

NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF

Tape Subject Log  
(rev. 2/24)

Conversation No. 76-1

Date: September 17, 1971  
Time: Unknown after 2:30 pm until 4:24 pm  
Location: Cabinet Room

John G. Tower, Wallace F. Bennett, William Proxmire, Allen J. Ellender, Milton R. Young, John J. Sparkman, Norris Cotton, Harrison A. Williams, Jr., Jacob K. Javits, Herman E. Talmadge, Jack R. Miller, Robert C. Byrd, Hugh Scott, Michael J. ("Mike") Mansfield, Wright Patman, George H. Mahon, Frank T. Bow, William L. Springer, Albert H. Quie, William R. Poage, Page Belcher, [Thomas] Hale Boggs, Gerald R. Ford, Carl B. Albert, George P. Shultz, Herbert Stein, Charls E. Walker, Clark MacGregor, and William E. Timmons met

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[076-001-w002]  
[Duration: 3m 34s]

General conversation

Greetings

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The President entered at 2:38 pm

Schedule  
-Meetings attendees  
-Late arrivals

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[*Photo session*]

General conversation

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Meeting agenda

- The President's briefing
- Shultz's briefing
  - Views on current developments
- Members of House and Senate present

Economic policy

- Meeting on post-freeze action
  - Organized labor
  - Business
  - Agriculture
  - State and local officials
  - Consumer groups
  - The President's role
  - Miscellaneous interest groups
    - Cost of Living Council members
- Value of meetings
  - Broad range of views on issues and options
  - Representation of public view
    - Labor, agriculture

John [B. Connally?] entered at an unknown time after 2:38 pm

Greetings

Economic policy

- Differing focus of each special interest group
  - Need for wide base of support
    - Wage-price freeze
    - Phase II
- Input for post-free options
  - September 30 through mid-October time frame
  - Date for further action

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- Purpose of present meeting
  - Congressional concerns
    - Tax package
    - Freeze coverage
    - Restraint
  - Shultz's overview
    - Budget
    - Economy
    - Future action
    - Questions
- The President's announcement of the freeze
  - Establishment of freeze
  - Actions in field
  - Cost of Living Council
  - Administration of freeze
    - Office of Emergency Preparedness
      - General George A. Lincoln's group
      - Wage-price controls
    - Supply of detailed personnel by the Internal Revenue Service [IRS]
    - Agricultural Service County Agent System
    - Other miscellaneous agencies
    - Total personnel
    - Questions
- Wage-price freeze
  - Cost of Living Council
    - Policy statements
    - Public questions
    - Interpretations
  - Three principles
    - Consistency of application across the board
      - Wage, rent, price, salary situations
      - Policy statements
        - Cost of Living Council
      - Support
    - Stringency of applications
      - Walker
        - Exceptions
      - Reasonableness
        - Variations
  - Support for freeze
    - Letters
      - Number of complaints
    - Unnamed governor

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- Unnamed business
  - Dividends
    - Wages, salaries, prices, rents
- Statistics on the effectiveness of the freeze
  - August 1971
- Freeze's effectiveness
  - Post-freeze period
  - General consensus
    - Success
- Duration of freeze
  - Long term freeze
    - Effects
      - Inequities
  - Short term freeze
    - 90 days
  - Freeze announcement
    - Focus
    - Phase II
      - Public view
      - Situation after freeze
      - Greater comprehensiveness
- The President's meetings with different groups
- Cost of Living Council meetings
  - Acceptance of freeze
  - Administration policy in meetings
  - The President's decision on Phase II
- Open discussion
  - Program after freeze
    - Labor
    - Wages
    - Prices
      - Need for voluntary cooperation
        - Government sanction
  - Views of members of the Senate and House of Representatives
    - Differences
  - Views of labor organizations
    - Application, organization
    - Wages
  - Views of agricultural groups
    - Application, organization
    - Wages
- Length of next phase
  - 90 days

