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Conversation No. 165-42 (cont'd)

Conversation No. 165-1

Date: May 11, 1973
Time: Unknown between 5:31 pm and 5:35 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

Telephone call to Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Conversation No. 165-2

Date: May 11, 1973
Time: 5:35 pm - 5:47 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Greeting

Watergate

- Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]
 - William D. Ruckelshaus
 - Records
 - Ruckelshaus's possible statement
 - Timing
 - William A. K. ("Tony") Lake
 - Wiretap
 - Timing
 - Wiretaps
 - Helmut ("Hal") Sonnenfeldt
 - Haig
 - Reason for wiretap
 - Leaks
- White House wiretaps

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- J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.
- Ruckelshaus's possible statement
 - Wiretaps by FBI
 - Possible wiretapping by White House
 - National security considerations
- E. Howard Hunt, Jr.
 - Wiretapping
- Robert C. Mardian's testimony, May 10
 - John D. Ehrlichman
 - White House knowledge
- Ruckelshaus's possible statement
 - Wiretaps
 - Buzhardt
 - FBI
 - White House
 - Hunt
- Wiretaps
 - Lake
 - Henry A. Kissinger
 - Records
 - White House
 - Morton H. Halperin
 - Sonnenfeldt
 - Lake
 - FBI
 - Legality
 - National security
- Kissinger's possible press briefing
 - Soviet statement
 - Wiretaps
- Wiretaps
 - Ronald L. Ziegler
 - Mardian's testimony
 - Contacts with Haig and Kissinger
 - Ehrlichman
 - Haig
 - Duration
 - Lake

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- Timing of departure
- FBI
- Ziegler
- Daniel Ellsberg case
 - Actions of William M. Byrne, Jr.
 - Dispatch of material
 - Haig's meeting with Buzhardt
- Wiretaps
 - Kissinger's potential press questions
 - Kissinger's knowledge of press targets
 - Ziegler's knowledge
 - Ruckelshaus's forthcoming statement
 - Statement
 - Lake

Conversation No. 165-3

Date: May 11, 1973
Time: Unknown between 6:30 pm and 6:35 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

Telephone call to Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Conversation No. 165-4

Date: May 11, 1973
Time: 6:35 pm - 6:47 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

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Vault

Watergate

- Wiretaps
 - Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]
 - White House
 - President's press conference statement
 - J. Edgar Hoover
 - Robert F. Kennedy's tenure as Attorney General
 - William D. Ruckelshaus's possible statement
 - Compared with previous administrations
 - John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson
 - Newsmen
 - Leaks
 - Possible public reaction
- L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III's statement
 - Telephone call to Clark MacGregor, July 5, 1972
 - President's activity
- Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters
 - Statement
 - Conversation with Henry E. Petersen
- James R. Schlesinger
 - Memoranda of conversation [Memcons]
 - Conversation with J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.
 - Memcons
 - Possible testimony
- William E. Colby

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Watergate

- Elliot L. Richardson
- Edward Bennett Williams
- Prosecutorial experience
 - Bernard Goldfine
 - Boston money case
- Special Prosecutor
 - FBI checks
- Possible Directors of FBI
 - William M. Byrne, Jr.
 - Handling of Daniel Ellsberg case
 - Unknown St. Louis judge
 - Tod Hullin
 - Ehrlichman's former staff
- Unknown man's resignation
 - Ellsberg case
 - Ruckelshaus
- Memcons
 - Haig's meeting with Buzhardt
- Wiretaps
 - William A. K. ("Tony") Lake
 - Robert C. Mardian
 - FBI
 - E. Howard Hunt, Jr.
 - President's knowledge of Hunt's activities
 - Lake
 - Hoover
 - George S. McGovern

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- Edmund S. Muskie
- Henry A. Kissinger
 - Role
 - Relationship to Lake
- Kissinger's forthcoming press conference, May 12
 - National security
 - Kissinger's role
 - White House involvement
 - President, Haig, Kissinger
- Ruckelshaus's possible statement
 - Ronald L. Ziegler
 - Compared with previous administrations
 - Robert F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson
- National security
 - Buzhardt's view
- Lake
 - Possible White House actions
 - Courts
 - FBI
 - Kissinger
 - Meeting with W[illiam] Averell Harriman
 - Search for file
 - Buzhardt
 - United States Secret Service [USSS]
- White House attitude
 - Lake
 - National security
- Newsmen
 - Public attitude
 - Possible statement by Ziegler
- Kissinger's possible statement, May 12
 - Content
- Ruckelshaus's possible statement
 - Research in files
 - Hoover's practice
 - Mardian
 - William C. Sullivan
- John N. Mitchell

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- Testimony
- Kissinger's possible statement, May 12
 - India-Pakistan War
 - National security
- Lake
 - Hunt
 - FBI
 - National security
 - Legal basis
 - Bombing of Cambodia
- Search for file
 - Buzhardt and Lawrence M. Higby

Conversation No. 165-5

Date: May 11, 1973
Time: Unknown between 6:47 pm and 7:08 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

Telephone call to H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman

Conversation No. 165-6

Date: May 11, 1973
Time: Unknown between 6:47 pm and 7:08 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The Camp David operator talked with the President.

