Date: December 15, 1971
Time: Unknown between 8:38 am and 8:45 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule
- Meeting with an unknown person

Bull left at an unknown time before 8:45 am.

Date: December 15, 1971
Time: Unknown between 8:38 am and 8:45 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 16-103]
Date: December 15, 1971
Time: Unknown between 8:38 am and 8:45 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown person.

The President's schedule
   -Meeting with Henry A. Kissinger

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 8:45 am.

Date: December 15, 1971
Time: 8:45 am - 11:30 am
Location: Oval Office

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

Television program

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The President's schedule
   -Sleep

H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman’s schedule
   -Sleep
   -Difficulty of readjusting

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The President's schedule
- Ronald L. Ziegler
  - Staff meeting
  - John B. Connally

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 8:45 am.

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Bull left at an unknown time before 8:49 am.

Azores trip
- Media coverage
  - Hobart Rowen
  - Connally
    - Airport statement

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at an unknown time after 8:45 am.

The President's schedule
- Meeting with Connally
  - Timing
  - Availability of the President

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 8:49 am.

Azores trips
- Media coverage
  - Devaluation of the dollar
    - Effects
      - US consumers

Henry A. Kissinger entered at 8:49 am.

Oval Office
- Decoration
  - "Star of the President"

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The President talked with the White House operator at 8:49 am.

Margaret Chase Smith’s location

[End of telephone conversation]

Oval Office
-Decoration
  -Walter H. Annenberg
  -Steuben glass
  -Presidential seal

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[638-004-w021]
[Duration: 15s]

Margaret Chase Smith
  -Steuben glass
  -Sell and leave to Tricia Nixon Cox
  -Value

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Oval Office
-Decoration
  -“Star of the President”
  -Location in office
  -Birds

Azores trip
  -Media coverage
    -“Today Show” and “Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS] Morning News”
-Explanation of devaluation
  -Effects
    -Prices
    -Jobs
- CBS interview of Connally
  -National Broadcasting Company [NBC]
    -Georges J.R. Pompidou
    -British
    -Japanese
    -Germans
-George R.S. Baring [Earl of Cromer]
  -Talk with Kissinger
    -Comments
      -Earl of Cromer’s location
-Edward R.G. Heath
  -French and US
  -Germans and Italians
-George P. Shultz
  -Talk with Kissinger
    -Convertibility
  -Talk with Connally
    -Peter G. Peterson
    -Arthur F. Burns
-Kissinger’s talk with Connally
-Meeting
-Convertibility
  -Numbers
  -Pompidou
    -Agreement
-French
  -Numbers
  -Concessions
  -Pompidou
    -Note about US reaction
-Press
  -Joseph C. Kraft
    -Previous conversation with Kissinger
    -Reaction to coverage
-French
-“Azores Doctrine”
-“Guam Doctrine”
-Difference in policy
-Dan Rather
-Comments
-“Guam Doctrine”
-Editorials
-Rowen
-Stock Market
-Effect of agreement
-Communiqué
-Pompidou
-Connally
-Status of the dollar
-England
-Italy
-Japan
-Pompidou
-"Group of Ten" meeting
-Devaluation
-Briefing
-Connally’s previous conversation with Kissinger
-Ziegler
-Rather [?]
-John A. Scali
-Preparation for questions
-Kissinger
-Pompidou
-Connally
-Praise from Kissinger
-Role
-Liaison with Congress
-Meeting with leadership
-Clark MacGregor

President’s schedule
-Florida trip
-Congressional meeting
-Connally
-Percentage of work

India-Pakistan situation
-British resolution
-Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] assurances
-West Pakistan
-No military attack
-US strategy
-UN
-Possible letter exchange
-Leonid I. Brezhnev and the President
-Effect on People’s Republic of China [PRC]
-West Pakistan

-Summit meeting
-Media coverage
-CBS
-USSR
-Indians
-PRC
-Yuli M. Vorontsov
-Brezhnev
-Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
-Ziegler
-Coverage of Summit

-Brezhnev
-Pakistan
-USSR guarantee
-Vorontsov
-Dividing line
-Formalization

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[National Security]
[638-004-w003]

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India–Pakistan
- Intelligence report
- Indian strategy
  - West Pakistan
  - Indira Gandhi
- Bombing
- Indian ambassador
- Television appearances
  - Attacking US policy
- Department of State [DOS]
  - Bay of Bengal landing
- Carrier movement
- India
  - The President’s assessment of Indians
  - John A. Scali
    - Use of word “cannibalize”
- United Nations [UN]
- People’s Republic of China [PRC] position

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Bull entered at an unknown time after 8:49 am.

