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[Conversation No. 477-001](#)

Date: April 12, 1971  
Time: 9:10 am - 10:33 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman and an unknown man

Charles W. Colson  
-Mailings

Polls

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 10:33 am

- National Broadcasting Company [NBC]
- Vietnam
- News summary
- NBC
- Washington Star*
- Opinion Research Corporation [ORC]
- George H. Gallup
- Publicity
  - Robert J. Dole
  - Congress
- ORC
  - Presidential popularity
- Democratic poll

President's schedule



Forthcoming press conference, April 17, 1971

- Announcement
- Wire services
- Editors
- Ronald L. Ziegler
- President's time spent with press and media
  - Television network commentators
  - Reporters
    - Howard K. Smith
  - Women's press
  - Women's television commentators
  - Press conferences
    - Oval Office and television
  - Scheduling
    - Frequency
  - American Society of Newspaper Editors [ASNE]
  - Questions and answers
  - Victor Lasky
  - Allen S. Drury
  - Peregrine Worsthorne
  - Astronauts
- Instructions for Ziegler
  - Herbert G. Klein
  - John A. Scali
  - John D. Ehrlichman
- Format of future press conferences
  - Opportunity
  - Reaction
  - News summaries
  - Smith
  - Views of unknown journalists
- Editors' bulletin on President's press activities
  - Press corps
  - Ziegler

J. Edgar Hoover

- Possible resignation
  - Washington Star* article
  - Congress



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- Press
- President's defense of Hoover
- Haldeman's activities
- Richard G. Kleindienst
- John N. Mitchell
- President's conversation with Hoover
  - 1972 election
- General Lewis B. Hershey
  - Retirement
- President's possible conversation with Mitchell
- Mitchell's schedule

William P. Rogers

- Instructions to Haldeman
  - Haldeman's possible discussion with Rogers
- Attitude towards foreign service
- Charles W. Yost
  - Tenure
  - Views on Vietnam
- [Forename unknown] Tatu
  - Cambodia
    - Information to press
    - State Department spokespeople
- Support for President's Vietnam policy
  - Laos
- Yost
  - Rogers' attitude
  - Lack of information in White House files
  - State Department
- Goals
  - Rogers' support for President's Vietnam policy
  - Yost
    - President's forthcoming meeting with editors
    - Need for Rogers to disagree with Yost
    - Possible questions
  - Foreign service personnel
    - Rogers' attitude
    - Henry A. Kissinger
    - Support for President



- Yost
  - Tenure
  - President's defense
  - Rogers
  - Alger Hiss
    - Defense fund
  - Courtesy shown by White House
  - Council on foreign relations
  - Hubert H. Humphrey
  - Article
  - Kissinger
  - Letters
    - Middle East
    - Vietnam

#### Appointments

- [Robert M.?] O'Mahoney
- [Brian?] O'Doherty

#### Unknown event [Easter parade?]

- Need to abolish
- Franklin D. Roosevelt

#### President's schedule

- President's forthcoming meeting with Rogers
- Kissinger
- Vietnam
  - Laos
- President's Vietnam policy
- Sequoia*
- Press conference
  - Timing

#### Demonstrations

- Veterans, April 19, 1971
  - Prospect
- Daughters of the American Revolution [DAR]
  - Meeting
- Support



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- Common Cause
- Composition
  - Rennie Davis
- People's Coalition for Peace in Vietnam
  - Davis
  - Names
  - Timing
    - April 24, 1971

President's schedule

- Camp David
- Press conference
- Demonstrations

Demonstrations

- Focus
- Scheduling
- "May Day"
  - Weathermen
    - Goals
- Edmund S. Muskie

President's schedule

- Mitchell
- Republican Governors' Conference, April 18-20, 1971
  - Importance
  - President's possible attendance
  - Mitchell's views
    - Press
  - Revenue sharing
  - Politics
  - Mitchell's ideas
  - President's possible participation
  - Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
  - Meetings
    - Frequency
  - Agnew
  - Conference, April 18-20, 1971
- DAR



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- White House church service
- Press conference, April 24, 1971
  - Possible questions
  - Demonstrations
    - Possible response
    - Routineness
- Camp David
- Sequoia*
  - Instructions for Haldeman
  - Use
- Republican Governors' Conference
  - President's participation
  - Tom McCall
  - Politics
  - Mitchell
    - Public sessions

Hoover

- Possible retirement
  - Timing
  - Mitchell
  - Timing of announcement
  - Resolution from Congress
    - Praise for Hoover
  - Choice of successor
    - Washington Star* article
    - Subsequent President
  - Possible strategy
    - L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III
    - 1972 election
  - Federal Bureau of Investigations [FBI]
  - Choice of successor

President's schedule

- Speeches
  - Raymond K. Price, Jr.
  - DAR
  - Duration
  - Chamber of Commerce



-Content

President's use of media

- Radio talks
- Scheduling
- Audience
- Subjects

Youth conferences

- Resolutions
- Vietnam

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[Personal Returnable]

[477-001-w001]

[Duration: 3m 53s]

W. Clement Stone Dinner

- Queries
- Purposes
  - Politics
  - Ohio
    - Herbert G. Klein
    - William B. Saxbe
    - Robert A. Taft, Jr.
- Regional or state dinners
  - Benefits
  - Ohio
  - Finance
  - Pennsylvania
  - New York
  - California
- The President's participation
  - Tenor of event after the President left
  - W. Clement Stone



- H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman’s opinion
- Use of White House for similar dinners
  - H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman’s opinion
- W. Clement Stone's views
- Robert Douglas Stuart, Sr.
- Contribution publicity
- White House
  - Use as location for regional dinners by state
    - Florida
    - Ohio
    - Indiana
    - Pennsylvania
      - William W. Scranton
    - New York
    - New Jersey
    - Financial contributions

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- “Establishment” dinner
  - Mitchell
  - List
  - Editors
    - Preston Wolfe
    - Francis L. Dale
  - President’s possible participation
  - Finance

- Maurice H. Stans dinner
  - Compared with W. Clement Stone dinner
  - Significance to participants
  - President’s activities
    - Timing
  - John B. Connally
  - Reaction
  - Paul W. McCracken
    - Briefing





#### Economy

- First quarter figures
- Predictions
- Gross National Product [GNP]
- Optimism
- Laos
- Confidence
- Construction
- Employment
- President's conversations with various people
- Recession
  - Arthur F. Burns
  - National agony
- Forecast

#### Revenue sharing

- Ehrlichman and George P. Shultz
- Sales plan
- Ehrlichman's schedule
- William L. Safire
- Price
- Need for explanation of plan

#### Margaret Chase Smith

- Defense of President
- Lieutenant William L. Calley, Jr.

#### Anti-ballistic Missiles [ABM]

- Appropriations
- Senate
- Kissinger
- Date of vote in Senate
- Briefing
  - Kissinger
  - Clark MacGregor
  - William E. Timmons
  - Scali
  - Ziegler
- Kissinger



- Briefing
- View of MacGregor

#### Staff

- Need for unity
  - Yost
  - United Nations [UN]
  - Yost
    - Tenure
  - MacGregor
    - Relations with Congress
- Timmons
- MacGregor and Timmons

#### Vietnam

- Conclusion of President's speech on Southeast Asia, April 7, 1971
  - Effects
  - Compared with November 3, 1969
  - Stabilization
  - Safire
- President's policies
  - Troop withdrawal
  - Casualties
- News story
  - US losses in fighting [related to North Vietnamese attack on Fire Base 6, Central Highlands, South Vietnam]
    - Helicopter
    - Casualties
    - Timing
- Casualties
- Cambodia
  - News story
- Network coverage
  - Casualties
  - News summary
- Press coverage
  - Decline since President's speech on Southeast Asia, April 7, 1971
- MacGregor
  - Haldeman's briefing



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- Scali
  - Colson briefing
- Colson
- Scali
  - Attendance at meetings
    - Kissinger
- MacGregor
  - Morale
  - President's April 7, 1971 meeting with MacGregor and others
  - Reaction to President's speech on Southeast Asia, April 7, 1971
  - Kissinger