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

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Conversation No. 165-7

Date: May 11, 1973
Time: Unknown between 6:47 pm and 7:08 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

Telephone call to Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Conversation No. 165-8

Date: May 11, 1973
Time: 7:08pm - 7:27 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Watergate

-Wiretaps

-Number and targets

-Cut-off date

-William A. K. ("Tony") Lake

-Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]

-Timing

-White House files

-William D. Ruckelshaus's conversation with Haig

-J. Edgar Hoover's statement to William C. Sullivan

-Contents

-FBI feud with Justice Department

-Ruckelshaus's forthcoming statement

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- Timing
- Henry A. Kissinger's possible statement
 - Ruckelshaus's investigation
- Ruckelshaus's forthcoming statement
 - Compared with previous administrations
 - John F. Kennedy administrations
- White House files
 - J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.'s examination
 - John N. Mitchell's memo
 - Lake
 - E. Howard Hunt, Jr.
- Ruckelshaus
 - Forthcoming statement
 - W. Mark Felt
 - Sullivan's opposition
- Number and targets
 - Purpose
 - Lake
- Ruckelshaus
 - FBI
- Haig's view
- Kissinger's forthcoming briefing
 - Compared with previous administrations
- Mitchell
 - Role
 - Testimony
 - Lake
- Hunt's possible statements
 - John D. Ehrlichman's comment to the President
- Difficulty
- Kissinger's forthcoming briefing
 - Soviet summit
 - National security
- Forthcoming leak
- Haig's conversation with Ronald L. Ziegler
 - Statements
 - Ruckelshaus, Kissinger

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Conversation No. 165-42 (cont'd)

Conversation No. 165-9

Date: May 12, 1973
Time: Unknown between 10:05 am and 10:11 am
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

Telephone call to Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Conversation No. 165-10

Date: May 12, 1973
Time: 10:11 am - 10:49 a.m.
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

President's schedule
-J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr. and Haig

Watergate
-Wiretaps
-Henry A. Kissinger's forthcoming press briefing
-Newsmen
-Kissinger's forthcoming press briefing
-Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]
-White House files
-Possible return to William D. Ruckelshaus
-Kissinger
-Daniel Ellsberg
-President's conversation with Haig, May 11

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- W. Mark Felt
- Felt
 - Role in Ellsberg case
 - Continuation in office
 - Information from *Time* magazine
 - President's instructions to L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III
 - Leaks
 - President's conversation with Richard G. Kleindienst
 - Statement in Ellsberg case
- Ellsberg
 - Mistrial
 - Information sent to William M. Byrne, Jr. by White House
- Wiretaps
 - Haig's interview with unknown FBI agent, May 11
 - Leaks
 - Ellsberg
 - Byrne's request
 - Henry E. Petersen
 - Ruckelshaus
 - Haig's conversation with Elliot L. Richardson
 - Buzhardt
 - Records of Lyndon B. Johnson's and John F. Kennedy's administrations
 - Robert C. Mardian's testimony
 - Kissinger and Haig
 - Contrasted with William C. Sullivan's testimony
 - John D. Ehrlichman
- White House files
 - Sullivan's fears
 - J. Edgar Hoover
 - Transfer to FBI
 - Reasons for maintenance in White House
 - Possible FBI leaks
 - Hoover
 - Ruckelshaus's investigation
- President's news conference
 - Robert F. Kennedy
- William A. K. ("Tony") Lake
 - FBI

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- E. Howard Hunt, Jr.'s possible activity
- FBI
 - Legality
- Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
 - Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters's memoranda of conversation [memcons]
 - Dr. James R. Schlesinger and William E. Colby
 - Richard M. Helms
 - Location
 - Haig's discussion with Buzhardt
 - National security
 - Helms
 - Possible memcon
 - Walters
 - Possible testimony regarding memcons
 - Custody
 - Memcons
 - Colby and Schlesinger
 - Memcons
 - Location
 - Possible testimony
 - National security