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- Indefinite period
- Present group's views on the international economic situation
  - Agriculture group's questions
    - Effect of international situation on agricultural exports
    - Duration of surcharge
  - Javits
    - Previous leaders' meeting
    - Direction of administration policy
- Views and criticism of group present
  - Wage-price freeze
- Focus of the House of Representatives
  - Automatic deferral of federal employees benefits
    - House Committee reports
      - Post Office and Civil Service subcommittee
      - Resolution
      - Impeachment
        - The French Revolution
      - Congressman
      - Sensitivity of issue
- The budget
  - Administration's position
  - 90-day freeze
    - Effects on private industry
    - September 16 meeting with governors, mayors, county executives
      - Wage freeze application to mayors, county executives
      - Effects on teachers
    - Salaries of government employees
      - General Schedule [GS] employees
        - Yearly review
        - Changes in GS
          - Comparability standard
          - Application to military personnel
          - Blue collar employee Wage Grade [WG] system
    - Adaptation of system
      - Postponement of wage increase
    - Comparability principle
      - Phase I
        - Private sector restraint
        - Administration policy
    - Employers and employees
      - Private
      - State and local
      - Federal

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- Low number of employees
  - Goal
  - Control over budget outlays
  - Effects on fiscal and monetary policy
    - Lack of controls
    - Success
- Federal employees compared with private industry
  - Government employees rights
    - Strike job actions
    - Increases
  - Building trades
  - State and local levels
    - Number of employees
    - New York City
      - Wage demands
        - Effects on cost of living
    - The United States
  - Albert and Boggs
    - October announcement date for further action
  - Tripartite board
    - Voluntary controls
    - Government controls
    - Labor and management representatives
    - Government employees and teachers
      - Discrimination
    - Representation of government
- Cost of Living Council
  - Industrial labor spokesperson
    - Inequities
  - Representation of state and local governments
    - Teachers, state and local employees
  - Stein
    - Views of teachers
      - Representation by the American Federation of Labor-  
Congress of Industrial Organizations [AFL-CIO]
        - Relations with government employees
    - Unrepresented, unorganized employees
      - Management
        - Small groups
        - Farmers
- Government control
  - Freeze or other type of control
    - Price system

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- Farm organization
  - Black market
  - Beef prices
  - Hog prices
- Farm area representation
  - Nationwide distribution
  - Miller
    - New York State
    - Californians
    - Communications with agricultural economic sector
      - Effect of agricultural surcharge
      - Effect on foreign countries
        - US favorable balance with agricultural exports
      - Long term developments
- Budget
- International monetary action
  - Long term solutions
    - International monetary crisis
      - Unnamed New York banker
        - Gold
  - Short term solutions
    - Recurring issues
    - Connally
- Effects on competitors and the United States
  - Adjustments
    - Revaluation of currency
    - Trade barriers
    - Non-tariff barriers
      - Europe and Asia
        - Japan
    - US role in the world
      - US costs of defending the free world
        - Surcharge
          - Permanent solution option
          - US products and investments
      - Balance of payment
        - International crisis
  - Agriculture as beneficiary
    - Revaluation of currency
    - Competitiveness of US products
      - Europe and Japan
        - Balance of payments
    - Short term view

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- Connally
- Negotiations
- View of the world

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[National Security]

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[Duration: 2m 20s]

Economic policy

- International monetary action
  - Agriculture as beneficiary
    - Competitiveness of US products
      - View of the world
        - Multilateral nature of relations
    - Latin America
      - Exemption
  - Farm leaders
    - Unknown person's trip to japan
      - Soybeans
        - Jack R. Miller
        - Manchuria
        - Oil
    - Japanese view
- Business negotiations
  - Japan
  - Germany
  - United Kingdom
  - Handling

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Economic policy

- Legislation
- Phase II
  - Congressional action
  - Economic Stabilization Act
    - Legislative authority
    - Arthur F. Burns

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- Presidential power
  - Guidelines
  - Bipartisan action
  - Congressional action
  - Comparison with World War II-era economic freeze
  - Experience in Congress
    - Inflation
    - Equal law
    - Equitable action
  - Interest rate rise
    - Price rise
    - Wage rise
    - Cooperation with the President
    - Congress
      - Effects of war and patriotic fervor
      - Peacetime efforts
        - Wages, prices
        - Dangers of currency inflation
          - Post-World War I example in Germany
            - France
- Interest rates
  - Shultz
    - Dividend rates
    - Excess profits
    - Business bonuses
    - Interest rate decline
      - Meeting with Proxmire
- Current status
  - Relation to wage-price action
    - Housing
    - Mortgage interest rates
    - Consumer credit
    - Borrowers
    - Bankers
      - Effect of ceiling in interest
        - Loans
        - Collateral
          - Effects of forced low interest rates
- 1932 comparison
  - President Herbert C. Hoover
    - Reconstruction Finance Corporation legislation
      - Banks, railroads, insurance companies
      - Loans