Congress

- MacGregor
- Domestic programs
- Revenue sharing
- Economy
- Military appropriations
- Draft extension
- Carl B. Albert
  - Congressional reception at White House
  - 80th Congress members

Hoover

- [Thomas] Hale Boggs
  - Publicity
- Resignation
- Resolution in Congress
- Letter of confidence
- Resolution
  - Boggs
- Letter
  - Circulation
  - House of Representatives
  - Political implications
  - MacGregor
  - Justice Department
  - Colson
  - Congress



- Letter
- Samuel L. Devine
- Democrat
- Circulation
- Content

President's forthcoming meeting with ASNE, April 16, 1971

- Planning
- Ziegler
- Preliminaries
- Television
- Network radio
- Planning

President's schedule

- Possible press conference, April 17, 1971
- Preparation
- Demonstrations

Demonstrations

- Polls
- Possible press conference
- People's Coalition for Peace in Vietnam
- Administration's efforts

President's schedule

- Press conference
  - Timing
- Press corps
- Press conference
  - Scheduling
- Demonstrations
- Press conference
  - Preparation
  - Television coverage
- Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT] talks
- Press conference
  - Scheduling
- May Day demonstrations



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- Possible conflict with press conference
- Duration
- Press conference
- Timing
- President's speech on Southeast Asia, April 7, 1971

President's schedule

- Executive Office Building
- Hoover
- Kissinger
- Easter parade

Kissinger entered and the President left at 9:40 am

[Pause]

Easter egg roll

White paper

- Nixon Administration
- Staff unity
- Ziegler

The President entered at an unknown time after 9:40 am

Kissinger's morale

Vietnam

- Casualties previous week
- Predictions
- Compared with Cambodia
- Yost
- Haldeman
- Rogers
- Letter of October 1969
- Memos on all subjects
- Tenure
- George H. W. Bush
- Yost



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- Washington Post*
- Meeting with Associated Press [AP] board
- Meetings with *Time* and *Newsweek* editors
- Support for President
- Yost
  - Statement in 1968 on negotiations
- Richard M. Helms
  - News summary
  - Pathet Lao desertions
  - Numbers

People's Republic of China [PRC]

- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
- Visit of ping-pong team
- Announcement of visit
- Recognition by US
  - Robert D. Murphy

Vietnam

- Fire Base 6
  - Central Highlands
- Possible US strategy
  - South Vietnamese military activities
  - Press attitudes
  - North Vietnamese casualties
- Pathet Lao
  - Helms
- Helms
- Network coverage of losses
  - Compared to Korea
  - Casualty counting
    - Methods
  - Korea

Calley case

- Administration's policy
- Unknown general's role
- Robert A. Taft, Jr.'s support for President
- Colson



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- Prospects
- Release statement

PRC

- Radio broadcasts
- Reception of American ping-pong team
- Newsmen
  - NBC
  - AP
- Relations with US

Pakistan

- Agha Muhammad Yahya Khan
- State Department
- Rogers
- Joseph J. Sisco
- Dacca consulate
- US policy
- Analogy to Nigeria
  - Civil war
  - Biafra
  - Nazi Germany
    - Adolf Hitler
- Dangers of US involvement
- Bengali reaction
  - Leadership
- West Pakistan
- Rogers
- Forthcoming policy statement for President
- State Department
- Rogers
- US role
- Vietnam
  - "Civil War"
- Nigeria
  - Biafra
  - [Forename unknown] Bedell [sp?]
- Civil war
- Economic aid



- India
  - Reaction to civil war
  - Bengalis
- US policy
  - Neutrality
- Economic aid
  - West Pakistan

Vietnam

- Demonstrations
- Effects of war on American people
- US position
  - Delaying action
- Negotiations
  - Timing
- PRC
- USSR
  - Possible summit meeting
  - Lifting of trade restrictions with PRC

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[National Security]  
[477-001-w005]  
[Duration: 53s]

Vietnam

- North Vietnamese report
  - President's reputation in Communist world
  - North Vietnamese official's meeting with Japanese socialists
    - Success of Vietnamization
    - President's use of Mao Tse-tung's tactics

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Vietnam

- Communists
- US policy
- President's speech on Southeast Asia, April 7, 1971

PRC initiative

- Kissinger's conversation with Rowland Evans
- Rogers
- Marshall Green
- State Department
- Khan
- Jean Sainteny
- Nicolae Ceausescu
- Indira Gandhi
- Press reaction
- Announcement on lifting of restrictions on trade
  - Timing
  - State Department
  - Announcement by President

President's schedule

- Meeting with Anna C. Chennault
- Meeting with Taiwan ambassador
- Press corps

The President, Haldeman, and Kissinger left at 10:33 am

[Conversation No. 477-002](#)

Date: April 12, 1971

Time: 11:28 am - 12:41 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger

President's meeting with Taiwan ambassador Chow Shu-kai



- New foreign minister
- Announcement of lifting of trade restrictions on People's Republic of China [PRC]
  - Timing
  - Provisions
  - Currency control
  - Shipping
  - Symbolism
- United Nations [UN] representation
- US policy
- Chiang Kai-shek
  - US emissary
- Ping-pong team
  - New York Times*
- Chinese
- Visit of US ping-pong team to PRC
  - Reception

Chow Shu-kai and Emil ("Bus") Mosbacher, Jr. entered at 11:31 am; members of the press were present at the beginning of the meeting

Greetings

Photo session

Chow Shu-kai's tenure

- Foreign Minister
- Schedule
- Career
- George Kung-chao Yeh

Taiwan

- Friendship for US
- President's greetings to Chiang Kai-shek and Madame Chiang Mayling Soong
- President's visit's to Taiwan
- US treaty commitments
- US relaxation of trade and travel with PRC
- US relations
- Visit of ping-pong team from PRC
- Relaxation of travel, currency, and shipping restrictions with PRC



-Significance

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[National Security]

[477-002-w001]

[Duration: 18m 55s]

Taiwan

- United Nations [UN] representation
  - US allies
    - Canadians
    - United Kingdom
    - Latin America
  - The President's message to Chiang Kai-shek
    - Dispatch of ally to Taipei
    - US emissary Robert D. Murphy
      - Schedule
      - Needs of Chiang Kai-shek
      - US position
  - Possible solution
  - Present situation
  - Albanian resolution
  - Potential expulsion of Taiwan
  - Admission of People's Republic of China [PRC]
  - Alternate US resolution
  - Dual representation of Taiwan and People's Republic of China [PRC]
  - Prevent expulsion of Taiwan
  - People's Republic of China [PRC] admission
  - The President's decision
    - Decision-making outside of Department of State [DOS]
  - The President's policies
  - Chiang Kai-shek
  - US position on Taiwan representation in United Nations [UN]
    - Potential press conference question
  - Robert D. Murphy's visit to Taiwan



- Get Chiang Kai-shek's advice
  - US position
- Votes in United Nations [UN]
- Chow Shu-kai's conversation with Melvin R. Laird
- Taiwan's prospects for United Nations [UN] vote
  - Chow Shu-kai's analysis
  - Possible formula
- Need for support for Taiwan
- Chiang Kai-shek's possible position
  - Able to trust the President
- Vote
- Defense
- Islands near Okinawa
- Taiwan's position
- Symbol
- Offshore islands
  - Quemoy and Matsu
  - The President's support
- Okinawa
  - Reversion to Japan
  - US policy
- Japan
  - The President's opinion
  - Trade with US
  - Textiles
- Okinawa
  - Reversion to Japan
  - Ryukyu Islands
  - Taiwan's position
- Quemoy and Matsu
- Offshore islands compared to Ryukyu Islands
  - Taiwan's point of view
- Okinawa
  - Reversion to Japan
  - Chow Shu-kai's analysis
- Department of State [DOS] statement on April 9
  - Charles W. Bray, III
  - Japanese embassy
  - Taiwanese embassy



- United Nations [UN] representation issue
- Symbolism
- Europe and Australia
- Department of State [DOS] approach to Japan
  - Chow Shu-kai's opinion
- United Nations [UN] representation
  - Taiwan's need for support

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Taiwan

- Trade and currency regulations with PRC
  - Lifting of restrictions
  - Commerce Department
  - Announcement
    - Timing
  - Significance
  - Foreign flag vessels
  - US competitive situation

