutual and Balanced Force Reduction [MBFR]
    - William P. Rogers
      - Symbolism around MBFR
      - Progress
    - Andrei A. Gromyko



- Mutual and Balanced Force Reduction [MBFR]
  - Lack of progress
- Discussion with Helmut H. W. Schmidt
  - Possibility of agreements

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Defense spending

- Growing expenditures
  - Brandt visit to Congress
    - Schedule
    - Assurances to Congress
- Security emphasis
  - Military expenditures
    - US Senate
  - Contributions to defense
    - Burden-sharing
      - US
      - NATO
    - US troops in West Germany
    - Balance of payments
- Need for Congressional assurances
  - Mansfield
- Relative contribution of US and Europe
  - Mansfield
- Balance of payments
- Force reductions
- Balance of payments
  - John B. Connally
- Mansfield resolution
  - White House efforts
- Balance of payments
- Floating of Deutsche Mark
  - Brandt's concerns
  - Length of action

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[National Security]

[520-006-w005]

[Duration: 35s]

Defense spending

- Floating of Deutsche Mark
  - Canadian approach
  - Returning to the old parity
  - Ending floating

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Defense spending

- Floating of Deutsche Mark
  - Necessity
    - Duration
  - Effect on Europe
  - Effect on markets
    - Rumors
    - Speculators
  - Effect on “decent people”
  - Elimination of crisis atmosphere
- International finance
  - Brandt meeting with Connally
    - Connally trip to Germany
    - Schedule
  - Strength of currencies
  - Opportunity for leadership
    - US and Germany
    - Japan
    - Other countries
  - Attention to balance of payments
  - Monetary movements
    - Effect on security
  - Rush



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- President's confidence
- Dealing with Brandt
- Need for economic strength and vitality
- Effect on politics
- US role
- World politics
  - Role of European nations
  - US role
  - Soviet role
  - Japanese role
  - People's Republic of China [PRC] role
  - US-PRC relations
    - Normalization
    - UN
    - Brandt background
    - Soviet Union
    - PRC
- PRC Interest
  - Soviet Union
  - Japan
- Japanese interest
  - US "nuclear umbrella"
  - PRC
  - Soviet Union
- Western Europe interest
  - West Germany
- US
- Regions
- Underdeveloped areas
  - Middle East
  - Africa
  - Latin America
  - South Asia
    - India
    - Pakistan
- Five great powers
  - Need for Realism
  - US-PRC relations
    - Future effect





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[National Security]

[520-006-w006]

[Duration: 3m 2s]

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] relations

- Use of triangular diplomacy
  - People's Republic of China [PRC]/Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
- German view of US/People's Republic of China [PRC] relations
- People's Republic of China [PRC]
  - Priority of Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]/German relations
  - Federal Republic of Germany [FRG]/People's Republic of China [PRC]
  - Adolf Hitler
  - Proximity to Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
  - People's Republic of China [PRC] relationship with East Germany
  - Willy Brandt trip to Moscow to sign treaty
    - Leonid I. Brezhnev/Aleksei N. Kosygin
    - Soviet request regarding mentioning People's Republic of China [PRC]
      - Implication
      - Paranoia
- Concern for Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]/US relations

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Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] relations

- World affairs
  - Concern for US-Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] relations
  - US position regarding Japan
  - German concerns

President and Brandt's schedule

- Meeting with Rush and German official
- Cabinet Room



Kissinger and Bahr left 12:30 pm

Nuclear arms

- US-PRC relations
  - Reason for US moves
  - USSR-PRC relations
  - US-USSR relations
  - Prospects of war involving PRC
  - Nuclear arms control deal
    - Chinese capabilities
    - Future
    - Japan

Kissinger, Bahr, Rolf Pauls, Conrad Ahlers, Hermann Kusterer, Wolf-Dietrich Schilling, and Harry Obst entered at 12:32 pm

- President-Brandt discussions
  - Success

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[National Security]  
[520-006-w007]  
[Duration: 16s]

India-Pakistan

- Indira Gandhi
  - Relations with Pakistan
  - Help with refugee situation

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India-Pakistan

- Refugee problem



- Conflict
  - India
    - West Pakistan
    - East Pakistan
- Aid to refugees
- Taking sides
  - Agha Muhommad Yahya Khan
    - Ability
    - Difficulties
- Focus on refugees
- Use of refugee issue