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- Needed investment
- Views of economists
  - Excess profits tax
  - Limit on profits
  - Effectiveness of Phase II
  - Business, labor, governors, mayors, agricultural interests
    - Meetings with the President
    - Profits question
    - Discipline on costs
- Unemployment
  - Industrial expansion
    - 50 million unemployment
    - Industrial capacity
  - Industrial economic stimulation
    - Tax cut
    - Social Security tax
    - Welfare reform
    - Profit freeze
      - Wage increase
        - Relation to productivity
          - Price decrease
          - Profit ceiling
          - Profits as residue
- Phase II's effects on gross profits
  - Control of net profits
  - Increased wages
  - Excess profits control
  - Labor
    - Increased wages
    - Excess profits
      - Net profit basis
  - Growth profit control
    - Wage-price control
    - Management ingenuity
- Mansfield
  - Profits
  - Dividends
  - Profits
    - New capital investment
      - Creation of new jobs
      - Expansion, profits
    - Percentage of Federal government dollar
      - Welfare reform

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- Revenue sharing
- Economy's status in relation to full capacity
  - Increase capacity
    - Investment tax credit
    - Job development credit
    - Depreciation allowance
- John F. Kennedy's request for excess profit tax
  - Investment tax credit
  - US economy
  - Tax revenue
  - 1961
    - US economic capacity
      - Less than 1971
  - President Kennedy's economic advisors
- US plant capacity
  - Accelerated depreciation
  - Efficiency
  - Competition in world market
  - Short range plans
  - US industrial plant
    - Comparisons
      - Japan and Germany
  - Steel plant locations [Japan?]
  - Coal unloading
  - Cleanliness of Japanese plant
- Effects of World War II
  - US industries
  - Germany's and Japan's new industry
    - Governments
      - Ludwig Erhard
      - Stimulating plans for plant development
        - Investments for world competition
  - Creation of more jobs for the US
    - Tax incentives
      - Effects on business, general public
      - White House business contacts
- Investment tax credit
- Job development credit
- Productivity Council
  - Agriculture
  - Productivity
    - Modernizing plants
    - Small business

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- Modernizing workers
- Power
  - Wartime
- No strike pledge from labor
- Local productivity council
  - Workplace issues
    - Absenteeism
    - Alcoholism
    - Rebuilding
- Labor
- Interest rates
  - Causes
  - Bankers
- Phase I
  - Political effect
    - Reason for 90-day freeze
      - Duration
    - The President's voluntary program
    - Competitors
    - Wage freeze
    - Options
    - Support for the President
    - Recommendations for subsequent legislation
      - Announcement of Phase II
      - Effect of politics
  - Congressional leaders
    - Mansfield
    - Albert
    - Ford
    - Freeze announcement
      - Timing
        - International monetary issue
    - Prior consultation
    - Phase II announcement
      - Cooperation of group
    - April 30 deadline for law
      - Duration of Phase II
      - Extension of deadline
    - Sparkman
      - Ford and Albert
        - Program need for legislation
          - Revenue sharing
          - Bills relating to controls

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-Support for the President

-Byrd

-Legislation

-New legislation

Gifts

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[Duration: 4m 37s]

General conversation

Return trip

Jack R. Miller

Robert C. Byrd

-Attendance

-Surprises

-Problem

Democrat

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The President, et al. left at 4:24 pm

Conversation No. 76-2

Date: September 17, 1971

Time: Unknown between 4:24 pm and 4:26 pm

Location: Cabinet Room

Unknown people met

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Departure from the Cabinet Room