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[National Security]  
[477-002-w002]  
[Duration: 39s]

Taiwan

- Trade and currency regulations with People's Republic of China [PRC]
  - US competitive situation
    - Significance
- United Nations [UN]

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Taiwan



- UN representation
  - Possible press queries
  - President's meeting with editors, April 16, 1971
  - US position

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[National Security]  
[477-002-w003]  
[Duration: 3m 27s]

Taiwan

- Chiang Kai-shek
- Robert D. Murphy's arrival
  - Timing
- Chiang Kai-shek
  - The President's preferred method of communication
    - End run around Department of State [DOS]
- US position
  - The President's forthcoming question-and-answer session
    - American Society of Newspaper Editors [ASNE]
    - April 16, 1971
- Chiang Kai-shek's position
- Chow Shu-kai's schedule

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Taiwan

- Travel, trade with PRC
  - US policy
  - Eastern Europe
  - USSR
- US treaty commitments
  - Melvin R. Laird
    - Defense support



- Chinese people
- Walter P. McConaughy
- US support for Taiwan

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[National Security]  
[477-002-w004]  
[Duration: 37s]

Taiwan

- US support for Taiwan
  - Chow Shu-kai's opinion
  - The President's position

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Presentation of Gifts

- Madame Chow Lily Chang

Chiang Kai-shek

- President's previous visits

Taiwan

- UN representation
  - US position
  - Overseas Chinese

Chow Shu-kai's shedule

- Afternoon meeting with Kissinger

Chow Shu-kai and Mosbacher left at 12:05 pm

Chow Shu-kai



State Department  
-Charles W. Bray, III's statement on Okinawa

Overseas Chinese  
-Impact of PRC recognition  
-Difficulties

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 12:05 pm

Picture session

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:07 pm

PRC  
-Trade announcements  
-Marshall Green  
-John B. Connally  
-Connally's view

An unknown man [Stephen B. Bull?] and Anna C. Chennault entered at 12:07 pm

Greetings

The unknown man [Bull?] left at 12:07 pm

Chennault's trip

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 12:07 pm

Refreshment

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 12:41 pm

Chennault's trip to Asia  
-Taiwan  
-Korea  
-Thailand  
-Philippines  
-Singapore





- Taiwan
- Vietnam
  - General Nguyen Van Thieu
  - Schedule
  - Ellsworth F. Bunker
  - Thieu's possible conversation with President
  - Prisoner of War [POW] issue
  - Thieu's decision to release POWs
    - H. Ross Perot
  - Vice Presidents
  - Visit to various places
  - Demonstrations
  - [Unintelligible]
  - POWs
  - North Vietnamese objectives
  - Negotiations
    - 1968 bombing halt
  - Thieu's objectives
  - Possible meeting with President in Guam or Hawaii
  - Thieu and Bunker
    - Relationship
  - General Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.
  - Present conditions
  - Chennault's conversation with Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy
  - Thieu
  - Economic conditions
  - Press
  - Military operations

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[National Security]

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[Duration: 4m 57s]

Anna C. Chennault's trip to Asia



- Taiwan
  - Anna C. Chennault's conversation with Chiang Kai-shek
    - Two Chinas
    - Kuomintang
      - General Assembly meeting
  - Chiang Kai-shek
    - Age
    - Successor
  - Chow Shu-kai
    - Influence in US
      - Department of State [DOS]
      - Congress
      - Tenure
      - Replacement
  - United Nations [UN] representation
    - Anna C. Chennault's recommendation
    - Two Chinas
    - Chiang Kai-shek
    - Possible solutions
      - Two Chinas
      - One China–One Taiwan
      - Henry A. Kissinger's opinion
      - Anna C. Chennault's analysis

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Anna C. Chennault's trip to Asia

- PRC
  - Ping-pong team
  - Businessmen's attitude
  - Trade
  - US Chamber of Commerce
  - Madame Duong (Tran) Thi Larg
  - Flying Tiger Airlines
  - Pan American/Trans World Airlines [TWA]
- Taiwan
  - US policy
  - Allies



- New Ambassador
- Chiang Kai-shek
- State Department

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[National Security]

[477-002-w006]

[Duration: 20s]

Anna C. Chennault's trip to Asia

- Taiwan
  - Chiang Kai-shek
    - Request for President
      - Delay
      - Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]

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Anna C. Chennault's trip to Asia

- Thailand
  - Prime Minister
  - [Communications Air Chief Marshal] Dawee [Chulasap]
  - Support for President
  - Foreign Minister Thanat Khoman
  - Problems
  - Khoman
  - Sugar quotas
  - Singapore, Korea, and Taiwan
  - Communications
  - State Department
  - Herbert G. Klein
  - Laird
  - Military aid
- Asians



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- US policy in Asia
- US consultants
- Sir Robert Thompson
- Charles E. ("Chip") Bohlen
- Chennault's possible role
  - Schedule
  - Contacts
- Americans and Asians
  - Relationship
- Kissinger
- Chennault's liaison role
- Thieu

Vietnam

- Problem
- US public opinion
- US policy

Taiwan

- President's knowledge of Chinese
- President's support
- UN representation
  - Allies
  - US policy

PRC

- Relaxation of travel and trade restrictions
- Significance
  - Symbolism
- Reaction of Chinese community

Taiwan

- US alliance
- PRC
- USSR
- Middle East
- Chennault's role
- President's PRC initiative
  - State Department



- Chiang Kai-shek
- Overseas Chinese
  - Malaysia
  - Singapore

#### Chennault's position

- Title
- Taiwan
- Overseas Chinese
- Klein
- Chennault's support for the President
  - 1968 campaign
- Taiwan
  - US embassy
- US Chamber of Commerce
- Liaison
- Flying Tigers
- Republican Party
- Trade
- Klein
- Title
- Asian adviser
- State Department
  - Asian affairs
  - Everett M. Dirksen
  - Murphy
  - John N. Mitchell

#### Vietnam

- President's possible meeting with Thieu
- Elections

#### PRC

- Communism

#### Taiwan

- Economy
- Exports
  - Compared with PRC



-Lobby  
Presentation of gifts  
  
Farewells  
-Chennault's daughters  
  
Chennault's schedule

Kissinger and Chennault left at 12:14 pm

[Conversation No. 477-003](#)

Date: April 12, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 12:41 pm and 12:42 pm  
Location: Oval Office

Henry A. Kissinger met with Manolo Sanchez

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[Non-Historical]  
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Request

Schedule

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Kissinger and Sanchez left at an unknown time before 12:42 pm



[Conversation No. 477-004](#)

Date: April 12, 1971  
Time: 12:42 pm - 12:46 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger

Kissinger's schedule  
-John D. Rockefeller, III  
-Vietnam

Green brothers  
-Press story  
-Vietnam

Anna C. Chennault  
-Role  
-Letter  
-Distribution

People's Republic of China [PRC] - Taiwan  
-US position

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 12:42 pm

Press photograph

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:46 pm

Vietnam  
-Democrats  
-Radicals  
-Withdrawal  
-US agreements  
-Deadlines



- General Nguyen Van Thieu
- Nguyen Cao Ky
- Withdrawal
- Prisoners of War [POWs]
  - Charles W. Colson
  - US policy
  - POW wives

Kissinger left at 12:46 pm

[Conversation No. 477-005](#)

Date: April 12, 1971  
Time: 12:47 pm - 12:53 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Marilyn Cochran, Barbara Cochran, Bobby Cochran, and Henry C. Cashen, II; the White House photographer and members of the press were present at the beginning of the meeting

Greetings

Introductions

Photographic session

Skiing

- Father
- Coach

Presentation of gifts

- Cuff links

Skiing

- Practicing
- Determination





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Oval Office

- Description
- Presidential seal
- Picture of White House in 1837
- Portrait of George Washington

Rose Garden

Easter egg roll

Farewells

M. Cochran, *et al.* left at 12:53 pm

[Conversation No. 477-006](#)

Date: April 12, 1971  
Time: 12:53 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

Unknown event  
-France

Bull left at 12:53 pm

[Conversation No. 477-007](#)