Smith
- Incoming call

Bull left at 9:12 am.

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[Duration: 20s]
The President talked with Margaret Chase Smith between 9:12 am and 9:14 am.

[Conversation No. 638-004A]

[See Conversation No. 016-103]

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[End of telephone conversation]

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[Privacy]

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William C. Lewis, Jr.’s health

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Azores meeting
- Kissinger comments
- New York Times story
  - Tad Szulc
  - Pompidou
- Terms discussed
  - Percentage of devaluation
  - Germans, Japanese, and French
  - Lyndon B. Johnson
  - Connally
    - Kissinger opinion
  - Shultz proposal
-Germany
  -Possible settlement
-Gold prices
-French
-Japanese
  -Finance Minister
  -Timing
  -Peterson report
-Pompidou
-Possible written statement
-Heath
-Pompidou
-“Group of Ten” meeting
-President's stature in Europe
-President's trips to New York and Paris
-French and US relations
  -Dwight D. Eisenhower
  -Pompidou
  -Maurice Schumann

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[National Security]
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Azores meeting
  -French and US relations
  -Maurice Schumann
    -The President’s opinion of honesty

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Azores meeting
  -French and US relations

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- Pompidou
  - Upcoming American elections
  - George H. Gallup polls

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[Duration: 4m 37s]

1972 campaign
  - John V. Tunney
  - California
  - Edward M. (“Ted”) Kennedy
    - Perceived invulnerability of the President in 1972
    - Setting up Edmund S. Muskie
    - Preparing for 1976 campaign
    - Henry A. Kissinger's conversation with George Meany
    - George Meany's health
  - Edmund S. Muskie
    - Nomination
    - Possibility of Edward M. (“Ted”) Kennedy working against
  - Edward M. (“Ted”) Kennedy
    - Effect of President's election
    - Next Democrat president
    - Need for opposition in the President
      - Can’t run against a Democratic president
  - Maurice Schumann
    - The President's chances in election
    - Elite opinion regarding the President
  - Polls
    - Possibility people lie to pollster
    - Uselessness of polls
      - Only useful close to the election
    - Edmund S. Muskie vs the President
  - Democrats
-Strategy

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Azores meeting
   -Media coverage
      -Compared to John F. Kennedy
      -Nixon Doctrine

Bull entered at an unknown time after 9:14 am.

President's schedule
   -Connally meeting

Bull left at an unknown time before 9:28 am.

The President's schedule
   -Florida

Connally entered at 9:28 am.

Schedule

Azores meeting
   -Public relations
   -Media coverage
      -Ziegler
      -Scali
      -Upcoming meeting with Connally
      -President's instructions about questions
   -Publicity
      -Haldeman's opinion
   -Compared to "Guam Doctrine"
   -CBS coverage
      -Rather
   -Rowen
   -Devaluation of the dollar
   -NBC
- Connally interview with Irving R. Levine
- Price rises
- Jobs
- Ziegler
- Scali
- Devaluation
- Trade with Europe
- US progress
- Improvement of American competitive position
- Devaluation
- Imports
- American goods
- Prospects for the future
- Need for modesty
- US position
  - Consideration for US trade partners
  - Possibility of recession abroad
- Earl of Cromer
  - Recent conversation with Kissinger
- UN Security Council Resolution
- President’s instructions
  - Connally’s upcoming conversation with the Earl of Cromer
- Karl Schiller
  - Quoted in the newspaper
  - Need for another meeting
  - Willy Brandt
  - Relationship with Schiller
  - Nobel Prize

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[Duration: 1m 40s]

Azores meeting
- Egon Bahr
  - The President’s opinion
  - Meet with Willy Brandt
  - Ability to persuade Willy Brandt
  - Weekend of December 18-19, 1971
  - Karl Schiller
    - Meeting with John B. Connally
    - German attitude
  - Henry A. Kissinger’s opinion
  - Berlin negotiations

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Azores meeting
- Schiller
- Brandt
  - Future meeting with the President
  - Pompidou