The unknown people left at an unknown time before 4:26 pm

Conversation No. 76-4

Date: September 20, 1971

Time: 3:01 pm - 4:40 pm

Location: Cabinet Room

The President met with Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, William P. Rogers, Melvin R. Laird, John B. Connally, General George A. Lincoln, John N. Mitchell, Richard M. Helms, Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, David Packard, John N. Irwin, II, Henry A. Kissinger, General Alexander M. Haig, Jr., Colonel Richard T. Kennedy, John H. Holdridge, and [Name withdrawn]

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[National Security]

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[National Security]

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[Duration: 10m 23s]

Vietnam

-Nguyen Van Thieu

-Opposition

-Supporters and Nguyen Cao Ky

-An Quang Buddhists

-An Quang-Nguyen Cao Ky combine

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- Views of Nguyen Van Thieu's followers
  - Support is tentative
  - Tran Thien Khiem's views
    - Alternative
- Future of Nguyen Van Thieu's government
  - Army action
    - Senior officials
    - US aid
    - Nguyen Van Thieu's future
      - Assassination possibilities
  - Nguyen Van Thieu's views
- View from Hanoi
  - South Vietnam's political situation
    - View of communists
      - Instability
  - Atmosphere in the US
    - Saigon
      - Further anti-war sentiment
  - Moods in Saigon and in the US
    - Communist view
  - Future for communists
    - Limited options
    - Influence
    - Covert assets
    - Terrorism
    - Capabilities
    - Military force
      - Influence of Nguyen Van Thieu's referendum
  - Communist activists
    - Military action
      - Effect
  - South Vietnam's political future
    - Local and guerrilla forces in South Vietnam
      - Current struggles
    - Large scale action in South Vietnam
    - Supplies
      - Ho Chi Minh trail
    - Military pressure
      - Area
        - Demilitarized zone [DMZ]
        - Operation Lam Son 719
      - Central highlands
      - Infiltrators

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- North Vietnam's intentions
  - Dry season
- Hanoi
  - Perceptions
  - Soldiers and citizens
- Information, projections
- Situation in Hanoi
  - People's Republic of China [PRC] and US relations
- The President's announcement of Henry A. Kissinger's trip to Peking
  - Results
    - Propaganda
    - The People's Republic of China [PRC]
- Assessment of Saigon politics
- Recent North Vietnamese flood
  - Diversion of energies
- Military plans
  - South Vietnam
  - US
  - Winter, spring campaign
  - Troops
  - Demilitarized zone [DMZ]
  - Effects of road construction
  - Cambodia
  - South Vietnam
  - Readiness
  - Cambodia and Laos
    - North Vietnam's views
    - Seasonal effects
      - Wet and dry seasons
    - Laos and the north
    - Vang Pao
    - Equipment
      - Plain of jars
    - Strategy
    - Dry season
    - Possible troop movements
    - Laotian action
      - Pak Niam
      - Morale boost
  - Haiphong
- Indochina as a whole

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## Vietnam

- Laos
  - US capabilities
- Cambodia
  - North Vietnamese control
  - Cambodian Military actions
    - Logistics support
    - Phnom Penh access
      - Oil storage tanks
  - Lon Nol
  - South Vietnamese withdrawal
  - Creighton W. Abrams, Jr., Frederick C. Weyand
  - North Vietnamese action
  - Demilitarized zone [DMZ]
  - Leadership
    - South Vietnam's view
  - Cambodian border
  - Nguyen Van Thieu
  - Phase I of military program
    - South Vietnamese leadership
  - Ho Chi Minh trail
- US forces
  - 200,000 Americans
  - Casualties
    - Position
      - Airplanes and helicopters
      - Death rate
    - Ground forces
      - Infantry
        - Artillery protection
  - Location
    - Demilitarized zone [DMZ]
    - North Vietnam
    - South Vietnam
- South Vietnam
  - Military
    - Security
    - Hardware
    - Political structure
    - Equipment
      - Air Force, Navy

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- New York Times account in Sunday edition
- Student uprising
- Popular support

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[National Security]

[076-004-w003]

[Duration: 2m 21s]

VIETNAM

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

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Vietnam

- South Vietnam
  - Unintelligible Army chief's name
  - Military
  - Nguyen Van Thieu's position
    - US
      - Nguyen Van Thieu
  - Nguyen Van Thieu
  - Contact
    - Questions
    - Military and security issues
- Vietnamization
  - Deadlines
  - US ships
    - Materials
      - Helicopters
        - Training squadrons
    - Equipment
  - Transfers
    - Combat divisions