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[National Security]

[520-006-w008]

[Duration: 31s]

India-Pakistan

- Refugee problem
  - Discussions in Pakistan consortium
    - Pushing Hindus out from East Pakistan

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India-Pakistan

- Problems in South Asia
  - Poverty
  - Strength
  - India-Pakistan situation
    - Kashmir
      - Vice presidential experience
    - Need for cooperation
    - Comparison with US-Europe relations
      - Germany



- France
- Problems of keeping armed forces

#### Vietnam

#### Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]

- Anti-ballistic missile [ABM] elimination
- Offensive weapons elimination
  - Timing
- US-USSR communique
- Weapons not covered
- Negotiations between US-USSR
  - Prospects
    - Agreement
    - Timetable
  - Linkage
    - SALT progress and Berlin negotiations
    - Position in Atlantic alliance

#### Middle East

The President, Brandt, *et al.* left at 12:34 pm

[Conversation No. 520-007](#)

Date: June 15, 1971

Time: 12:34 pm - 12:42 pm

Location: Oval Office

Manolo Sanchez met with Alexander P. Butterfield and Stephen B. Bull

President's location

The President and Ronald L. Ziegler entered and Sanchez, Butterfield, and Bull left at 12:34 pm

Press conference



- President's meeting with Willy Brandt
- Possible questions
  - Mutual and Balanced Force Reduction [MBFR]
  - Berlin
  - North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO]
  - Balance of payments
  - International monetary policy
- William P. Rogers' briefing

Ziegler left at 12:42 pm

[Conversation No. 520-008](#)

Date: June 15, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 12:45 pm and 12:54 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger

- President's meeting with Willy Brandt
  - Vietnam
  - Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
    - Mutual reductions
    - Simultaneous reductions
    - Timetable
    - Prospects
    - Effect on alliance
  - Military problem
  - Balance of payments problems
  - Mutual and Balanced Force Reduction [MBFR]
  - Egon Bahr role
  - US-People's Republic of China [PRC] relations
    - Kissinger-Bahr conversation

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[National Security]  
[520-008-w001]  
[Duration: 7s]

- President's meeting with Willy Brandt
  - Issues
    - US-People's Republic of China [PRC] relations
      - Kissinger-Bahr conversation
      - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
        - Belief

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- President's meeting with Willy Brandt
  - Issues
    - Kissinger-Anatoliy F. Dobrynin meeting
      - Meeting with President
        - Presentation of note
        - Implications

- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] proposal on SALT
  - Five Power Conference
    - Role of Department of State
  - Reaction of PRC
  - William P. Rogers

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[National Security]  
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Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]

-Proposal on Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]

-Henry A. Kissinger talks with People's Republic of China [PRC]

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US-PRC relations

-Press coverage

-[Forename unknown] Durton [sp?]

Vietnam

-Le Duc Tho-Kissinger meeting

-Tho Contact with PRC

-Ellsworth F. Bunker meeting

-Announcement by President at Midway Island meeting, July 6

-General Nguyen Van Thieu

-Implications

-Kissinger's role

-Rogers

-Kissinger's meeting with Bunker

-President's meeting with Thieu

-Election benefits to Thieu

-Trip by President to Vietnam

-Cover for Kissinger trip to Vietnam

-Rogers

Five Power Foreign Ministers' meeting

-Kissinger's message to Dobrynin

-President's meeting with Dobrynin

-President's stance on foreign ministerial meeting

-Conduct of foreign relations

-Andrei A. Gromyko

-Georges J. R. Pompidou

-Edward R. G. Heath

-Walter Scheel

Records of 1967 negotiations



- Kissinger's role
- Bureaucratic records
  - Leaks
    - Contact with Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense
    - Trust within Cabinet
- President's records on leaving office
  - Ordering
  - Use by historians
  - Weakness of leader class

President's schedule

- John B. Connally's meeting with Kissinger
- President's meeting with Dobrynin

Kissinger left at an unknown time before 12:54 pm

[Conversation No. 520-009](#)

Date: June 15, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 12:45 pm and 12:54 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez