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Watergate

-Gray

- Press reports regarding telephone discussion with the President
 - White House response
 - Clark MacGregor
 - Gray
 - Buzhardt's forthcoming conversation with lawyer

-Testimony

- Walters's memcon
- Ronald L. Ziegler
- John W. Dean, III
- H.R. ("Bob") Haldeman and Ehrlichman

-Walters

- Conversation with Petersen
- Possible conversation with Helms

-Helms

- Conversation with the President

-Walters

-Memcons

- Ehrlichman's quotation of the President's words
- Haldeman
 - Statement regarding Gray
- President's actions
- Dean's quotes
- President's statement
 - Possible interpretation
 - Haldeman, Walters, and Helms
 - President's intent

-Copies

-Helms

- Walters's possible testimony
- National security
 - Contrasted with executive privilege
- Walters's possible testimony
- Schlesinger

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- Walters's conversation with Schlesinger
 - Petersen
 - Haig's subsequent conversation with Schlesinger

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Watergate

- Haig's schedule
 - Buzhardt
 - Gray
- Walters
 - Possible statement
 - Leak of Grand Jury testimony
 - Press reports
 - President and Gray
 - Washington Star*
- Ziegler
- Gray
 - Possible statement
- MacGregor
 - Possible statement

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- Haig's meeting with Buzhardt and Ziegler
- Haig's call to Gray
 - Gray's possible statement
- Break-in
 - White House response
 - President's conversations
 - Gray
 - Helms
- President's new appointments
 - Press coverage
- CIA memcons
 - National security

Conversation No. 165-11

Date: May 12, 1973
Time: Unknown between 10:49 am and 11:50 am
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

Telephone call to Roy L. Ash

Conversation No. 165-12

Date: May 12, 1973
Time: 11:50 am - 11:56 am
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Roy L. Ash.

Previous Cabinet meeting

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- Office of Management and Budget [OMB]
- Ash's conversation with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Ash's activities

- Cabinet
- Kenneth R. Cole, Jr.

National economy

- Controls
 - Fuel Oil Supplies
 - Energy
 - Ash's forthcoming call to John B. Connally
 - Freeze
 - President's resistance
 - George P. Shultz and Herbert G. Stein
- Government's role
- Controls
 - Albert Sindlinger's view
 - Psychological boost from freeze
 - Ash's view

Watergate

- Maurice H. Stans
- John N. Mitchell
 - Martha ("Beall") Mitchell
- Robert L. Vesco
- H.R. ("Bob") Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman
 - Departures from office
 - Effect on families
 - Conversation with Ash
 - Shultz
 - President's decision

Previous Cabinet meeting

- Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger
- Role on White House staff

President's domestic counselors

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Conversation No. 165-42 (cont'd)

- Weinberger, Shultz and Leonard Garment
- Ash's forthcoming call to Weinberger
 - Department of Health, Education, and Welfare [HEW] [?]

Conversation No. 165-13

Date: May 12, 1973
Time: Unknown between 11:56 am and 11:58 am
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

Telephone call to Roy L. Ash

Conversation No. 165-14

Date: May 12, 1973
Time: 11:58 am - 12:00 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Roy L. Ash.

- Ash's forthcoming call to John B. Connally
 - President's conversation with Connally in Florida
 - Energy
 - Connally's business interests
 - Connally's role
 - Export promotion
 - Tax legislation
 - Impoundment of funds
 - Wage and price controls
 - Congress

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Conversation No. 165-42 (cont'd)

- Energy
 - Connally's business interests
 - Gas deals with Soviet Union, Middle East
 - Connally's role

Conversation No. 165-15

Date: May 12, 1973
Time: 12:22 pm - 12:30 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The Camp David operator talked with the President.

Telephone call from Henry A. Kissinger

Kissinger talked with the President.

Watergate

- Kissinger's press briefing
 - Wiretaps
 - Morton H. Halperin
- Kissinger's access to intelligence reports
 - National security
- Halperin
 - Departure from Kissinger's staff
- William D. Ruckelshaus's forthcoming statement

Kissinger's press briefing

- Forthcoming Soviet summit
 - President's preparations
 - Leonid I. Brezhnev

Watergate

- Wiretaps
 - Compared with previous administrations

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- Number
- Robert F. Kennedy
- Leaks
- Kissinger
- Mood

Kissinger's press briefing

- Forthcoming Soviet summit
- Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]

Watergate

- Ruckelshaus's forthcoming statement
- Wiretaps
 - William A. K. ("Tony") Lake
 - Possible list
 - Release
 - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
 - Henry Brandon
 - J. Edgar Hoover
 - Reports
 - Possible conversation with Kissinger