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 22

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WEST GERMANY

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 22

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Azores meeting
   -Congress
      -Henry S. Reuss
         -Possible Action
      -MacGregor
         -Briefing
      -Reuss
      -Jacob K. Javits
      -Authority to devaluate
      -Trade terms
         -Potential problems
         -Convertibility
   -Pompidou
   -Congress
      -Strategy
      -Resolution of authority
      -Trade concessions
      -Banking and Currency Committee
      -Finance
      -Ways and Means Committee
         -Paul A. Volcker
         -Inclusion
      -Briefing
         -Schedule
         -Convertibility
         -Strategy
   -Convertibility
      -Agreement
      -Recessions and depressions
      -World trade
      -Camp David
      -Burns
         -Predictions
      -Stock exchange
   -Agreement
   -Briefing
      -Peterson
      -Shultz
      -Paul W. McCracken
- Herbert Stein
- Burns
- Kissinger
- State Department
  - Foreign Affairs Committee in Congress
    - J. William Fulbright
    - Involvement in briefing
  - India-Pakistan situation
  - Haldeman's call to William P. Rogers
    - Macgregor and Connally
  - Ways and Means Committee
- Nathaniel Samuels
- Volcker
  - Haldeman’s call to Rogers
  - State Department’s involvement
- Ziegler
- Scali
- William D. Eberle
- Directive about public statements
- Michael J. Mansfield
- Carl B. Albert
- Michael J. Farrell

Haldeman left at 9:47 am.

- Public statements
  - Treasury Department
- Press
  - Trade
    - Tobacco
    - Citrus
  - Pompidou
    - Meeting with Kissinger
      - Tobacco
      - Grain
      - Germans
    - Need for his assistance
- Canadians
  - Connally's role
Credit for the President

Connally's schedule
   - Call to Germany
   - Schiller meeting
     - Timing
   - Breakfast
   - Communications with Egon Bahr

Child care bill
   - Media
     - James J. Kilpatrick, Jr. column
   - News summary
     - President's use
     - Dallas
     - Chicago
       - Washington Post
   - Kilpatrick
     - Column

Azores meeting
   - Connally
     - Strategy
       - Ziegler
       - Scali
       - Assistance to Connally
     - Future
     - Jobs
     - NBC interview
   - Convertibility
     - Pompidou
     - Shultz
       - Instructions
       - Conversations with Connally and Kissinger
       - Views

Haldeman entered at 9:55 am.

- Levine
-Previous conversation with Connally
  -Pompidou
  -Congress
  -Agenda
  -Trade
  -Revaluation of exchange rates
  -Political strategy
    -Inflation
    -International monetary conditions
    -Employment
    -US leadership
  -President’s instructions
    -Public relations
  -US world position since World War II
    -Finance
      -Monetary importance
      -The President’s August 15, 1971 statement
      -Press coverage
    -European reaction
      -Need for co-operation
        -Importance
  -Pompidou
  -European position
    -Germany
  -Jobs
  -Results of meeting
    -Time lag
    -Currency realignment
      -1972 election
  -Impact of trade changes
  -Burden sharing

Butterfield entered at an unknown time after 9:55 am.

President’s schedule
  -Congressional briefing
    -Peterson
    -Ziegler
    -Scali
Haldeman, Kissinger, and Butterfield left at 10:00 am.

Azores meeting
- Connally
- Credit for the President
- August 15, 1971 actions

Briefing
- The President’s August 15, 1971 statement
- World markets
  - Convertibility
  - Jobs in Germany, France, and the US
  - Effects on trade
  - Need to improve US position
- Attitudes of Europeans
- Economics
  - Vitality of all participants
    - Importance to US interests
- US stance
  - Toughness
  - Purpose
- Upcoming agreements
  - Japan
  - Canada
  - Europe
- Devaluation of the dollar
  - Scali
- Possible comments by the President
- German deutschmark
- August 15, 1971 actions
- Wage and price controls
- Implications for the future of US currency
- Explanation of US position
- Scali
  - Location

Haldeman entered at 10:01 am.
Ziegler entered at 10:02 am.

President’s instructions
- Need for unity
- Sensitivity of issues
  - Connally
- Scali
- Need for open communication
- Timing

Scali entered at 10:05 am.

- Press coverage
  - Upcoming negotiations
  - Need for White House clearance of remarks
- Connally
  - Wage and price freeze
  - Taxes
  - International monetary situation
  - President's accomplishments
    - Historical context
    - Timing
      - The President’s August 15, 1971 statement
- Economic policy
  - Inflation
    - Phase I and II
  - Jobs
    - Tax incentive
  - International monetary situation
    - Chances for success
- Devaluation
  - Meaning
    - Effect on US goods and jobs
  - Reasons
- US monetary situation since World War II
  - Compared to other countries
- US dollar overvalued
- Trade situation
  - Effect of monetary reform
    - Timing
- Results of Azores meeting
  - President's leadership stressed

Kissinger entered at 10:13 am.