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[Personal Returnable]  
[520-009-w001]  
[Duration: 5s]

- The President's schedule
- Lunch
  - Time





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Sanchez left at an unknown time before 12:54 pm

[Conversation No. 520-010](#)

Date: June 15, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 12:54 pm and 2:15 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield

President's schedule  
-Signatures

Butterfield left at 12:58 pm

H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman entered at 12:59 pm

Press briefing  
-Willy Brandt meeting  
-Necessity  
-Drawbacks

Resignation of overseas post by Robert C. Hill  
-Return of Hill  
-Arrival of Cornelius V. ("Sonny") Whitney  
-Hill official notification

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[Personal Returnable]  
[520-010-w001]  
[Duration: 23s]

Resignation of overseas post by Robert C. Hill  
-Robert C. Hill's plans

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Rochester trip

- Question and Answer session
- Briefing book
- Patrick J. Buchanan proposal
- Question and Answer
  - Questioners
    - Content of questions
  - Buchanan proposal
  - White House reporters
- Briefing book preparation
  - Substitute
- Question and Answer
  - Benefits
  - Television coverage

Donald L. Jackson

- Request for meeting
- Request for assignment
  - Deputy US representative to Organization of American States [OAS]
  - William P. Rogers
  - Necessity of post
  - Jackson plans in lieu of assignment
    - Resignation from the Interstate Commerce Commission [ICC]
    - Abolition of post
    - Past dealings with Jackson

Vietnam withdrawal

- Television coverage



- Press Information Office [PIO] at Military Assistance Command, Vietnam  
[MACV]
- Stories on meeting GIs

#### Pentagon Papers

- New York Times*
- Barry M. Goldwater role
- Lyndon B. Johnson role
  - Goldwater comments
- Goldwater role in Vietnam strategy
- Emphasis on breach of security
- Franklyn C. (“Lyn”) Nofziger role
  - Use of Senators
- Contention by George S. McGovern and Paul N. (“Pete”) McCloskey, Jr.
  - Current Vietnam strategy
  - Johnson, Walt W. Rostow
  - Administration response
    - Use of other Senators
  - ”Family quarrel”
  - President’s policy
  - Release of classified data
- Suspects
  - Leslie H. Gelb
  - Morton H. Halperin
  - Daniel Ellsberg
- Herbert G. Klein
  - Results
- White House staff discipline
- Rogers’ cooperation
- William L. Safire
  - Invitation to *New York Times* correspondent
- Rebuff of *New York Times* correspondents
  - Press pools
    - Ronald L. Ziegler role
  - Airplane pools
  - Stu Lourie expulsion
    - Article
      - Effect
- Background material



*-New York Times, Washington Post rebuff*

President's schedule

- Rochester trip
- Buchanan's preparation of remarks
- Material derived from President's appearance

Public relations value of wedding

- Haldeman judgement
- Real estate meeting
  - Interest in wedding
- Network coverage
  - Reruns
- Tricia Nixon Cox's honeymoon plans
  - Speculation
    - Robert H. Abplanalp's island
    - Rationale
- Effect
- Johnson weddings

Pentagon Papers

- McCloskey
  - Attack on government
    - Johnson
    - John F. Kennedy
  - Attack on President

Paris air show coverage

- Robert H. Finch's visit
- Supersonic Transport [SST]-Lockheed information

President's schedule

- White House Photographers' anniversary
  - Presentation to President
- Brandt
  - Previous meeting with the President
    - SST
- Nicaragua
- Midway Island



White House Tapes of the Nixon Administration, 1971-1973  
Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum, NARA Online Public Access Catalog Identifier: 597542

- Press coverage
- Benefits of announcements from Washington
  - General Nguyen Van Thieu
- Public announcement
  - Ellsworth F. Bunker
  - General Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.
  - Melvin R. Laird

Negotiations

- Morning editorials
  - President's activity
  - Henry A. Kissinger
    - Contact with Le Duc Tho
- People's Republic of China [PRC] precedent

Haldeman left at 2:15 pm

[Conversation No. 520-013](#)

Date: June 15, 1971  
Time: 2:15 pm - 2:16 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield

President's schedule

Butterfield left at 2:16 pm