Date: April 12, 1971  
Time: 12:53 pm - 2:00 pm  
Location: Oval Office



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

Easter egg roll

- Crowd size
- Children
- Participation
- Tourists
- Previous year
- Weather

William P. Rogers

- Schedule
- Costa Rica trip
- Meeting with President
- Vietnam
- Charles W. Yost
  - Points
- President's meeting with American Society of Newspaper Editors [ASNE], April 16, 1971
- Possible statement
- Schedule
- Vietnam
  - Possible testimony in public session
- Yost
  - Effect
- Vietnam
- Schedule
- Meeting with President

President's schedule

- Meeting with Victor Lasky
- Taping of interview
  - Difficulties
  - Patricia (Pratt) Lasky
- Notes

Rogers

- Statement on Vietnam



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- Henry A. Kissinger
- Schedule
- Yost
  - Effect on Rogers
- Schedule
- Possible statement
- Yost
  - Statement
  - Letter of 1969
  - State Department
  - Rogers
  - Possible reply by President
  - Letters
  - Foreign Service

Anna C. Chennault

- Role
- Robert J. Dole
- Title
- Level in government
- Title

Easter egg roll

- Number of children
- Band

President's meeting with ASNE, April 16, 1971

- Press conference
  - Schedule
- Television
  - Press
  - John A. Scali
- Radio
  - Advantages
  - Television cameras

President's schedule

- Lasky meeting
  - Duration
  - Specific questions
  - Dwight L. Chapin



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- Henry Cabot Lodge
  - Recent visit to Southeast Asia
  - Vietnam
  - Possible visit to Southeast Asia
- Kissinger
- John D. Rockefeller, III
- John J. McCloy
  - Kissinger
  - Possible meeting with President
  - New members
  - Report
  - Composition
- Frank C. Carlucci
  - Name
  - James D. Hodgson
  - Press
  - Surnames
- Radio talks
  - Plan
  - Scheduling
  - Duration
  - Staff support
  - Subject focus
  - Groups
  - Possible topics
    - Work and leisure
    - Growth of America
    - Prisoners of War [POWs]
    - Reform movement
    - Fatherhood
    - Arts
    - Bicentennial
  - ”Radio fireside chat”
  - Timing
  - Competition
  - Advantages

Polls

- Thomas W. Benham



- President's speech on Southeast Asia, April 7, 1971
- Reaction
- Approval/disapproval rate
- Shifts
- Laos
- Lieutenant William L. Calley, Jr.
- Attitude changes
- Importance of seeing President on television
- Attitude of viewers
- Approval of President's performance
- President's handling of Vietnam
  - Approval
- Gains
- Reaction of non-viewers/viewers
- Importance of television
- President's credibility
  - Rating
- Public attitude on Vietnam
- Higher rate of approval
- Two hypotheses
- Explanation
- J. Edgar Hoover poll
  - Retirement
  - Telephone study
  - Approval rating
  - Partisan vote
- Calley case
  - Public attitudes on Vietnam
  - Advantages for President
- President's television speech on Vietnam
  - Viewers' reaction
  - Advantages
  - Interpretation of results
  - Negative impressions
    - Media

#### Staff

- Response to news summaries preparations
- Newsweek* letters



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- Vietnam veterans
- Department of Defense
- Daniel P. ("Pat") Moynihan
  - Letter to *Life*
- Jeb Stuart Magruder
- Charles W. Colson
- Lyndon K. ("Mort") Allin
- News summaries
- Advantages
- Editorials
- Letters
- Loyalty
- Herbert G. Klein
- Colson
- Klein
  - Activities
- Colson
- Klein
- Donald H. Rumsfeld
- Robert H. Finch
- Clark MacGregor
- Leonard Garment
  - Background
  - Civil rights
  - Liberals
- Pressure
- Mail
- Vietnam
- Economy

Vietnam

- Laos
- News
- Casualties
  - Reduction
- Laos
- President's speech on Southeast Asia, April 7, 1971
  - Timing
  - Congressional reaction



- Polls
  - Results
- New York Times*
  - Paul N. ("Pete") McCloskey, Jr.
- McCloskey
  - General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
  - Views on pacification
  - Schedule
    - Fact-finding trip
  - Views
  - Credibility
  - Withdrawal
- Yost
  - Cabinet
  - Impact
- News report
  - Unknown administration official
  - Leaks

Bureaucrats

- Partisan nature

President's schedule

- Saint John's Episcopal Church, April 9, 1971
  - Phil Watts
- Mamie G. D. Eisenhower
- Announcement
- News story
  - Easter Sunday
  - Demonstrations
  - John N. Mitchell

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Republican Party

- Harry S. Dent
- Dean Burch
  - The President's opinion
    - Extremely useful as political operator
      - Federal Communications Commission [FCC]
      - Republican National Committee [RNC]
  - Politics
- Harry S. Dent
- Dean Burch
  - Compared to Murray M. Chotiner
    - The President's opinion
    - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman's opinion
    - The President's opinion
      - Television
- Loyalists to President
  - Meeting
    - House
    - Senate
    - Governors
    - Republican National Committee [RNC]
    - Robert J. Dole
  - Rogers C. B. Morton
  - Franklyn C. ("Lyn") Nofziger
  - Democratic Party
    - Lawrence F. O'Brien Jr.
  - Robert J. Dole
    - Lawrence F. O'Brien Jr.
      - Problems with Democratic Party
        - Direction as national chairman

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Staff

- Mitchell
  - Schedule





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- Maurice H. Stans
- Peter M. Flanigan
- Businessmen
- Stans
- Dole

Easter egg roll  
-Weather

Haldeman left at 2:00 pm

[Conversation No. 477-008](#)

Date: April 12, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 2:00 pm and 2:30 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

Peter G. Peterson's schedule  
-Meeting with President

Bull left at an unknown time before 2:30 pm

[Conversation No. 477-009](#)

Date: April 12, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 2:00 pm and 2:30 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

Peter G. Peterson's schedule



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- Lunch
- Meeting with President

President's schedule

- Peterson
- George P. Shultz

Bull left at an unknown time before 2:30 pm

[Conversation No. 477-010](#)

Date: April 12, 1971

Time: 2:30 pm - 3:37 pm

Location: Oval Office

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

President's schedule

- Meeting with Maurice H. Stans
- John N. Mitchell
- Stans
  - Schedule
- Mitchell
  - Schedule
- Stans
  - Schedule
- Peter G. Peterson
  - Relationship with Stans

Polls

- President's speech on Southeast Asia, April 7, 1971
- Viewers/non-viewers
  - Difference in attitudes

President's use of media

- Television



- Message
- Television
  - Scheduling
- President's interview with American Society of Newspaper Editors [ASNE], April 16, 1971
- Radio
- Reporters
  - Possible schedule
- Press conference, April 29, 1971
  - White House photographers dinner
- Scheduling
- Television appearances
  - Frequency
- Oval Office press conference
- Frequency of press conferences
- Options
- Schedule
- Evenings prior to press conferences
- Correspondents' dinner
- Photographers' dinner
- Friday evenings

#### Demonstrations

- Plans of demonstrators
- Dates
  - April 24, 1971
- Possible vandalism
- Disruptions
  - Dates
    - April 25 through May 5, 1971
  - Plans
    - Blocking bridges and traffic
    - Sit-ins
    - Interference with unknown employees
    - Telephone systems
    - Radio
      - Hanoi
        - Announcement of insurrection and martial law in Washington
    - Cutting power sources in Washington



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- Rock Creek Park
  - Campsite
  - Federal troops
- Campus support
- Groups
  - National Coalition Against the War
  - People's Coalition for Peace and Justice
  - Communists

President's schedule

- Press conference, April 30, 1971
  - Anniversary of Cambodia speech, April 30, 1970
- Florida
  - Press conference
  - Voluntary action meeting
- Cabinet meeting
  - Rescheduling
- Preparation
  - Oval Office press conference
  - Press conference
    - Television
- Reviewers
- Editors
  - Frank van der Linden
  - Allen S. Drury
  - Victor Lasky
- Stories
- Press conference
  - Scheduling
- Florida
  - Scheduling
  - Photographers
- Weekend
- Camp David
  - Scheduling
- Sequoia*
- Demonstrators
- White House
- Press conference