- "Azores Doctrine"
  - Corollary to "Guam Doctrine"
    - Mutuality and burdensharing
- US role in meeting
- Nationalism
- Effects in Europe
  - Burns’s view
    - Instability
    - Possible recession
- US responsibility
  - Spending
  - Freedom
  - Stability
- European viewpoint
  - Pompidou
    - Perceived victory

Azores meeting
- Dealing with the Germans and Japanese
- National interests
- Reasons for US involvement
  - Offset agreement
  - Major currency realignment
  - Trade concessions
  - Realignment
    - Fairness to US dollar
- Pompidou
- Result for France
  - Washington Star article
    - George Sherman
- Heath's upcoming visit
- Pompidou
  - Previous conversation with the President
    - Simile
    - Lebanese
    - United Press International [UPI]
    - Helen A. Thomas
- France
  - Victory in devaluation
  - Attitude toward gold
- Press
  - Kissinger's opinion
  - US objectives
- US results
- French results
- Ideology
- Gold prices
  - World market prices
  - Raising of price
  - French viewpoint
    - Connally's opinion
    - Hoarding
    - History
    - French Revolution
    - Kissinger's opinion
    - Attitude toward own currency
- PRC
  - View of money
  - Methods
- French
  - View of gold
  - Pompidou
    - Forthcoming election
  - Relative revaluation
    - Connally’s backgrounder
    - US position compared to French position
- Devaluation
- Revaluation
President’s instructions
- Volcker
- Reuss
- William Proxmire
- Javits
- Democrats
  - View of agreement
    - Possible change
    - Franklin D. Roosevelt
- Revaluation
  - Effects internationally
    - Prices
    - Jobs
    - Prices abroad
    - US product prices
  - Effects in the US
    - Common Market
    - Japan
    - Effects on dollar
  - Vulnerability and strength
- Realignment of world currencies
  - Effects
    - Competitiveness of US goods
- Revaluation
  - Semantics
- France
- Connally
  - Work toward agreement
    - Recommendations
    - Negotiations
- President’s comments about agreement
  - Pompidou
  - Great Britain
  - US economy
    - Compared to other Western powers
      - Germany and Japan
- Results
  - Credit
    - Connally
-Friday meeting with Connally
-Instructions

Connally, Scali, and Kissinger left at 10:38 am.

USSR summit
-Press coverage
- Ziegler’s previous conversation with Haig and Kissinger
- India
- USSR
- Ziegler’s strategy
- Kissinger

Haldeman talked with Kissinger [?] at an unknown time between 10:38 am and 10:41 am.

[Conversation No. 638-4B]

Requested Kissinger return to the Oval Office

[End of telephone conversation]

- India-Pakistan
  - USSR role
  - UN
  - Effect on negotiations
    - Potential problems

West Coast dock strike
- Timing of statement
- Settlement from President
- Possible questions
- Congress
  - Legislation
- Need for legislation
- Shultz's, Charles W. Colson's opinion
  - Farm belt opinion
- Need for transportation legislation
- Strategy
  - Ziegler’s opinion
- Congressional action

Kissinger entered at 10:41 am.

India-Pakistan situation
  - Ziegler strategy
    - USSR Summit
      - Possible effect
        - Kissinger’s comments to the press
  - Negotiations
    - Potential for success
  - Administration plans
  - Rogers
  - Effect on negotiations with USSR
  - USSR Summit
    - Cancellation possibilities
      - Kissinger’s remarks
      - The President’s remarks
  - PRC
  - Vorontsov
    - Meeting with Kissinger

Azores meeting
  - Connally
    - Compared to rest of Cabinet
    - Credit
    - Pompidou
      - Upcoming Group of Ten meeting
      - Publicity
      - Negotiations
  - Press
    - Szulc
    - Reaction
    - Pompidou
    - European press
      - Germans
      - European press compared to US press
      - Spiro T. Agnew
      - Skip Isaacs
Ziegler left at 10:54 am.