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- Target dates for withdrawal of US troops
    - Saigon
      - Amount of speculation
      - Henry A. Kissinger
      - Nguyen Van Thieu's view
        - US tanks
          - Japan
          - Strategy of South Vietnamese generals
    - September 1: number of US troops
      - Withdrawal of combat forces
      - US air capability
      - Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.
      - Department of Defense [DOD]
      - Thailand
        - US troops
      - B-52's
        - Demilitarized zone [DMZ]
    - North Vietnamese border
    - US in civilian areas
      - Tactical fighters
      - Casualties
    - South Vietnamese
      - Casualties
        - North Vietnam
      - US population
      - Parliamentary elections
        - Opposition
        - US Vietnam critics
        - The Presidential elections
          - US efforts
          - Projected outcome
            - Nguyen Van Thieu
            - Nguyen Cao Ky
            - Referendum
            - Nguyen Van Thieu's opposition
        - Choices
          - Nguyen Van Thieu
          - Duong Van ("Big Minh") Minh
          - Nguyen Cao Ky
- Nguyen Van Thieu's views
  - Buddhists
  - US
    - The President's recent press conference

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- US troop withdrawal
  - Recent news stories
  - The President's decision
  - US Navy [USN] and US Air Force [USAF]
- Congress
  - Amendment
    - Joseph M. Montoya
    - Assistance to South Vietnam
      - Vietnam election
    - Contested election
    - Nguyen Van Thieu's possible action
- Anti-war demonstrators in the US
  - Vietnamization
  - George S. McGovern
  - US press attitude
  - "Liberal" view
  - Duong Van ("Big Minh") Minh
    - Popular view of Duong Van ("Big Minh") Minh as president
    - Ngo Dinh Diem's overthrow
      - Press view
        - Attica prison incident
    - US forces, casualty levels
- Paris peace talks
  - Proposals
    - Reiteration
  - The press and liberals
  - The administration's spokesman
    - Editorial writers
  - withdrawal dates
- Nguyen Van Thieu
  - US view
- Paris talks
  - Prisoners of War [POWs]
    - Political aspects of issue
    - Humanitarian focus
    - North Vietnamese
    - US troop withdrawal
    - US initiatives
      - People's Republic of China, the economy

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Vietnam

- Focus on issue
  - Detroit News*
  - Possible demonstrators
    - Report, President of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
    - Thursday demonstration
      - Detroit
      - Vietnam
  - Response
    - Possible speech by Rogers at the United Nations
- Scheduled fall demonstrations
  - Congressional views
    - Caucuses
    - Democrats and Republicans
    - Michael J. ("Mike") Mansfield
      - Amendment
- Congressional action
  - Military procurement bill
    - Amendments
  - Foreign Assistance Act
    - Senate

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[National Security]

[076-004-w002]

[Duration: 31m 46s]

US foreign aid

- Greece's leadership
  - Democratic system
- US aid recipients
  - Amount of democratically run countries
    - African countries
    - Brazil
    - Mexico
    - Colombia
    - Greece
    - Vietnam
    - Guyana

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- Focus on issue
  - Opposition
    - Resolution of Vietnam issues
      - Demonstration
  - People's Republic of China [PRC] initiative
  - US–Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] relations
  - Berlin negotiations
  - Paris talks
- Described
  - North Vietnamese
  - George S. McGovern
    - Prisoners of War [POWs]
- Trip to Vietnam
  - Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.
    - Election
- Vietnam
  - Change in US attitudes
    - Military assistance
      - Foreign relations committee
  - North Vietnam's views
    - US casualties
      - Effect on US press
  - US withdrawal
    - Saigon
      - The President's statements
        - Press stories
    - US strategy
  - Political effect
    - Caucuses, candidates
      - Democrats and republicans
        - Responsibilities for war
          - Effect of Korea
          - William P. Rogers's views
  - Administration policy
    - Forthcoming announcement
    - Nguyen Van Thieu
      - Ngo Dinh Diem's regime
        - 1956
          - situation characterized
            - war
              - US civil war
      - Nguyen Van Thieu's future
      - Elections

