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[Conversation No. 267-001](#)

Date: Unknown between July 29 and July 30, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 1:50 pm, July 29 and 9:08 am, July 30, 1971  
Location: Old Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown man.

Schedule  
-Meeting

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 9:08 am, July 30, 1971.

[Conversation No. 267-002](#)

Date: July 30, 1971  
Time: 9:08 am - 9:10 am



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Location: Old Executive Office Building

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

The President's schedule

- George P. Shultz
- Meeting with railroad officials
- Telephone call from Shultz

Butterfield left at 9:10 am.

[Conversation No. 267-003](#)

Date: July 30, 1971

Time: Unknown between 9:10 am and 9:13 am

Location: Old Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown man.

Request

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 9:13 am.

[Conversation No. 267-004](#)

Date: July 30, 1971

Time: 9:13 am - 9:15 am

Location: Old Executive Office Building

The President talked with George P. Shultz.

[See Conversation No. 7-36]



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[Conversation No. 267-005](#)

Date: July 30, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 9:15 am and 9:35 am  
Location: Old Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown woman.

Schedule

The President and the unknown woman left at 9:35 am.

[Conversation No. 267-006](#)

Date: July 30, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 1:24 pm and 3:04 pm  
Location: Old Executive Office Building

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

Schedule

-Forthcoming meeting

[Conversation No. 267-007](#)

Date: July 30, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 1:24 pm and 3:04 pm  
Location: Old Executive Office Building

The President talked with Rose Mary Woods.



Speech draft for Iowa trip  
-Delivery to Woods  
-Copy for Ronald L. Ziegler  
-Typing instructions  
-Underlining of words

[Conversation No. 267-008](#)

Date: July 30, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 1:24 pm and 3:04 pm  
Location: Old Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown man.

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Request

-Tea

-Secretary

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The unknown man left at an unknown time before 3:04 pm.



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[Conversation No. 267-009](#)

Date: July 30, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 1:24 pm and 3:04 pm  
Location: Old Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown woman.

Speech draft for Rose Mary Woods  
-Instructions  
-Underlining of words

The unknown woman left at an unknown time before 3:04 pm.

[Conversation No. 267-010](#)

Date: July 30, 1971  
Time: 3:04 pm - 4:00 pm  
Location: Old Executive Office Building

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

Vice President Spiro T. Agnew  
-Victor Gold  
-Memorandum for the President  
-Relations between the US and the People's Republic of China [PRC]  
-Gold's impression of Agnew's position on the 1972 ticket  
-Frank Cormier's article  
-PRC  
-John A. Scali  
-Meeting  
-John Roberts  
-Source of item  
-Cormier  
-Herbert G. Klein  
-Sources of rumor



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- Robert Pierpoint's report about Agnew's involvement in PRC
  - Arthur J. Sohmer's alleged receipt of unsigned White House cable
- Scali
  - Vice President problem
    - Involvement
- Klein
- White House staff relations

The press

- Pentagon Papers
- New morality
- William P. Rogers
- Letter to the editor of *Newsweek* from US ambassador to Kenya
  - Response to article about Agnew
    - Scali
    - Golf course
    - Meeting with Jomo Kenyatta
    - Use of limousines
- Kakuei Tanaka
- Newsweek*
  - White House response to article
    - Lack of contact
    - Request for retraction
      - Ronald L. Ziegler, Scali
  - Henry Hubbard
  - Kenyatta article
  - White House contact cut-off
    - Ziegler
    - Retraction of article
    - Presidential directive
    - Instructions to Cabinet members
    - White House staff
    - Circulation of background information and ambassador's letter to the editor
- The Bohemian Grove
  - Cancellation of trip
    - Agnew
- The President's forthcoming trip
  - Ohio



- California
  - The Bohemian Grove
    - Telephone call to the President
- The Gridiron dinner
  - News embargo on reporting event
    - Comparison to the Bohemian Grove

The President's schedule

- California
  - Ronald W. Reagan
    - Milk producers speech
      - Patrick J. Buchanan
  - Northern California

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Spiro T. Agnew

- President's opinion on handling Spiro T. Agnew
  - Continuance in office
- Comparison to President's experiences during the Eisenhower administration

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Unidentified person

- Attitude
  - Haldeman's view

[Pause]