- Cabinet meeting
- Chamber of Commerce
- Cabinet meeting

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The President's schedule

- Note from Maurice H. Stans
  - Rose Mary Woods
    - Dinner
      - Response
      - Attendance
      - Contributions

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Youth

- Richard A. Moore
- High school juniors and seniors
- Potential support
- Pliability
- College juniors and seniors
- Objectivity
- Workers
- Letters to classes
  - Radio and television broadcast
- Voters

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 2:30 pm



Peterson's arrival  
-Meeting with President

Bull left at an unknown time before 2:50 pm

Paul W. McCracken  
-Picture  
-Inflation alert announcement  
-Schedule  
-Photo session

Peterson entered at 2:50 pm

-Book on Vice Presidency  
-Interview with President  
-President and Vice President Spiro T. Agnew  
-Notes on Vice Presidency

Peterson's schedule  
-*Time-Life* interview  
-Remarks  
-Possible questions  
-Vietnam  
-President's position  
-Questions on negotiations

People's Republic of China [PRC]  
-US relations  
-Visit of ping-pong team

Haldeman left at 3:00 pm

-Background  
-*Time-Life*  
-President's initiatives  
-State Department objections  
-Relaxation of trade and travel restrictions  
-Timing  
-Henry A. Kissinger



- State Department
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
- Time-Life*
- US position relative to PRC and USSR
- Bridge
- Japanese role
  - Broker
  - Eisaku Sato
  - Trade
- Modus vivendi* with US
- Compared with USSR
  - Politics/philosophy
- US position
- President's initiatives
- State Department
  - Llewellyn E. ("Tommy") Thompson, Jr.
  - Charles E. ("Chip") Bohlen
  - Warsaw talks
  - USSR
    - Bureaucracy
    - Kremlinologists
- Benefits
- Agha Muhommad Yahya Khan
- Indira Gandhi
- Nicolae Ceausescu
- US-Soviet relations
- US policy
- Chinese/Soviet radio broadcasts
- Sino-Soviet relations
- Ping-pong team visit
  - Significance
- Opening
  - US strategy
    - Timing
  - PRC suspicion
- Isolation
  - Consequences
  - US-USSR
  - Dangers



- Nuclear capacity
- Chou En-lai
- Leadership
- Knowledge of non-communist world
- USSR
- US
- Japan
- Isolation
- Dangers
- US policy
- Trade
- Political difficulties
- US alliance with Taiwan
  - Korea
  - Philippines
- Trade relaxation
- Forthcoming announcement
- Relaxation of trade restrictions
- President's initiative
- State Department
- Time* magazine article

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 3:00 pm

President's schedule

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 3:11 pm

East-West trade

- Relationship to President's PRC initiative
- USSR
- US policy
- Yugoslavia
- Romania
- Prospects
  - Relation to events
  - Timing
- Scope
- Difficulties





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- Time-Life*
  - Peterson's schedule
- Review
- USSR
  - Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
  - Berlin
- Middle East
- USSR
  - Trade credits
  - Negotiations
- PRC
- USSR

Productivity Council

- Importance
- US trade position
- Engineers
- Scientists
- Industrial research
  - Supersonic Transport [SST]
- Need for US excellence
- Nuclear power
- Administration's position

State Department

- William P. Rogers
- Peterson
- Reorganization
- Rogers
- George P. Shultz
- Economics
- Foreign Service
- Shultz
- Agnew
- Rogers

US world position

- Foreign policy
- Economics



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- Nuclear parity
- Military parity
- Local wars
- Nikita S. Khrushchev
- President's 1959 remarks
- Vietnam
- Economic competition
  - US
  - Western Europe
  - Japan
  - PRC
  - USSR
- Latin America
- Africa
- Middle East
- Great Power competition
- Population
  - PRC
- Investment
- Trade
- Aid package
- National Security Council [NSC]
- Domestic Council
- International economic area
- Difficulties
- US policy
- Strategy
- Historians
- Possible *Time-Life* cover
- Rogers
- John B. Connally
- Shultz
- Clifford M. Hardin
- Cabinet
- Winton M. ("Red") Blount
- Defense Department

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 3:00 pm



President's schedule  
-Arrival of Shultz

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 3:11 pm

US economic position  
-Peterson's outline

Shultz entered at 3:11 pm

- Timing
- Bipartisanship
- President's experiences as congressman
- Marshall Plan
  - Bipartisan support
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO]
- Arthur H. Vandenberg
- Christian A. Herter
- Economic policy
- Foreign policy
- Bipartisanship
- Labor/business
  - Isolationism
- Economic plan
  - Shultz, Connally, and Peterson
- President's philosophy
- Peterson's *Time-Life* meeting
  - Schedule
- President's meetings with Peterson
- President's initiatives
- Roy L. Ash Council
- Intra-administration coordination
- Progress
- Opportunity for change in dialogue
- Committees
  - Citizens groups
  - Composition
    - Economists, businessmen, labor
- National leaders



- Committee
  - David Rockefeller
  - Andre Meyer
  - Easterners versus Westerners
  - Patrick E. Haggerty
  - Howard C. Petersen
  - International Harvester
    - Chicago
  - William Blackie
    - Caterpillar
    - Peoria

#### Textiles

- David M. Kennedy
  - Schedule
- Stans
  - Schedule
- Strategy meeting
- Japan
  - Negotiations
- Meeting
- Approach
- President's position
- Connally, Rogers
- Melvin R. Laird
- Kissinger
- Laird
- Stans
  - Schedule
- Kissinger
- Taiwan
  - Military aid
- Korea
  - Military aid
- Economics
- President's schedule
  - ASNE meeting
- Schedule
- State Department



- Korea
- Taiwan
- Hong Kong
- Negotiations
- Japan
- Background
- State Department views
- Negotiations
- State Department
- Peterson's possible conversation with Kissinger
- PRC/Taiwan
- Rogers' trip to Latin America
- U. Alexis Johnson

Peterson left at 3:21 pm

Civil rights

- Black Caucus
  - Policy review
  - Timing
- Dr. Arthur A. Fletcher
  - Ten-year program
- Civil Rights Commission
  - Reverend Theodore S. Hesburgh
  - Questionnaires to departments and agencies
  - Domestic Council and Office of Management and Budget [OMB]
  - Discussion with departments and agencies
  - Responses
  - Coordination effort

Housing

- Department of Housing and Urban Development [HUD] policy
- Review
- Civil Rights Commission
- Policy review
- Forum
- Announcement by President
- General Services Administration [GSA]
- Defense Department policies



- Fair housing for personnel
- GSA site selection criteria
  - Public access
  - Open housing for employees
  - Fair housing element
- Administration's policy
- Issue
  - Degree of sensitivity
- GSA site selection
  - Fair housing
  - Zoning
  - Blacks
- GSA leasing
  - Congress
- Policy issue
- Internal Revenue Service [IRS] building in Fresno
- Possible GSA directive
- Issue
- GSA criteria
- Civil Rights Commission's questions to GSA
- GSA statement on policy
  - Criteria on available housing
  - Fair housing
  - Assumptions

#### Federal government employment

- "Philadelphia plan"
- Orders
- Textile cases
- Affirmative action plan
  - Federal government requirements
  - Minority employment
  - OMB goals
- Civil Service Commission [CSC] policy towards agencies
  - Timetables
  - Remedial action
  - Recruiting
  - Merit system
- Administration's policy



- Political considerations
- OMB
- Publicity
  - Press releases
- Demagoguery
  - Race
- Promotions
- Supergrades
- "Low key"
- CSC
- OMB's approach
- Publicity
  - Problems
    - Race
    - Demagoguery
- Congress
- OMB's approach

- Stans' trip
  - Europe

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- George P. Shultz's schedule
  - Golf
  - Burning Tree
  - Garden

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Shultz left at 3:37 pm



[Conversation No. 477-011](#)

Date: April 12, 1971  
Time: 3:37 pm - 4:27 pm  
Location: Oval Office

H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman met with Maurice H. Stans and James T. Lynn

[General conversation]