Kissinger's schedule

Watergate

- Possible effect on administration

Foreign relations

- Kissinger's role
- Forthcoming Soviet summit
- Defense Department and State Department
- SALT
 - Kissinger's conversations
 - Adm. Thomas H. Moorer and William P. Clements, Jr.
 - Timing of agreement
- Le Duc Tho
 - Forthcoming meeting with Kissinger
- Kissinger's press briefing

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- Cambodian agreement
- House of Representatives
- Leverage

Conversation No. 165-16

Date: May 12, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:30 pm and 12:31 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

Telephone call to Ronald L. Ziegler

Conversation No. 165-17

Date: May 12, 1973
Time: 12:31 pm - 12:36 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Ronald L. Ziegler.

- Henry A. Kissinger's briefing
 - President's conversation with Kissinger
 - Lead news stories
 - Meeting with Ziegler
 - News wires
 - Soviet summit
- Watergate
 - [Wiretaps]
 - National Security Council [NSC] staff
 - Memorandums

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Watergate

- L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III
- Ziegler's attempts to locate
- Ziegler's forthcoming press statement
 - President's contact with Gray
 - J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.
 - President's alleged role in cover-up
 - Timing

Lead news stories

- Forthcoming Soviet summit
 - Leonid I. Brezhnev
 - Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
 - Trade
- Kissinger's forthcoming meeting with Le Duc Tho
- Cambodia

Watergate

- Kissinger's briefing
- Wiretaps

Commission on Election Reform

- William E. Timmons's possible calls to Hugh Scott and Gerald R. Ford
- Scott, Ford and George H. W. Bush
- John C. Stennis's possible reaction
 - Buzhardt\
- Leonard Garment
- Structure of commission
- Campaign financing
- Lead news stories
 - Washington Star*

Watergate

- Ziegler's forthcoming meeting with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
- Buzhardt's attempts to contact Gray
- Leaks

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Conversation No. 165-42 (cont'd)

Conversation No. 165-18

Date: May 12, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:36 pm and 12:37 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

Telephone call to Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Conversation No. 165-19

Date: May 12, 1973
Time: 12:37pm - 12:54 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Watergate

- President's previous conversation with Ronald L. Ziegler
 - Henry A. Kissinger's press briefing
 - Wiretaps
 - Compared with previous administrations
 - Attempts to reach L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III
 - President's conversation with Gray
 - Ziegler
 - Leak
- Memoranda of conversation [Memcons]
 - J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.
 - Possible release
 - Gen. Robert E. Cushman, Jr.'s appearance before Armed Services Committee
 - Dr. James R. Schlesinger's memcons
 - Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters

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- Possible effects of White House refusal to release
- Copies
 - Richard M. Helms
- Schlesinger's possible testimony
- June 28, 1972 memcon
 - Possible effect
- White House retention
 - National security
 - Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
 - Schlesinger
- June 28, 1972 memcon
 - H.R. ("Bob") Haldeman's conversation with Helms
 - Walters's call to Gray
 - Possible effect of release
 - Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman
 - Hearsay evidence
- Walters
- Helms
 - Possible possession of copy
 - Forthcoming conversation with Buzhardt
- Haig's conversation with Walters
 - Copies
- Helms
 - Forthcoming conversation with Buzhardt
 - Conversation with Haldeman and Walters, June 28, 1972
 - White House concern
 - CIA involvement
 - Conversation with Gray, June 27, 1972
- June 28, 1972 memcon
 - Effects of possible release
 - Helms
 - Memcon
 - President's motivation
 - Haldeman and Ehrlichman
 - Walters's possible testimony
 - Gray's possible testimony
 - Gray's previous testimony
 - Conversation with Walters

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- John W. Dean, III
- Possible release
 - White House response
- Buzhardt's schedule
 - Haldeman and Ehrlichman
 - Charles W. Colson
 - E. Howard Hunt, Jr.
- Memcons
 - Effects of possible release
 - Helms's conversation with Gray
 - President's subsequent conversation with Gray
 - Gray's conversation with Walters
- Grand Jury
- Ziegler's forthcoming statement
 - Haig's call to the President

Conversation No. 165-20

Date: May 12, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:54 pm and 12:59 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

Telephone call to Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Conversation No. 165-21

Date: May 12, 1973
Time: 12:59 pm - 1:03 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

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The President talked with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Watergate

- John W. Dean III
 - Presence at meeting with Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters
 - Possible memoranda of conversation [memcons]
 - Contacts with Walters
 - John D. Ehrlichman
 - Role in Watergate investigation
 - Possible statement
 - Ehrlichman
 - Conversation with Walters
 - Memcons
 - Presidency
- Richard M. Helms
 - Possible conversations
 - Haig
 - J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.
 - National security
 - Possible memcons
 - National security
 - Schedule