John B. Connally

- President's instructions



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-Haldeman

Fraternal Organizations

- Secrecy
  - Order of Elks
  - Masons
  - Lodge

*Newsweek*

- Haldeman's forthcoming staff meeting
- Letter to Cabinet members
  - Cable
- Hubbard
  - Call by Ziegler
- White House reaction
  - Richard A. Moore
- Letter to Cabinet members
  - Handling of distribution
  - Release of letter
    - Timing
- Agnew

The President's schedule

- July 31, 1971 travel
  - Republican leaders meeting
  - Rathbun Dam dedication
- Future forum

The economy

- Wall Street Journal* article
  - Citation by Shultz
    - Automobile sales, housing starts, production output

The Vietnam war

- Casualty figures
- Cambodia

The economy

- Positive stories



- Great Britain's unemployment rate
  - Comparison with the US
    - Germany, Japan, Italy
- Welfare recipients in the US
  - Per Capita Income
    - Latin America, Mexico
    - Africa
    - South Asia
    - Italy

Thomas R. Shepard

- Speech
  - “Ding-a-ling” era
  - Current issues
    - The environment
      - Air and water pollution
      - Participants in television show
        - Population projections
      - People concerned with environmental and social issues
      - ”Disaster lobby”
        - Ralph Nader
        - Automobile fatalities
          - 1920's to 1961
          - Automobile safety improvements
            - Nader
            - Compulsory seatbelts and shoulder harnesses
            - Automobile recalls
            - Effect on auto fatalities
    - The environment
      - Air pollution
        - Coal
          - Industry development of alternative energy sources
        - Amount of oxygen at present compared with 1910
      - Water pollution
        - 1900 statistics on typhoid in Chicago
          - Comparison to the present
        - Lake Erie
        - Municipal responsibilities
          - Sewage



#### Environmental issues

- John D. Ehrlichman
  - Dichlorodiphenyl trichloroethane [DDT]
  - Effect
  - Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*
  - Malaria control
    - Ceylon
    - Increase in deaths after DDT ban
  - Gypsy moth
- Copies of speech by Shepard
  - Distribution to Ehrlichman and John C. Whitaker
  - Possible future speech by the President
- Speech
  - Population growth projections
  - Disaster lobby
  - Free enterprise system
- Daniel P. Moynihan
  - Influence
- President's view
- Poll questions
  - Charles W. Colson
  - Louis Harris
  - Environmental issues
    - Jobs compared with environment
  - Harris' handling of questions
  - Compared to Thomas W. Benham

#### Shepard

- Possibility of White House job
- Nader's effect on business
- Consumerism
- Speech
  - Regulation
  - Kingman Brewster's comments
  - Fair trials for Black revolutionaries
  - US senator
    - Ralph Nader
  - Comparison with other eras in US history



- Pre-Civil War gold rush fever
- Post-Civil War carpetbaggers
- 1920's
- Senator Joseph McCarthy
- “Disaster lobbyists”
- Quote from the President
- Appearance, abilities
- Comparison of writing style with the President's speaking style
  - Use of the term crackpot
  - Consumer and environmental activists
- Speech
  - Current attitudes in the US
    - Emphasis on rights of the criminal, not the victim
    - Universities
    - Draft dodgers compared with soldiers serving in the US military
    - Treatment of minorities compared with charges of racism
      - Double standards on prejudice
        - Liberal prejudice against hardhats, construction workers, career soldiers, southern Whites
  - Vietnam war
  - Action against cigarette smoking compared with the fight to liberalize marijuana laws
  - Beliefs of “disaster lobby”
- Copies of speech
  - Distribution
    - Raymond K. Price, Jr. and speech writers
    - Ehrlichman, Whitaker
- Nature of environmental issues
  - Comparison with the President's handling of the Vietnam war
  - Edmund S. Muskie, Nader

Haldeman left at 4:00 pm.

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Time: Unknown between 4:00 pm and 4:17 pm  
Location: Old Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

Call to Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon

[Conversation No. 267-012](#)

Date: July 30, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 4:00 pm and 4:17 pm  
Location: Old Executive Office Building

The President talked with Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon.