Release of Richard G. Fecteau from People’s Republic of China [PRC]
- Kissinger
  - Call to Edward W. Brooke and Edward M. Kennedy
- Kennedy
  - Statement
- Human interest story
- Confinement
  - Amount of time
    - Fecteau and Mary Ann Herbert
- Effect on prisoners of war [POW] wives
- Mao Tse-Tung
- John T. Downey
  - Sentence commutation

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Release of Richard G. Fecteau from People’s Republic of China [PRC]
  - Work as a spy
  - Vietnam

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Release of Richard G. Fecteau from People’s Republic of China [PRC]
  - Effect on POWs

Kissinger's appointment with Vorontsov
  - Timing
  - UN Security Council resolution
- Brezhnev letter
- Request for letter about Pakistan USSR intention
  - Effect on PRC
    - Possible outcome
- Exchange of letters
- PRC
- USSR
- PRC

Personnel
- Scali
  - Future assignments
- Ziegler
  - Scali
    - Importance of public relations
    - Reliability
    - Compared to Ziegler
    - Haldeman
    - Ziegler
      - Desire to get into Washington Special Action Group [WSAG]
        - Abilities
          - Kissinger’s forthcoming talk with Haldeman
    - State Department
- William L. Safire
- Scali
- President’s personnel philosophy

India-Pakistan relations
- Summit with the USSR
  - Possible cancellation
    - Kissinger’s comments
- British resolution
- Strategy
- Opposition
- USSR
- PRC
- Indians
- US conservatives
President's schedule
- Briefing
  - Kissinger's memorandum
    - Connally’s talking points

Kissinger's meeting with Vorontsov
- Timing
  - Connally

Kissinger left at 11:05 am.

USSR Summit
- Kissinger’s comments

President's schedule
- Florida
  - Length of visit
- Time interview
  - Time and location
- Press conference
  - Value-added tax [VAT]

Connally
- Negotiations
  - Pompidou
- Style

Kissinger

VAT
- Press coverage
  - Magazines
    - Joseph W. Alsop story
- Property taxes
- Sales taxes
  - Effect on the poor

President’s schedule
- Press conference
- Questions and answers [Q&A]
- Vietnam announcement
  - Timing
- Public opinion
- Patrick J. Buchanan
- Heath meeting
- Brandt meeting
- Group of Ten meeting
  - Location
  - Connally’s schedule
  - Heath meeting
- Florida
- Weather
- Camp David
- India-Pakistan relations
  - Kissinger
- Public opinion
- Meeting with Congress

Bull entered at an unknown time after 11:05 am.

- Gifts
  - Money clips
  - Symbolism
- Need for new gifts
  - Placement of gifts
  - Recipients of gifts

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:30 am.

President's schedule
- John D. Ehrlichman meeting
  - Anti-trust action on television networks
  - Ehrlichman’s location
- Bill signings
  - National Cancer Act of 1971
  - Economic Stabilization Act Amendments of 1971
  - Alaska claims
  - Congress
Timing of bill signings
-Peterson memorandum
-Commerce Department
-Jobs
-Budget
-Supersonic Transport [SST]
-Ehrlichman
-Possible passage
-“A Day in the Life of the President”
-Music
-Julie Nixon Eisenhower
-Suggestions
-Tchaikovsky, Beethoven, Rachmaninoff, Liszt
-Rose Mary Woods
-“Swan Lake” and “Sleeping Beauty”
-Eugene Ormandy
-London Symphony Orchestra
-Russians
-Departure for Florida

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 11:05 am and 11:22 am.

[Conversation No. 638-4C]

[See Conversation No. 16-104]

[End of telephone conversation]

The President's schedule
-Congress
-Bill signing
-Budget

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 19
The President talked with Julie Eisenhower between 11:22 am and 11:25 am.

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 19

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[638-004-w019]
[Duration: 1m 57s]

[Conversation No. 638-004D]

[See Conversation No. 016-105]

[End of telephone conversation]

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The President's schedule
- *Time-Life* interview
  - Scheduling
    - Hedley W. Donovan
    - Church service
    - Location
      - Lincoln Sitting Room
  - Staff open house
    - Christmas decorating
    - Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon
    - Julie Nixon Eisenhower
  - Florida
    - Meeting with Congressional leaders
An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 11:25 am.

-Agnew
-MacGregor and an unknown person

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 11:30 am.