Conversation No. 165-22

Date: May 12, 1973

Time: Unknown between 1:03 pm and 2:04 pm

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

Telephone call to Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

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Conversation No. 165-42 (cont'd)

Conversation No. 165-23

Date: May 12, 1973
Time: 2:04pm - 2:10 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Watergate

- Richard M. Helms
 - Schedule
- White House response
 - “McCarthyism”
 - Ronald L. Ziegler’s previous press conference
 - News reports on L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III
- Gray
 - Location
 - Lawyer
- White House response
 - [William?] Beecher
 - John C. Stennis
 - James J. Kilpatrick
 - Ziegler’s previous press conference
- Gray
 - Press coverage
 - Washington Post*
 - Ervin Committee contrasted with Grand Jury
 - Ziegler’s previous press briefing
 - Attempts to locate
- William D. Ruckelshaus’s forthcoming statement
 - J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.
 - Wiretaps
 - Compared with previous administrations
 - Possible release of names
 - Henry Brandon
- Gray

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Conversation No. 165-42 (cont'd)

Conversation No. 165-24

Date: May 12, 1973
Time: Unknown between 2:10 pm and 2:11 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

Telephone call to Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Conversation No. 165-25

Date: May 12, 1973
Time: 2:11pm - 2:13 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Watergate

- L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III
- Telephone call from the President
- Possible statement
 - Previous testimony
 - President's instructions
- J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.

Conversation No. 165-26

Date: May 12, 1973

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Conversation No. 165-42 (cont'd)

Time: Unknown between 2:13 pm and 2:17 pm

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

Telephone call to Ronald L. Ziegler

Conversation No. 165-27

Date: May 12, 1973

Time: 2:17 pm - 2:21 pm

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Watergate

-Ziegler's previous press briefing

-*Associated Press, New York Daily News, Baltimore Sun*

-President's role in Watergate investigation

-President's conversation with L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III

-Ziegler's conversation with J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.

-Gray

-Destruction of files

-Washington Post story regarding the President's role

-Conversation with the President

-White House attempts to contact

-Testimony

-White House response

-John W. Dean III

-Gray

-White House attempts to contact

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Conversation No. 165-42 (cont'd)

Conversation No. 165-28

Date: May 12, 1973
Time: Unknown between 2:21 pm and 2:27 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

Telephone call to Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Conversation No. 165-29

Date: May 12, 1973
Time: 2:27 pm - 2:35 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Watergate

- L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III
 - White House attempts to contact
 - Wiretaps
 - John D. Ehrlichman and H.R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- Wiretaps
 - Material for William D. Ruckelshaus
 - President's contacts with Haldeman and Ehrlichman
 - Daniel Ellsberg
 - Acquittal
- Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters
 - Location
 - Possible conversation with J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.
 - Memoranda of conversation [Memcons]
 - Availability to Richard M. Helms
- Helms
 - Schedule

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Conversation No. 165-42 (cont'd)

- Forthcoming conversation with Buzhardt
 - Memcons
- Walters
 - Conversations with Haig and Buzhardt
 - Memcons
- Helms
 - Possible memcons
 - Conversation with the President concerning Watergate
 - Central Intelligence Agency [CIA] involvement
- Walters
 - Possible conversation with Haig
 - Memcons
- Presidential papers
 - Compared to Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] documents
 - Release to public
 - National security

President's schedule

Watergate

- Gray
 - White House attempts to contact
 - Testimony
 - Press coverage

Leonard Garment

- Conversation with Haig
- Package to Camp David

Conversation No. 165-30

Date: May 12, 1973

Time: Unknown between 5:15 pm and 5:17 pm

Location: Camp David Study Table

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Conversation No. 165-42 (cont'd)

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

Telephone call to Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Conversation No. 165-31

Date: May 12, 1973

Time: 5:17 pm - 5:47 pm

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Watergate

- Wiretaps
 - Henry A. Kissinger
- L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III
 - White House attempts to contact
- Ronald L. Ziegler's previous press briefing
 - President's role in investigation
- Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters
 - Possible Grand Jury testimony
 - Possible leak
- White House response
 - J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.
 - Plans
 - Southeast Asia
 - Wages and prices
 - Energy
 - John B. Connally
- Popular mood
- Possible indictments
 - Jeb Stuart Magruder and John N. Mitchell
- Special Prosecutor
 - Elliot L. Richardson
 - Warren E. Hearnes

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Conversation No. 165-42 (cont'd)