Easter egg roll

The President entered at an unknown time after 3:37 pm

Stans' upcoming trip

-Itinerary

-Romania

-Spain

-Greece

-Iran

-Austria

-Ireland

-John D. J. Moore

-US relations

-John A. ("Jack") Mulcahy

-Dublin

-Schedule

-Country

-Mulcahy

-Property

Commerce Department

-Business attitudes towards administration

-Previous discussions

-Ombudsman for business





- Reaction
- National Business Council for Consumer Affairs
  - Environment
  - Agencies
  - Consumerism
  - Codes of ethics
  - Self-regulation of advertising
  - Ralph Nader
  - Timetable
- Conference on American business in 1990
- Office of Management and Budget [OMB] minority enterprise funding proposal
  - Budget
  - Impact
  - Sam Whiting
  - OMB
  - George P. Shultz
  - Black Caucus
  - Figures on black business franchises
  - Comparison with 1969
  - Administration's initiatives
    - Progress since 1969
      - Automobile franchises
        - Publicity
        - President's comments to an unknown group of African-Americans
        - Figures
- Franchises
  - Automobile industry
  - Set of charts
  - Accomplishments
  - Comparisons with previous efforts
  - Possible presentation to Domestic Council and Cabinet
  - Length of presentation
- Franchising
  - Council on International Economic Policy [CIEP] meeting
  - Commerce Department study
    - Legislation
    - Programs
  - Congress



- Securities and Exchange Commission [SEC]
- Administration's proposal
- Small business
- Forthcoming report
- Technology
  - Gap
  - Private enterprise economy
  - Difficulties in development and transfer
  - Proposals
  - Program
    - Timing
- State Department
  - Commercial services
  - William P. Rogers
  - Bureaucracy
  - CIEP
    - Peter G. Peterson
  - Kinsey public opinion survey
    - Business community opinions
      - Foreign services
      - Publicity
      - Funding
      - Outside firm
      - Leaks
      - Rogers
- Business dissatisfaction
  - Rogers
  - Transfer of commercial services to Commerce Department
  - Upgrading of commercial services by State Department
  - Attitude
  - British, Canadian, and Japanese initiatives
  - Congress
    - Hearings
      - Abraham A. Ribicoff
        - Hearings on upgrading commercial services
    - Encouragement
  - Bureaucracy
  - Possible agreement
  - Foreign service



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- Peterson
- Multinational corporations
  - Statistical study
  - Timing
- CIEP
  - Peterson
- Labor unions' proposals
  - Double taxation
- Incentive
- Effect on earning power
- Earnings on foreign investment
- Balance of payments
- Problem
- CIEP
  - Need
  - Issues
- State Department

President's instructions on government-business relations

- Peter M. Flanigan
  - Schedule
- President's recent meeting with Flanigan
- John B. Connally
- Materials for Flanigan
- Agencies
- Anti-trust
- Internal Revenue Service [IRS]
- Consumerism
- Anti-trust
  - John N. Mitchell
- Environment
  - William D. Ruckelshaus
  - Business as "whipping boy"
- Consumers
  - Virginia H. Knauer
  - Demagoguery
- IRS
  - Connally
  - Attitude towards business



- Rulings
- Labor relations
  - Flanigan
  - Congress
  - Legislation
  - Prospects
  - Flanigan
- Representation abroad
- State Department
  - Rogers
  - John Foster Dulles
  - Foreign Service
  - Commercial attaches
    - View of private enterprise
  - Ambassadors
    - Walter H. Annenberg
    - [David] Kenneth Rush
  - Foreign Service
  - Diplomacy
    - Social aspects

Commerce Department report on business attitudes towards Administration

- Summary
- Recommendations
- Fixing responsibility
  - Unfavorable business factors
    - Commerce Department
    - Congress
    - Circumstances
- Expectations from Republican administration
  - Dissatisfaction
  - Inadequate consultation
  - Commerce Department's initiatives
  - Health insurance bill
    - Time limitations
    - Effects on small business
    - Chamber of Commerce
  - Need for time
  - Health insurance bill



- Cost to business
- Business concerns affected
- Alternatives
- Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy
- Costs
- Administration's possible strategy
  - Business support
  - Alternatives
- Ruckelshaus
- Edmund S. Muskie
- Anti-trust
  - Staff
  - Richard W. McLaren
- IRS
- Consumers
  - Flanigan
  - Knauer
- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission [EEOC]
  - Instruction to Stans to meet with Flanigan
  - President's conversation with Paul W. McCracken
  - Possible injunctive powers
- Defense posture of business
  - Polls
  - Public's attitude to business
    - Colleges
    - Water pollution
    - Concentration of power
    - Pollution laws
    - Legislation for consumers
    - Environmentalism
      - Nader
    - Consumerism
    - Self-defense efforts
- Business expectations
- Administration's initiatives
  - Political realities
- Support from business community
- Government attitude toward business
  - Congress



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- Agencies
  - Environmental Protection Agency [EPA]
  - Anti-business views
- Business criticisms
  - Power of labor unions
    - Congress
  - Environment
  - Consumerism
  - Anti-trust
    - Federal Trade Commission [FTC]
- Democrats
- Administration's efforts
  - President's meeting with unknown group
- Environmentalists
- Businessmen
- Timing
  - Environmentalism
  - Consumerism
    - Growth
  - Hubert H. Humphrey
- Suggestions
- Economic factors
  - Cost, financing, profits, prices
- Business criticisms
  - FTC
  - Anti-trust division of Justice Department
    - Patent licensing
    - Franchises
      - Limitations on rights
    - Overseas investments
    - Trade
    - Need for solutions
  - Administration's fiscal policy
    - Full employment budget
    - Deficits
    - Chamber of Commerce poll
  - Clumsiness of government
    - Bureaucracy
    - Influence on decisions



- Previous administrations
- Approval of administration policies
  - Congress
  - Depreciation allowances
- Republican contributors
  - Meeting with Stans
  - Support for administration
  - Critics
    - Daniel C. Gainey
    - Supporters
      - Stock market
- Government/business relations
  - Transportation industry
  - Automobile industry
  - Petroleum industry
  - List
  - Environment
  - Consumer affairs
- International business
  - Action against US business by foreign governments
    - Since 1969
    - Nationalizations
    - Expropriations
    - Restrictions
    - Cases
      - Andean group
      - Venezuela
        - Retroactive taxation of oil companies
      - Ecuador
        - Tuna boats
      - Ownership of banks, insurance, and service companies
      - Movement of capital
- Concerns
  - List

#### Suggestions

- Possible agency initiatives
  - Consultation with business



- Studies on impact programs on prices, small businesses, and minority businesses
- Public criticism of business by government officials
- Review of anti-trust policies
- Research and development
- Inventory of restrictive work practices
  - Productivity Council
  - Shultz
  - Industry problems
  - List of work restrictions
    - Painting, transportation, utility
  - Focus
  - Capital
  - Work restrictions
  - Need for inventory
- Citizen use of courts for environmental enforcement
  - Ruckelshaus
- Bias against business
  - Tax Reform Act of 1969
- Environment
  - Criticism of business on pollution
  - Industry's contributions
  - Economic factors
  - Technological limitations
  - Time requirement for orderly adjustments
  - Paper industry
    - Modernization/obsolescence
    - Time
    - Financial aid
  - Need for national pollution control standards
  - Contact with industry
  - Anti-trust restrictions
    - McLaren's speech on environment
  - Government incentives for pollution control experiments
    - Tax incentives
    - Accelerated depreciation allowances
    - Regulations
  - Financial assistance to companies for anti-pollution measures
  - National Industrial Pollution Control Council





- Losses due to Food and Drug Administration regulations
  - Possible reimbursements
    - Cyclamates
    - Dwight D. Eisenhower administration
      - Cranberries, chickens
  - Integrated plan for environmental improvement
    - Long-term
      - Ten or twenty years
  - Pressures on industry
  - Ten-year plan regarding reduction of pollution
  - Economic impact statements on anti-pollution actions
    - Alaska pipeline
  - Flanigan
- Foreign commerce
  - Credit support for exports
    - Export-Import Bank [Ex-Im] legislation
  - Tax incentives for US companies
    - Foreign competition
  - Relaxed trade restrictions
    - East-West trade
  - Elimination of controls on American capital investments abroad
    - Arthur F. Burns
    - Connally
  - Changes in export laws
    - Foreign government standards
    - Germany
    - France
    - US
  - Promotion of international standards
    - Standards of quality/performance
    - US position
    - Need for US participation
    - Possible legislation
      - OMB
  - Protection of overseas investments
    - Expropriations
    - Regulations and harrassments
    - Retroactive measures
    - Number of cases