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[Duration: 1m 14s]

The President’s workload
-Needs more time off
  -Doesn’t play bridge, poker, or watch movies during the week
-Azores
-The President’s weekdays compared to other presidents
  -Massages
  -Swims
  -Naps
-Christmas week

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The President’s schedule
-Forthcoming Congressional meeting
-MacGregor
-William E. Timmons

Haldeman left at 11:30 am.
Date: December 15, 1971
Time: 11:33 am - 11:45 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

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The President’s schedule
- Game

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The President’s schedule
- Florida

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[Duration: 17s]
The President’s schedule
-Julie Nixon Eisenhower
-Schedule

The President’s schedule
-Julie Nixon Eisenhower
-Washington Post coverage
-White House decorations
-Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon
-Green Room
-Kennedys
-Mrs. Nixon

Decorations
-Oval Office
-Executive Office Building [EOB]
-State gifts
-Julie Nixon Eisenhower
-“Star of the President” crystal

President's schedule

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The President’s schedule
-Relaxation
-The President's conversation with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman

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- Doesn't play bridge, poker, or watch movies during the week
  - Lyndon B. Johnson
  - John F. Kennedy
  - Dwight D. Eisenhower
    - Heart attack
    - Golf
  - Florida

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[Personal Returnable]
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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8
[Personal Returnable]
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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8

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Woods's schedule
  - Dinner party
    - Maurice H. Stans
    - John A. Volpe
    - Donald H. Rumsfeld
    - Clark MacGregor
    - Earl L. Butz
    - Rogers C.B. Morton
    - John N. Mitchell
    - Martha (Beall) Mitchell
    - Elliot L. and Anne F. Richardson
    - George P. and Helena (“Obie”) Shultz
    - Raymond K. Price, Jr.

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at an unknown time after 11:33 am.

President's schedule
  - Meeting with Congress
    - William L. Safire
    - Upcoming Presidential election

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 11:45 am.

Future of country
  - Democrats
Future of country
- Democrats
  - Democratic Party presidential nomination
  - Edward M. (“Ted”) Kennedy
  - Henry M. (“Scoop”) Jackson
  - Edmund S. Muskie
  - Rose Mary Woods’ opinion
- Democratic National Committee [DNC]
- Debts

Woods's dinner party
- Tone
  - George W. and Lenore L. Romney

Azores meeting
- Letter to Portuguese Prime Minister [Dr. Marcello Jose des Neves Alves Caetano] and Brig. Gen. Thomas A. Aldrich, Jr.
  - Gifts

The President's schedule
- Suits
  - December 27, 1971
  - Tricia Nixon Cox and Daniel P. (“Pat”) Moynihan
- Florida
  - Weather
-Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo
-Qualities

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Azores meeting
-Significance
-Devaluation
-Jobs
-News reports

Woods left at 11:45 am.

Date: December 15, 1971
Time: 11:45 am - 11:46 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

President's schedule
-Bill signing
-Forthcoming trip
-Helicopter
-Forthcoming meeting

Butterfield left at 11:46 am.

Date: December 15, 1971
Time: 11:51 am - 11:52 am
Location: Oval Office
The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

President's schedule
   -Forthcoming meeting

Butterfield left at 11:52 am.

Date: December 15, 1971
Time: 11:55 am - 12:02 pm
Location: Oval Office

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

Press
   -Sports
      -George E. Allen
      -John A. Scali
      -George W. Romney
      -Washington Redskins
         -Turning point in season
         -President’s visit to Redskins Park, November 23, 1971
      -Richard A. Moore
      -Ronald L. Ziegler
      -Scali
      -[Forename unknown] Bethe [?]
         -Forthcoming article
      -Allen
         -Praise
      -Los Angeles Rams

President's schedule
   -Meeting with Congress
   -William P. Rogers
- Georges J.R. Pompidou
- Henry A. Kissinger
- Money
- Nathaniel Samuels
- Upcoming trip to the People’s Republic of China [PRC]
  - California
  - Press
  - Hawaii
  - Guam
  - California
  - Hawaii
    - Nelson A. Rockefeller house
    - Length of visit
  - California
    - Send off
  - Hawaii
  - Guam
    - Nimitz house
    - Guam Doctrine
  - California
  - Hawaii
  - Guam
  - Wake Island
  - Formal departure from the White House
  - Los Angeles Times
  - Hawaii
    - Weather
    - Accommodations
      - Maui
      - Rockefeller house
  - Guam
  - Oahu
    - Commander in Chief, Pacific [CINCPAC]

Haldeman left at 12:02 pm.