- Arthur Goldberg
- Walters
 - Memoranda of conversation [Memcons]
 - Conversation with Buzhardt
 - Memcons
 - Possible copies
 - Access
 - Richard M. Helms
 - Possible testimony of William E. Colby and Dr. James R. Schlesinger
 - Files
 - Possible testimony
 - Memcons
 - Storage location
 - National security matters
 - John W. Dean III
 - Memcons
 - Conversation with Buzhardt
 - Memcons
 - Henry E. Petersen
 - National security
 - Contacts with Dean
 - Memcons
 - Meetings with Gray
 - Dean
 - John D. Ehrlichman
 - Helms
 - Meeting in White House
 - Central Intelligence Agency [CIA] involvement
 - Instructions to Walters
 - CIA involvement
 - Walters's verification
 - Gray's Grand Jury Senate testimony
 - Memcons
 - President's call to Gray
 - Gray's contacts with Walters
 - President's instructions
 - Gray's contacts with Walters
 - Ehrlichman and H.R. ("Bob") Haldeman

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Conversation No. 165-42 (cont'd)

- President's motives
- July 12, 1972 memcon
- Wording
- Contacts with Dean
- Meetings with Gray

[Previous PRMPA Federal Statute (A) withdrawal. This segment was rereviewed 09/10/2019 with new guidance. Segment cleared for release.]

[Federal Statute]

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[Duration: 35s]

Watergate

- Vernon A. Walters
- L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III's testimony to grand jury
- Fred J. Buzhardt, Jr.'s report
- Exclusion of meetings with Vernon A. Walters
- The President's questions regarding Vernon A. Walters
- No reference to Vernon A. Walter's memoranda of conversations

Watergate

- Walters
- Memcons
- National security
- White House reaction to possible release
- President's motives
- Conversation with Haldeman
- President's subsequent call to Gray
- President's motives
- President's call to Gray regarding investigation
- Meeting with Gray
- Possible charge of cover-up

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Conversation No. 165-42 (cont'd)

- Helms
 - Conversation with the President regarding CIA involvement
 - Possible memcons
 - Possible statement
 - Walters's role in investigation
 - Conversation with the President regarding CIA involvement
- Gray
 - Conversation with the President
 - President's instructions regarding investigation
 - Gray's statement
- Walters
 - Memcons
- Gray
 - Statement
 - Press coverage
 - Grand Jury testimony

Ziegler

Watergate

- President's belief regarding CIA involvement
- Dean

President talked with Ronald L. Ziegler at an unknown time before 5:47 pm.

Watergate

- Ziegler's previous press briefing
- Gray
 - Conversation with the President
- Electoral Reform Commission
 - Public interest
- Gray
 - Conversation with the President
 - Investigation
 - Dean
 - Conversation with the President
- Ziegler's morale
- Case

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Conversation No. 165-42 (cont'd)

-Dean
-President's efforts
-Dean
-Motives

Conversation No. 165-32

Date: May 12, 1973
Time: Unknown between 5:47 pm and 6:48 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

Telephone call to Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Conversation No. 165-33

Date: May 12, 1973
Time: 6:48 pm - 6:56 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Haig's schedule
-Location
Henry A. Kissinger and girlfriend

Press coverage
-Forthcoming Soviet summit

Watergate
-Press interest

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Conversation No. 165-42 (cont'd)

- Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters
 - Memoranda of conversation [memcons]
- Activities of H.R. ("Bob") Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman
 - Richard M. Helms
 - Views of Haig and J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.
 - President's knowledge
 - Appearance
- Helms
 - Possible memcons
 - Possible testimony
- John W. Dean III
 - Activities
 - Walters's response
- Haldeman's and Ehrlichman's activities
 - Views of William E. Colby and Dr. James R. Schlesinger
- L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III
 - Grand Jury testimony
- Walters
 - Possible Grand Jury testimony
- Haldeman
 - Forthcoming Grand Jury testimony
 - Executive privilege
 - Possible indictment
 - Haig's conversation with Lawrence M. Higby
- Maurice H. Stans and John N. Mitchell
 - Possible perjury
- Ehrlichman and Haldeman
 - Possible perjury
- Haldeman
 - Forthcoming Grand Jury testimony
- Possible Central Intelligence Agency [CIA] role in cover-up
 - President, Ehrlichman and Haldeman
 - Helms

Conversation No. 165-34

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Conversation No. 165-42 (cont'd)

Date: May 13, 1973
Time: Unknown between 8:56 am and 10:02 am
Location: Camp David Study Table

President talked with the Camp David operator.