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President’s schedule

- Arrival at Camp David
- Issue with President’s air conditioner
  - Noise
    - Repair work
- Julie Nixon Eisenhower
  - Not coming to Camp David
- Forthcoming trip to see Tricia Nixon Cox August 4, 1971

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[Conversation No. 267-013](#)

Date: July 30, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 4:00 pm and 4:17 pm  
Location: Old Executive Office Building

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

Issues

- Thomas R. Shepard's speech
- John D. Ehrlichman
  - Handling of environmental issues, consumerism, welfare
  - Stronger statements
    - Comparison with the President's handling of other issues such as foreign policy, crime
- Raymond K. Price, Jr. and speech writers
- White House domestic council staff
  - Attitudes
- Welfare, revenue sharing

[Conversation No. 267-014](#)

Date: July 30, 1971  
Time: 4:17 pm - 4:19 pm  
Location: Old Executive Office Building

The President met with Marjorie P. Acker.

Items for the President's forthcoming trip

Acker left at 4:19 pm.

[Conversation No. 267-015](#)

Date: July 30, 1971



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Time: Unknown between 4:19 pm and 4:35 pm  
Location: Old Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown White House staff member.

Schedule

- Length of meeting
- Forthcoming meeting

[Conversation No. 267-016](#)

Date: July 30, 1971  
Time: 4:35 pm  
Location: Old Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

Call to George P. Shultz

[Conversation No. 267-017](#)

Date: July 30, 1971  
Time: 4:35 pm  
Location: Old Executive Office Building

The White House operator talked with the President.

George P. Shultz's schedule

[Conversation No. 267-018](#)



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Date: July 30, 1971  
Time: 4:37 pm  
Location: Old Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

Call to James D. Hodgson

[Conversation No. 267-019](#)

Date: July 30, 1971  
Time: 4:37 pm - 4:45 pm  
Location: Old Executive Office Building

The President talked with James D. Hodgson.

Labor management

- Report on negotiations on steel settlement
- Productivity and work rules issues
- Forthcoming negotiations
  - The President's schedule
  - Possible settlement
    - Inflationary impact
    - The President's role
- The President's schedule
- Railroad negotiations
  - Public reaction to railroads
  - Work rules issue
    - George P. Shultz

[Conversation No. 267-020](#)



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Date: July 30, 1971  
Time: 4:45 pm  
Location: Old Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

Call to Charles W. Colson

[Conversation No. 267-021](#)

Date: July 30, 1971  
Time: 4:46 pm  
Location: Old Executive Office Building

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

Schedule  
-Meeting request

[Conversation No. 267-022](#)

Date: July 30, 1971  
Time: 4:46 pm - 5:43 pm  
Location: Old Executive Office Building

The President talked with Charles W. Colson.

[Conversation No. 267-22A]

Polls  
-President's conversation with Louis Harris  
-Domestic Council  
-Effect of foreign policy on domestic issues



- Focus of questions
  - Environmental and consumer issues
    - Water pollution
    - Jobs compared with environment

H.R. ("Bob") Haldeman entered at 4:50 pm.

- The President's possible meeting with Harris
- Questions
- Understanding of political ramifications

The economy

- Bureau of Labor Statistics [BLS]
  - Dan Rather's comment
  - News summary
  - George P. Shultz
- Comparison of statistics with 1970 unemployment projection

Congress

- Action on Lockheed bailout

[The President conferred with Haldeman]

Lockheed

- John Volpe
- Michael J. ("Mike") Mansfield

[End of conferral]

Daniel P. Moynihan

John V. Lindsay

- New York City
- 42nd Street
- Prostitution

[End of telephone conversation]

- Telephone call recommendation
- Bart Starr



[The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 4:50 pm and 5:01 pm]

[Conversation No. 267-22B]

Call to Starr

[End of telephone conversation]

Thomas R. Shepard

- Possible meeting with the President
- Possible White House position
- Writing style of speech
  - Comparison with White House speechwriters
    - Raymond K. Price, Jr.
      - Abilities as speechwriter
      - Management of speechwriting staff
    - John K. Andrews, Jr.
    - Focus in domestic issues

Henry A. Kissinger entered at 5:00 pm.

Shepard

- Speech
- Assistance to the President
  - In publishing or in the White House
  - Look* magazine

The President read aloud excerpts from "The Ding-A-Ling Era" by Shepard.