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- Referendum
- Nguyen Cao Ky
- leaders
- US support
- Negotiations
- Prisoners of War [POWs]
- Demonstrations
  - October 1969
  - Cambodian-Laotian venture
  - May Day 1971
- Details
  - Politics
    - Nguyen Van Thieu
    - Election
- US in Vietnam
  - Public opinion
  - US foreign policy
    - Future
    - Internal US situation
      - Outside view
        - Isolationist trend
        - Indochina
        - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
        - Nixon Doctrine
        - US relations with allies
          - Ngo Dinh Diem
  - Vietnamization
    - Nelson A. Rockefeller
  - Vietnam
    - Self defense
    - Communism
- North Vietnam
  - Past history
  - Effects of communist takeover
    - South Vietnam
  - Amount of North Vietnamese dead in the war
  - Nguyen Van Thieu and US support
  - Repercussions of US withdrawal
  - People's Republic of China [PRC]
    - Future
    - Process of discussion
- US-Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] talks
  - Berlin agreement

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- US foreign relations
  - Present tactics
    - Nguyen Van Thieu
- Vietnamization

The President left at 4:40 pm

- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
  - Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
- Other countries
  - US economic policy
    - Surcharge

General conversation

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Agnew, et al, left at an unknown time before 5:02 pm

Conversation No. 76-6

Date: September 21, 1971  
 Time: 9:36 am - 11:13 am  
 Location: Cabinet Room

The President met with Virginia H. Knauer, Eunice P. Howe, Dr. Carmen Busquets, George A. Johnson, Dr. Stewart M. Lee, Dr. Jean Mayer, Janet J. Rathe, Jacob Clayman, Dr. Wilma Donahue, Dr. Stewart Lee Richardson, Jr., Solomon Harge, Gary K. Nelson, Mrs. Oscar C. Sowards, Donald Livingston, Foster J. Pratt, Lucille H. Shriver, Joseph Smith, James P. Sullivan, Thomas G. Walters, Colston E. Warne, and Don S. Willner; the White House photographer and members of the press were present at the beginning of the meeting

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[Duration: 2m 12s]

General conversation

*[This portion of the tape is mostly room noise with some muffled background conversation.]*

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## Economics

- Group meetings in the Cabinet Room following the August 15, 1971 economic action
  - Organized labor
  - Business
  - Leaders of Congress
  - Governors
  - Mayors
  - County officials
  - People of the US
    - Consumer group
  - Groups as representatives of the nation
  - Agriculture
    - Farmers
- Impact of wage-price freeze
  - Effects on consumers
  - Budgets
    - Federal, state, county, city
  - Consumer attitude
- Top White House advisors
  - Secretary of the Treasury
  - Council of Economic Advisors [William E. Simon]
  - George P. Shultz, Knauer
- Appreciation for the President
- The US economy
  - Consumer Advisory Council
    - Background
  - Inflation
- White House meeting
  - Congressional leaders meeting
    - First meeting as group
  - Howe
    - Background

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- Automobile salesperson
  - Automobile insurance
- Phase I economic action
  - Prices
  - 1972
  - Consumer discipline
- Cost of Living Council
- Consumer representatives
  - Voluntary member consumer organizations
  - Suggestions
  - Public members
  - Lee
    - Background
- International Trade Commission
- Simon [?]
  - Free enterprise
  - University of Chicago
  - Phase II
  - Economic policy
    - Effects on democracy
    - Producer and consumer interests
    - Minority views
    - Economic well-being of consumer majority
    - Economic well-being of producers minority
      - Effects on imports
        - Effects on quality and price competition
        - Domestic production
        - Effects on inflation
        - Domestic producers
          - Need for liberal import policy
          - US goods
        - Competition with imports
- Commission's long-range goals
- The President's speech to Congress
  - The President's policies
    - Effects on consumers
    - Effects on US spirit
- John B. Connally
- Major US labor and business leaders
  - Protectionist policy
  - Lobby
  - Free trade
- Commission on trade