Telephone call to Ronald L. Ziegler

Conversation No. 165-35

Date: May 13, 1973
Time: 10:02 am
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Julie Nixon Eisenhower.

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Conversation No. 165-42 (cont'd)

The Camp David operator talked with the President.

Ronald L. Ziegler's location

Conversation No. 165-36

Date: May 13, 1973

Time: 10:09 am - 10:20 am

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Press coverage

-Soviet summit

-*Washington Post*

-Watergate

-Election Practices Commission

-*Washington Post*

-*Washington Star*

-Michael J. ("Mike") Mansfield, Thomas P. ("Tip") O'Neill, Carl

B. Albert and Gerald R. Ford

-William E. Timmons

-*Washington Post, Washington Star*

-Soviet summit

-*New York Times*

-*Washington Post*

-*Washington Star* article

-Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] wiretaps

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Conversation No. 165-42 (cont'd)

- William D. Ruckelshaus's forthcoming statement
- E. Howard Hunt, Jr.
- Wiretaps
 - FBI files
 - J. Edgar Hoover's activities
 - FBI files
 - Ziegler's forthcoming press briefing
 - FBI leaks
- Possible duration
- White House response
 - Election panel
 - Timmons
 - Legislation
 - Raymond K. Price, Jr.
- Lead news stories
 - Washington Post*
 - Soviet summit
- Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters's forthcoming testimony
 - L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III
- Memoranda of conversation [Memcons]
 - Lyndon B. Johnson's rule
- Walters
 - Memcons
 - President's conversation with Gray
 - Gray's contacts with Walters
 - John D. Ehrlichman, H.R. ("Bob")
 - Haldeman and Richard M. Helms
- J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr. characterized
- White House response
- President's beliefs
 - Possible Central Intelligence Agency [CIA] involvement
- Gray
 - Grand Jury testimony
 - Press coverage
 - Buzhardt
 - Ziegler's previous press briefing
 - White House attempts to contact
- White House response

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Conversation No. 165-42 (cont'd)

-President's previous conversation with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Conversation No. 165-37

Date: May 13, 1973

Time: Unknown between 10:20 am and 10:21 am

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

Telephone call to H.R. ("Bob") Haldeman

Conversation No. 165-38

Date: May 13, 1973

Time: 10:21 am - 10:39 am

Location: Camp David Study Table

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

Haldeman's schedule

-Presence of press

President's previous call to Ronald L. Ziegler

-*Washington Post* headlines

-Forthcoming Soviet summit

-Election Reform Commission

Watergate

-Press coverage

-President's conversation with Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo, May 12

-Ervin Committee hearings

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Conversation No. 165-42 (cont'd)

- Possible testimony by Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman
 - Executive privilege
 - Papers
- Haldeman's conversation with J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr., May 11
- Haldeman
 - Forthcoming Grand Jury testimony
- Ehrlichman's Grand Jury testimony
- Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters
 - Meeting with Ehrlichman, Haldeman and Richard M. Helms
 - Memoranda of conversation [memcons]
 - Schedule, May 11
 - President and Buzhardt
 - Memcons
 - Contents
 - Possible headlines
 - President's conversation with Haig, May 10
 - President's conversation with Haldeman and Ehrlichman
 - Helms
- Haldeman
 - Forthcoming testimony
 - Executive privilege
 - Meeting with Ehrlichman, Walters and Helms
- John W. Dean, III
 - Contacts with Walters
 - Burglars and attorneys' fees
 - President's knowledge
 - Walters's memcons
- Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
 - White House knowledge of involvement
 - Motives behind Haldeman's meeting
- Dean
 - Role
 - Meeting with L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III
 - John D. Ehrlichman
 - John N. Mitchell's role
 - Herbert W. Kalmbach
- Kalmbach
 - Conversations

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Conversation No. 165-42 (cont'd)

- Haldeman, Dean, Ehrlichman and President
- White House response
 - Executive privilege
 - Election Committee
 - Leonard Garment
 - Buzhardt
 - Conversations with President
 - Executive privilege
 - National security
 - Henry A. Kissinger
- Haldeman's conversation with Taft Schreiber
 - Leonard K. Firestone
- News leads
- White House response
- Impeachment
 - President's conversatioin with Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
 - Edward W. Brooke
- Haldeman and Ehrlichman
 - Feelings
- Press coverage
 - Jo Anne (Horton) Haldeman
 - Mother's Day
 - Presence of press

Conversation No. 165-39

Date: May 13, 1973

Time: Unknown between 10:39 am and 10:48 am

Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

Telephone call to Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

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Conversation No. 165-42 (cont'd)

Conversation No. 165-40

Date: May 13, 1973
Time: 10:48 am - 11:10 am
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Haig's schedule

-Mother's Day

President's previous conversation with Ronald L. Ziegler

-J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.