[See White House Subject Files: Executive SP6 7/1/71 - 8/31/71, "The Ding-A-Ling Era", Thomas R. Shepard]

Shepard speech

- Water pollution
  - Lake Erie
- Environmentalists
- Dichlorokiphenyl trichloroethane [DDT]



- Effectiveness
- Rachel Carson's book, *Silent Spring*
- Ceylon
  - Reduction of malaria cases
  - Increases in malaria cases after imposition of DDT ban
  - Penguins, pelicans

[The President talked with Bart Starr between 5:09 pm and 5:11 pm]

[Conversation No. 267-22C]

Football

- Starr's health
- The President's imminent departure for Canton, Ohio
  - Football Hall of Fame inductions
- Starr's health
  - Therapy for injury
  - Return to playing football

[End of telephone conversation]

Shepard speech

- Population explosion
  - Moynihan
- Activists
- Kingman Brewster's comment about fair trials for Black revolutionaries

Foreign relations

- Pakistan
  - Phone call to Kissinger
  - Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy
    - Proposed trip to People's Republic of China [PRC]
    - State Department and the Agency for International Development [AID]
  - John N. Irwin II telephone call to Haldeman
  - Briefing

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[National Security]  
[267-022-w002]  
[Duration: 40s]

Foreign relations

- Pakistan
  - Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy
    - Two new staff members
      - Provision of visas
  - Get to People's Republic of China [PRC] through Pakistan
  - Similarity to trip of Henry A. Kissinger
  - Henry A. Kissinger's opinion of Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy trip

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Foreign relations

- Pakistan
  - Agha Muhommad Yahya Khan
  - Kennedy
    - Charles A.J.M. Degaulle's funeral
  - Pakistan
  - Kenneth Keating
    - Briefing
- The President's schedule
  - Meeting
  - Ambassadors from foreign countries

Domestic Council staff

- Stance on domestic issues
  - Environmental consumer issues
- Photo opportunity with Russell Train

Haldeman left at 5:20 pm.

The President's schedule



- Cancellation of Bohemian Grove visit
  - Press insistence on coverage
  - Other visitors
  - Secretary of State, dignitaries

- US foreign relations
  - The US and the PRC
    - Developments
    - Message

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[National Security]  
[267-022-w003]  
[Duration: 3m 10s]

- US foreign relations
  - The US and the People’s Republic of China [PRC]
    - Message
      - To be sent to Chinese by Henry A. Kissinger August 2
      - Contents of message
      - Europe
        - Five power conference
        - Sent from Paris through diplomatic channels
    - Taiwan
      - Politics
    - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
    - The Vietnam War
      - People’s Republic of China [PRC] behavior
  - Henry A. Kissinger’s opinion

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- US foreign relations
  - The Vietnam War



- Nguyen Van Thieu
  - Forthcoming South Vietnamese election
  - Statement of principles
- Negotiations
- PRC
  - Developments in relations with the US
    - Public reaction
      - Vietnam
    - Timing of announcements
    - Public reaction
      - Liberals
    - Reaction to foreign policy compared to domestic issues
  - Trips
    - Kennedy, Michael J. ("Mike") Mansfield
    - Kissinger
      - The President
        - Timing
      - The press
      - Kennedy
    - The President
      - Vietnam
      - Timing
    - Kennedy
    - Left-wing Democrats
      - Chou En-lai
      - State Department
    - The press

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[National Security]

[267-022-w004]

[Duration: 2m 18s]

- Foreign relations
  - Trips



- Edward M. (“Ted”) Kennedy
  - Pakistan and India
    - President’s opinion
- Pakistan and People’s Republic of China [PRC]
- August 1971
  - Setup for Edward M. (“Ted”) Kennedy’s trip
    - Presidential campaign
    - Possibility of sending message
    - Henry A. Kissinger’s contacts

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Foreign relations

- Trips
  - Kennedy's possible PRC trip
    - The press
    - Effect
    - Mao Tse-tung

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[National Security]  
[267-022-w005]  
[Duration: 2m 13s]

Foreign relations

- Trips
  - Edward M. (“Ted”) Kennedy’s possible trip
    - People’s Republic of China [PRC]
    - Potential benefit
    - Henry A. Kissinger’s opinion
    - The President’s assessment

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Foreign relations

-Trips

-Other visitors

-Treatment by the PRC

-Canada

-Kennedy

Kissinger left at 5:43 pm.