Conversation No. 638-009
Date: December 15, 1971
Time: Unknown between 12:02 pm and 12:06 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Congressional briefing
-Wilbur D. Mills
-John W. Byrnes
-Russell B. Long
-Long

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:06 pm.

Date: December 15, 1971
Time: Unknown between 12:02 pm and 12:06 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Asks that Paul A. Volcker come to the Oval Office

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:06 pm.

Date: December 15, 1971
Time: Unknown between 12:02 pm and 12:06 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown person.
The unknown person left at an unknown time before 12:06 pm.

Conversation No. 638-012

Date: December 15, 1971
Time: 12:06 pm - 12:07 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Paul A. Volcker and an unknown man.

US monetary crisis
  -Recent history
  -Speech

Volcker and the unknown man left at 12:07 pm.

Conversation No. 638-014

Date: December 15, 1971
Time: Unknown between 12:07 pm and 1:22 pm  
Location: Oval Office

An unknown agent talked with an unknown person.

[Conversation No. 638-14A]

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[Federal Statute]  
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[End of telephone conversation]

The President’s location  
-Cabinet Room

Date: December 15, 1971  
Time: 1:22 pm - 1:45 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.  
[The recording begins while the conversation is already in progress]
The President talked with an unknown person at an unknown time after 1:22 pm.

[Conversation No. 638-13A]

President's schedule
   -Departure
     -John D. Ehrlichman

[End of telephone conversation]

   -Bill signing
     -H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman

Ehrlichman and Charles W. Colson entered at 1:24 pm.

Media
   -Networks
     -Antitrust action
       -Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
       -John N. Mitchell
       -CBS
         -Removal of Richard S. Salant
         -Reorganization

Butterfield left at 1:26 pm.

   -Value-added tax [VAT]
     -Haldeman
     -Coverage
     -Strategy
     -Edmund S. Muskie
     -Rowland Evans and Robert D. Novak
     -Muskie
       -Position

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Stephen B. Bull entered and left at an unknown time after 1:26 pm.

Supersonic transport [SST]
  -John B. Connally
  -Georges J.R. Pompidou
  -Reaction
  -Congress
  -Strategy
  -Outside petitions
-Budget
-Research
-Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
   -Sputnik
-Boeing

[Background noise]

George Meany
-Health
-Note from the President
-Christmas
   -Hopes for a speedy recovery

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[Privacy]
[638-013-w004]
[Duration: 48s]

   George Meany
   -John N. Mitchell’s intelligence
   -[Joseph] Lane Kirkland
      -Marital problems
      -Infidelity
   -Morality
   -Alimony

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Azores meeting
-Results
   -France
   -Possible staff reaction
   -France

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-Germans and Japanese
  -Henry A. Kissinger
-Publicity
-Connally
-“New Economic Policy”
-John A. Scali and Ronald L. Ziegler
-Kissinger
  -Role

President's economic policy
  -Machine tool industry
  -Retail sales
    -Trend
    -Effect of weather and holiday season
  -New York Times article
    -[Forename unknown] Solomon
  -Unemployment
    -Unknown Georgetown University professor
    -Washington Post article
    -Support for the President’s policies
  -Information for supporters
    -Dissemination
    -Talking point
  -Spiro T. Agnew speech
    -Muskie
  -John F. Kennedy
  -House Resolution [H R] 1
    -Herman E. Talmadge
  -Social Security
  -Work requirements
  -Aid to dependent children
  -Conservatives
  -Possible veto
  -Congress
    -Wayne L. Hayes

President's schedule
  -Bill signing
    -Cancer
- Congress’s schedule
- Michael J. Mansfield
- Visit to Redskins Park, November 23, 1971
  - The President’s conversation with Haldeman
  - Effect on the Washington Redskins

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Football
- Washington Redskins
  - President’s opinion
    - Offense
- Los Angeles Rams
- Field goals
- Bad call
  - Touchback
- Players
  - Roman Gabriel
    - The President’s opinion
  - Jack Snow
  - Roy Jefferson
- Clifton McNeill
- Jerry Smith
- Larry Brown
- Jack Pardee
- George E. Allen

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Christmas season
  - Effect on the staff
- Administration’s generation of news

State of the Union address
- President’s schedule

“A Day in the Life of the President”
- Washington Star article
- Julie Nixon Eisenhower
  - Christmas tree and decorations
- Christmas message
- CBS
  - Timing

Staff

Ehrlichman and Colson left at 1:45 pm.