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- Minority report on labor
  - Free trade
- Regional attitudes throughout the US
  - Surcharge
    - New England
      - Oil
      - Textile industry
  - Free trade
    - Effects on jobs and industry
    - Hong Kong
    - Italy
    - Spain
- US world competition
  - Effect on the US
    - Consumers
    - Effects on US political forces
- Washington
- American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations [AFL-CIO]
- Automobile industry
  - Japanese imports
    - Surcharge
  - Profits of US corporations
    - World trade
      - Competition
      - US labor
      - Congress
  - Stability of US dollar
- Warne
  - Background
  - Controls
- Phase II
  - Resolution
    - Consumer Federation of America
    - Overall price freeze
    - Selectivity
    - Ceilings
      - Consumer knowledge
  - Enforcement of orders
    - Office of Price Administration [OPA] World War II precedent
      - Participation of consumers local price board
      - Educational effect
        - Community support
        - Consumer responsibility

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- Proposed legislation
  - Price increases in concentrated industries
    - Carey Estes Kefauver
    - Capacity
      - Proposal
        - Accounting
          - Hearings
          - Orders
- Low index prices
  - Low import quotas
    - Massachusetts
  - Protected prices
    - Competition
    - Airfares
    - Hotels
  - Consumer's union experience
    - Amount of homes
    - Influence of business
- OPA
- Social Security
  - Augmentation of payments
  - Purchase of bonds
  - Current wage freeze
    - Pressure
  - Excess profit tax
    - Advertising
      - Impact on purchasing levels
      - Impact on savings levels
- Savings institutions
  - Objectives of the President's program
    - Consumption
      - Effects of advertising
      - Social objectives
- Harge
  - Background
    - Consumer Protection Association
    - New member of Consumer Advisory Council
  - Work
    - Cleveland, Ohio
      - Funding
        - Consumer Protection Association
          - National and state levels
    - Interest groups

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- Business
- Labor
- Enforcement of wage-price freeze
- Wage increase
  - Supermarket prices
  - Consumers
  - Present system
  - Independent and consumer organizations
  - Bureaucracy
- Willner
  - Consumer Federation of America
    - Membership
  - Phase II
    - Freeze
      - Questions
    - Universal burden-sharing of sacrifices
    - Enforcement machinery
    - Consumer representation
      - All levels
      - Washington, DC
        - Councils
          - Decisions
          - Advice
    - Federal government
    - National policy
      - Local participation
    - Consumer income increase
      - Freezing of prices
- Smith
  - Neighborhood Consumer Information
  - Consumer union
  - Long-term investment
    - Business
      - Labor and wages
    - Productivity increase
      - Effect on business
      - Industry and business
        - As competitors
        - Product quality standards
  - Consumer union
    - Advertising
  - Sanctions
  - Local agencies

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- Enforcement authority
  - Revenue
  - Consumer
  - Decisions
  - Tax reinvestment
  - Employment
  - Product quality
    - Agriculture
  - Richardson
    - Louisiana State University
    - Louisiana Consumer League
    - Wage-price freeze
      - Spirit of the US
      - Market
      - Successful ways
      - Consumer participation
        - Unknown volunteer
          - Effects on prices
            - Plumbing
            - Buses
            - Used cars
            - Food
            - Health care
            - Representatives
    - Consumer involvement
      - College students
        - Wholesale scale
        - Manufacturing scale
        - Visibility to other consumers
        - Voluntary surveillance
      - Average prices
        - Louisiana
        - Used cars
        - New houses
        - New products
        - Loopholes
- Nelson
  - Attorney General of Arizona
  - National Association of Attorneys General
  - Supreme Court
  - Football
    - Results of game
    - Field goal

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- Federal government
  - Agency for consumer protection
  - Consumer protectionists
- Enforcement
  - Connally
  - Robert Martin
    - Attorney General for Texas
      - Antitrust measures
      - Department of Justice
      - Local prices
        - Competition
        - Public relations
    - Consumer protection and information
      - Wage-price control
        - Consumer education
        - High prices
- Budget
  - Problem solving
  - Low income
    - New consumers
      - Poverty level
      - Wage increases
      - Contrast of wages
      - Inflation
      - Retroactive rules
- Women's liberation
- Sowards
  - Citizens' Commission for Consumer Protection [Kentucky]
  - Consumer affairs
  - Women's issues
    - Food costs
    - Health and nutrition
- Phase II
  - Foreign trade balance
  - Cost of Living
  - Food products
    - Ways and means of handling
    - Subsidies
      - Consumption
  - Venezuela
  - Manufacturers and consumers
  - Increased competition
  - Tax deduction