- Adequacy of US efforts
  - Defense of US business
- Report to President

David M. Kennedy's role

- Mission
- Press reports
- State Department
  - Rogers
- Commerce Department
  - Stans
- Peterson
- Trade
- Commerce and State Departments
- Peterson's possible statement
- Departments involved
- Press
- Mission
- Trade with Japan
  - Negotiations
- Peterson
- Circulation of Stans' report

Stans' schedule

- Trip to Europe

Stans and Lynn left at 4:20 pm

President's schedule

- Flanigan
- Rogers
- Meeting with Victor Lasky
  - Use of recorder
  - Patricia (Pratt) Lasky

Stans

- Possible future appointment
- Presentation of report



Business/government relations

- John D. Ehrlichman
- Flanigan
- Stans' study
- Ehrlichman
- Domestic Council

Cabinet reports to President

- Clifford M. Hardin
- Rogers C. B. Morton
- George W. Romney
- John A. Volpe
- Contact with the President
  - Individual meetings versus Cabinet meetings
- Stans
- Individual meetings
- Hardin
- Morton
- Individual meetings
- Frequency
- Stans' report
  - President's summarization
- Connally
  - Hypothetical report to President
    - Commercial attachés
    - Rogers
- Stans
- Defense of Administration
- Consumerism
  - Flanigan

President's schedule

- Peterson
- [D. M.?] Kennedy
- Connally
- Ehrlichman

Business expectations

- Connally's views



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- Consumers
- Environmentalists
- Ehrlichman
- Stans' poll
- Public attitudes towards business
- Administration's initiatives
- Public opposition
- Jews
  - Israel

President's schedule  
*-Sequoia*

Haldeman left at 4:27 pm

[Conversation No. 477-012](#)

Date: April 12, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 4:27 pm and 4:30 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

President's schedule

- William P. Rogers
- Victor Lasky
- Patricia (Pratt) Lasky

Bull left at an unknown time before 4:30 pm

[Conversation No. 477-013](#)

Date: April 12, 1971



Time: 4:30 pm - 5:22 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Victor and Patricia (Pratt) Lasky and an unknown man [Stephen B. Bull?]

Greetings

The unknown man [Bull?] left at an unknown time before 5:22 pm

P. Lasky

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[Personal Returnable]

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[Duration: 1m 14s]

Victor Lasky

-Physical fitness

-The Watergate

-Health club

-Apartment

-John N. Mitchell and Martha (Beall) Mitchell

-Arthur F. Burns

-Martha (Beall) Mitchell

-Taking out trash

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Lasky's book on President

-Coverage

-Administration

-Possible title

-The Man and the Myth



- Writings on President
- Knowledge of President
  - 1948 to present
  - Alger Hiss case
- Outline
- President's preparation for office
- Difficulties in 1968
  - Internal situation
  - Vietnam
  - Middle East
  - Economy
    - Dangers
    - Inflation/depression
- Emphasis
  - Dramatic moments
  - Crisis handling
- Publication schedule
- Possible paperback edition
  - 1972 campaign
- President's approaches to problems
  - Handling
  - Risks
  - Vietnam
  - Economy

#### Economy

- Confidence
- Controls
- Inflation
- Business community
- Inflation
- Growth
  - Rate
- Administration's emphasis on steadiness, responsibility
  - Growth
  - Peace
  - Foreign policy
  - Avoiding extremes, sudden shifts
- Controversy



- Wage and price controls
  - Cabinet
  - President's policies
    - Office of Price Administration [OPA]
    - Effect on US economy
- Foreign affairs
  - Nuclear equality
  - US advantages
- Inflation
- Harmful actions
- "Diet"
- Unemployment
- Inflation
- Optimism
- New York Times* financial writers

#### Vietnam

- Vietnamization
- Troop withdrawals
- Vietnamization
  - Timing
  - General William C. Westmoreland
  - Comparison with Korea
  - South Vietnamese
  - Theory
- Troop withdrawals
  - President's announcements
    - US military
    - South Vietnamese
  - President's policy
    - Timing
  - Melvin R. Laird
    - 1969 trip to Vietnam
    - Recommendations
  - President's meeting with General Nguyen Van Thieu
    - Midway
- Announcements
  - First withdrawals
  - Difficulty



- Defense Department
- Thieu
- South Vietnamese
- Pentagon
- US policy
  - Steady course
  - Flexibility
  - Troop levels
- Support for President
  - Henry A. Kissinger
- Establishment
  - Criticism of the President
- Overthrow of Ngo Dinh Diem
  - John F. Kennedy
- Partition of Laos
  - W[illiam] Averell Harriman
- American involvement
  - Kennedy
  - Beginnings
    - 1963
  - Lyndon B. Johnson
  - Diem
  - Laos
  - Ho Chi Minh Trail
  - Diem
  - Consequences
- Establishment
  - US withdrawal
  - "Domino Theory"
  - President's statements
    - November 3, 1969
    - Cambodia [April 30, 1970]
    - April 7, 1971
  - Support for President
    - Compared with previous administrations
    - Life*
  - Opposition to President
    - Television networks
    - Columnists





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- Kissinger
- ”Guilt complex”
  - Spanish Civil War
    - Comparison with Vietnam
    - General Francisco Franco
- Isolationism
- Foreign involvements

Israel

- Compared with Vietnam
- Support for President’s policies
- Yitzhak Rabin
- Golda Meir
- [V.?] Lasky’s visit to Israel
- Liberals
- View of Israel
- J. William Fulbright
  - Statement
- Michael J. (“Mike”) Mansfield

Middle East

- Prospects
- [V.?] Lasky’s visits
- Negotiations
- Israeli/Egyptian conflict
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
- Jordan
  - US policy

US position in world

- Jordan
- Cambodia
- Trust in US
- Vietnam
  - Future
- Indonesia
- Thailand
- Philippines
- Japan



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- Trust in the US abroad
- American spirit
- Vietnam
  - Withdrawal
- Pacific area
- South Vietnam
- Future of US
- Future of Middle East
- American spirit
  - US role in world
  - World peace
  - World freedom
- Germany and Japan
  - Economic power
  - Military power
- Europe
- USSR
- People's Republic of China [PRC]
- Establishment
- America's role
- Vietnam
- Need for American strength
- Economy
- Military strength

Middle East

- Jordan
  - Kissinger
- Israel
  - West Bank
  - Golan Heights
  - Dodoc Kibbutz
  - Liliuri [sp?] Gardens
  - Golan Heights
  - Syrians
  - Jordanians
  - Libyans
  - Israel/Egypt
  - USSR/US



- Chief of Israeli intelligence
- Israel
  - Relations with Arab neighbors
  - Internal situation
  - US commitments to
  - President's successor
    - US policy
    - Vietnam
    - US obligations

#### Staff

- Kissinger
  - Relationship with the President
    - V. Lasky's books on
    - Kissinger's books
    - Memoranda to John N. Mitchell on Vietnam
      - 1968 campaign
    - Nelson A. Rockefeller
    - Log
- President's concerns
- Cabinet
- Task forces
  - Arthur F. Burns' role
  - Dwight D. Eisenhower Administration
  - Program
- Domestic Council
  - Purpose
  - Burns
  - John D. Ehrlichman
- Economic Council
  - Daniel P. ("Pat") Moynihan
- Foreign Affairs Council
- Domestic Council
- National Security Council [NSC]
- Council on International Economic Policy
  - Peter G. Peterson
  - Importance

US purpose in world



- Military balance
  - Consequences to US economy
- Supersonic Transport [SST]
- Exploration
  - Connection to greatness
  - Historical experience
  - SST/space
  - Scientific research
  - Need for outward look
- General Charles A. J. M. de Gaulle's statement on France
- War
- Need for great enterprises
- Environment
- Standard of living
- Minorities
- Great enterprises
- World power
- US role
  - Benevolence, dynamism
- Competition
- Trade policy
- Productivity
- SST
- Transportation
- SST
- President's relations with Congress
  - Welfare reform
  - Revenue sharing
  - Government reorganization
  - Goals
  - Appointees
    - William J. Casey