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- Livingston
  - Department of Consumer Affairs, California
    - Phase II structure
      - National Council
        - Public members
          - Representation
            - Business
            - Labor
            - Consumers
            - Members of community
              - Impact
                - Wage-price freeze
              - Credibility need
              - State and local levels
              - Federal, state relationships
    - Enforcement machinery staffing
    - Public Employment Act
    - National Council
- Walters
  - National Association of Retired Federal Employees
    - Impact of economic action
      - Membership
        - Fixed income
          - Wage increases
            - Food, rent
      - Permanent bureaucratic structure
      - Support of the President's program
      - Two-thirds of Federal government retirees
        - \$350.00 per month
        - Percentage of women
- Pratt
  - American Association of Retired Persons
  - Price freeze
    - Support for the President
      - Phase II
  - Inflation
    - Program
      - Consumers
    - Poverty levels
    - Retired citizens action
- Busquets
  - Member White House Consumer Advisory Council
  - Associate Professor of Agricultural Education, University of Puerto Rico

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- Specialty training
- Freeze
  - Situation in Puerto Rico
- National Federation of Business and Professional Women's clubs
  - Shriver
  - Tax structure
    - Single and retired people
    - Social Security
- Consumers
  - Consumer League
  - Portland
    - Model Cities Program
      - Budget
      - Wage-price freeze
        - Psychological action
        - Inflation
    - Effect of strikes
      - West Coast dock strike
    - Bill before Congress
    - Legislation
    - Strikes
      - Railroad
        - Competition
      - Longshoremen
      - Oregon
      - San Francisco
      - Los Angeles
      - Seattle
  - Shipments
    - Vancouver
  - Pollution control
- The President's schedule
  - King of Norway
    - Forthcoming meeting
  - Congressmen and Senators
    - Delays in beginning meetings
- Wage-price freeze
  - Phase II
    - Previous experience with controls
      - Support
        - Bipartisan

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- Public
  - Prices
  - Product control
    - Productivity Commission
      - Quality of work
      - Suggestions
        - Shultz
          - Mayors and governors
            - State and local level
            - Productivity
              - Government services
  - Commission
    - Public members
      - Labor
      - Business
      - Agriculture
      - Civil service
- Consumer group

Presidential seal cufflinks

Presidential seal compacts

Knauer

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General conversation

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The President left at 11:13 am

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## Tape Subject Log

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Conversation No. 76-7

Date: September 21, 1971  
 Time: 12:17 pm - 12:23 pm  
 Location: Cabinet Room

The President met with Andrew C. Tartaglino, George Belk, Walter H. Buck, John W. Warner, Perry A. Rivkind, Dr. Edwin Rock, Dr. Ernst Hoffman, Andre Thirty, Leon Francois, Gordon Tomalty, Reginald Pruneau, Jose Nieto, Esbjorn Esbjornsson, Jean Benoit, S. T. Charles, W. Rogers, H. B. Spear, Alex Haslund, Jean Ducret, Honore Gevaudan, Jacques Reillac, Michel Noquet, Dr. Karl Heinz Gemmer, Jorgen Jeschke, Manlio Vinale, Antonio Fariello, Hicham Kourayten, Antoine Saade, Numa Wagner, Sten Grindhaug, Lucien Aube, Egil ("Bud") Krogh, Jr., Walter Minnick, and Geoffrey C. Shepard

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[This segment was declassified on 02/28/2002.]

[National Security]

[076-007-w001]

[Duration: 5m 26s]

Illicit drug abuse and traffic

- Supply
- Traffic
- Foreign business
- International organization
- US cooperation with governments
  - Turkish government
    - Suleyman Demirel and government
- International scope
- The William P. Rogers
  - Chairmanship of cabinet committee
  - Special White House group
    - Domestic issue
- Ghetto issue perception
- Issue for all of society
- History of civilization
  - Vitality and strength
- Progress

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The President left at 12:23 pm