President's disappointments

- Inflation
- Unemployment
- Vietnam
- USSR



V. Lasky's book publication schedule

- Possible developments
- PRC

US foreign relations

- President's PRC initiative
  - State Department
  - Soviet/PRC radio broadcasts
  - Isolation
  - Trade/travel announcements
  - Recognition
  - United Nations [UN]
  - Taiwan
  - Future
- PRC, USSR, and the US
  - Dangers of isolation
  - State Department
    - Kremlinologists
    - USSR
    - Recognition
    - Relations with PRC/USSR
  - Ping-pong team visit
- State Department
  - USSR
- Taiwan
  - President's conversation with Chow Shu-kai
  - Difficulties
  - UN
  - President's position

V. Lasky's book publication schedule

- Timing
- Contents
- President's possible contribution to book
- Unofficial

Young people

- Problem
  - Inherited



- View of society and the world
  - Disaffection with the "system"
    - Global phenomenon
- President's talks at colleges and universities
  - Futility
- Need for US success
  - Vietnam
  - Economy
  - Benefits of living in US
  - Comparison with other countries
    - President's own travels
  - PRC
    - Vietnam
    - Draft
- Need for introspection
  - Vietnam
  - Environment
  - System
  - Spirit
- Solutions
- Excuses
- Need for introspection
  - Self reliance

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 4:30 pm

President's schedule

- Albee [sp?] [Surname unknown]

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 5:22 pm

Democrats

- Laos
  - Effect
- Edmund S. Muskie
  - Demonstrations
- Position on Vietnam
- Economy
- Timing



-Vietnam

Bull entered at an unknown time after 4:30 pm

President's schedule

-Meeting with William P. Rogers

Bull left at an unknown time before 5:22 pm

V. Lasky's lawyer

Democrats

-Unknown man's book on Muskie

-George S. McGovern

-Harold Himmelman

-Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy

-Hubert H. Humphrey

-Vietnam

-Vietnam

-V. Lasky's columns

-Johnson

Staff

-President's address on Southeast Asia, April 7, 1971

-Kissinger

-Support for President

-Vietnam

-Carl Sandburg

-Book on Civil War

-General William T. Sherman

-Vietnam

-Rogers

-Troop withdrawal

-Public opinion

Presentation of gifts

-Golf

V. Lasky's schedule



The Laskys left at 5:22 pm

[Conversation No. 477-014](#)

Date: April 12, 1971  
Time: 5:23 pm - unknown before 6:20 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with William P. Rogers and an unknown man [Stephen B. Bull?]

President's meeting with Victor Lasky

Photo session

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[Personal Returnable]

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[Duration: 16s]

William P. Rogers

-Vacation

-Where William P. Rogers stayed on vacation

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Photo session

-Weather

-Location

-Instructions to Ronald L. Ziegler

-Pad of paper





The President, Rogers, and the unknown man [Bull?] left at 5:35 pm

[Pause]

Ziegler entered at 5:35 pm

Photo session  
-Participants

[Pause]

The President and Rogers entered at an unknown time after 5:35 pm

Ziegler's meeting with Tricia Nixon  
-Schedule

[The President talked with the White House operator at 5:35 pm]

[Conversation No. 477-14A]

[See Conversation No. 1-67]

[End of telephone conversation]

Tricia Nixon Cox's wedding  
-Ziegler's role  
-Foreign guests  
-Constance M. (Cornell) ("Connie") Stuart

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[Privacy]  
[477-014-w005]  
[Duration: 5s]

Tricia Nixon Cox's wedding  
-Constance M. (Cornell) ("Connie") Stuart



-The President's opinion

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Tricia Nixon Cox's wedding

- Handling of press
- Style
- Schedule
- Rose Garden
  - Arrangements
  - Procession
- Reception
- Television
- Film coverage
- Guests
- Decorations
- Stuart
- Prince Charles
  - Press coverage
- Handling of press
- Television
  - Stuart
  - Prime time
  - Talk shows
- Look* magazine
  - Cover
  - Life*
  - Formal portrait
  - Editorial control
- Ladies' Home Journal*
- Foreign press

The President talked with T. Nixon between 5:34 and 5:36 pm

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[Personal Returnable]  
[477-014-w002]  
[Duration: 1m 31s]

The President talked with T. Nixon between 5:34 and 5:36 pm

[Conversation No. 477-014B]

[See Conversation No. 001-068; one item has been withdrawn]

[End of telephone conversation]

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Ziegler left at 5:39 pm

Tricia Nixon Cox's wedding  
-Difficulties

Julie Nixon Eisenhower's wedding

Tricia Nixon Cox's wedding  
-Interest  
-Diplomatic Corps  
-Guillermo Sevilla Sacasa  
-Congressmen and Senators  
-Cabinet  
-Rose Garden

David M. Kennedy's trip  
-President's conversation with Maurice H. Stans  
-Organization of American States [OAS]  
-Costa Rica  
-People's Republic of China [PRC]/Taiwan  
-United Nations [UN] representation

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 5:39 pm



## Refreshment

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 6:20 pm

- PRC and Taiwan
  - UN representation
- Vietnam
  - Staff
  - Congressional reaction
  - Prospects

Bull entered at an unknown time after 5:39 pm

- President's schedule
  - Ziegler
  - Fredrick C. LaRue
    - Photograph for book

Bull left at an unknown time before 6:20 pm

Unknown person's trip to Texas

- Vietnam
  - Casualties
  - Cambodia

LaRue entered at an unknown time after 5:39 pm

Photograph

LaRue left at an unknown time before 6:20 pm

- Vietnam
  - Prospects
  - Prisoner of War [POW] issue
    - [Clark M.?] Clifford
    - Major General James D. ("Don") Hughes
  - Negotiations
    - Trade POWs for withdrawal



- Timing
  - POW wives
  - President's speech on Southeast Asia, April 7, 1971
  - POWs
- North Vietnamese
- US withdrawal
- Interruptions
- Cambodia
- President's policies
- Protests
- Withdrawal
  - Fixed date
  - Flexibility
  - Negotiations
- Casualties
- Prospects
- PRC
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
- PRC
  - Visit of ping-pong team
  - President's initiative
  - Relaxation of trade restrictions

#### President's schedule

- Forthcoming meeting with American Society of Newspaper Editors [ASNE], April 19, 1971
- PRC
  - Relaxation of trade restrictions
  - Scope
  - Timing
  - USSR

#### Taiwan

- UN representation
- Rogers's conversation with John B. Connally
- Chiang Kai-shek
- Walter P. McCaughy



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[National Security]

[477-014-w003]

[Duration: 30s]

Taiwan

- Robert D. Murphy
- Timing
- Chow Shu-kai

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Taiwan

- Chiang Kai-shek
- Timing
- Korean elections

Korea

- Possible negotiations
- North Korean initiatives
- US role

USSR

- Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
- Timing
- Gerard C. Smith

President's USSR/PRC initiatives

- Credit
- Anti-ballistic Missile [ABM] treaty
- Defense appropriations
- Congress
- Peace initiatives

President's conversation with Lasky



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- Middle East
  - Jordan
  - Cease fire
  - Desire for peace

Vietnam

- US involvement
  - Casualties
  - Withdrawal
- Cambodia
- Dwight D. Eisenhower
  - Korea
  - Open skies

Korea

- US troops
  - Levels
  - Casualties
- Negotiations
  - Truce
  - Panmunjom

Vietnam

- Negotiations
  - Prospects for truce
  - Timing
- General Nguyen Van Thieu
  - Elections
- Effect on the President's policies
  - Negotiations
  - Peace
  - Possible strategy
- Credit for the President

Administration's accomplishments

- Okinawa
- Germ warfare
- Credit
- Vietnam



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- Visibility
- Press
- Ping-pong team publicity
- Television

PRC

- Invitation to US ping-pong team
- Japanese
- Cambodians
- Tournament

Recording was cut off at an unknown time before 6:20 pm