Watergate

-*Washington Post* lead stories, May 13

Election Reform Commission

-Terms in office for Congress and President

-Retirement age

-Wright Patman

-John C. Stennis

-Membership

-John James Williams

-Chairman

-Selection process

-Legislation

-Discussion of term limits

-Recommendations

-Term for House of Representatives

-Timing of election cycles

-Length

-Support

-Age

-Williams [?]

-Financing

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Conversation No. 165-42 (cont'd)

- Limits on organizational contributions
- Complaints against Democrats in 1972
 - Leonard Garment, Patrick J. Buchanan, Republican National Committee [RNC], and Raymond K. Price, Jr.
- Campaign violence
- White House strategy
 - Editorials
 - President's forthcoming speech

Roy L. Ash

- John B. Connally's role in White House
- Conversation with the President, May 12
- Connally's role in White House
- Foreign Policy
 - Henry A. Kissinger
- Energy
- Quadriad
 - Advisor

Watergate

- Wiretaps
- News stories
 - Soviet summit compared to Ervin Committee
 - Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters and L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III
- Kissinger's briefing, May 12
 - Bob Sherman's story in the *Washington Star*
 - Haig's opinion
 - Wiretaps
 - National Security Council [NSC]
 - Morton H. Halperin
 - Knowledge
 - Concern
 - Haldeman
- Bob Sherman's story in *Washington Star*
 - Buzhardt's meeting with William D. Ruckelshaus
 - Report
 - Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]
 - Kissinger's demand

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- Kissinger
 - President's opinion
 - Preparation for press briefing
 - India-Pakistan issue
 - Conversation with Haig, May 13
 - Sherman's story
 - Ruckelhaus's forthcoming statement
- Walters
 - Memoranda of conversation [memcons]
 - Views of Haig, Buzhardt, Dr. James R. Schlesinger and William E. Colby
 - Motives of President, John D. Ehrlichman and H.R. ("Bob") Haldeman
 - Central Intelligence Agency [CIA] involvement
 - John N. Mitchell
 - [Bank deposits]
 - Mexico
 - John W. Dean, III
 - Richard M. Helms
 - Possible testimony
 - President's role
 - Walters and Gray
- Memcons
 - Possible disclosure
 - Ownership
 - Charles W. Colson
 - Campaign
 - Walters's possible testimony
 - Dean
 - Haig's conversation with Buzhardt
 - Compared with Richard E. Cushman's memcons
 - Schlesinger
 - E. Howard Hunt, Jr.
 - National security
 - Haig's conversation with Buzhardt
- White House response
 - Charges of cover-up
 - Grand Jury
- Press coverage, May 13

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Conversation No. 165-42 (cont'd)

- Popular mood
- Dean's documents
- Haig's conversation with [David] Kenneth Rush
 - American diplomats in Europe
- European's reaction

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[National Security]

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Watergate

- European's reaction
 - Wiretaps
 - Frequency in Europe
 - Legality in United Kingdom
 - The President's trips to Europe
 - Hotel rooms

Watergate

- Dean's documents
 - Judge John J. Sirica's possible action
 - Contents
 - Memoranda [memo] from the President

Conversation No. 165-41

Date: May 13, 1973

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Conversation No. 165-42 (cont'd)

Time: Unknown between 11:10 am and 11:36 am
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

Telephone call to Raymond K. Price, Jr.

Conversation No. 165-42

Date: May 13, 1973
Time: 11:36 am - 12:04 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Raymond K. Price, Jr.

Price's schedule

Watergate

- Removal of H.R. ("Bob") Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman

Election Reform Commission

- President's schedule
 - Congressional leaders
- President's possible messages
 - Joint resolution to Congress
- Radio speech
 - Leonard Garment
- Content
 - Campaign financing
 - Campaign practices
 - Term of office for House of Representatives
 - Campaign financing
 - Limits on organizational contributions
 - Milk fund
 - George S. McGovern and teachers' union

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Conversation No. 165-42 (cont'd)

- President and milk producers
- Size of contribution
- Membership
 - Composition
 - Chairman, Vice Chairman
 - Robert S. Strauss and George H.W. Bush
 - John James Williams
 - Warren E. Hearnes
 - Gen. Lucius Dub. Clay, Jr.
 - Murphy [sp?] of *Los Angeles Times*
 - Terry Sanford
 - Milton S. Eisenhower
 - John Q. Wilson
 - Release of names
 - Garment
 - John W. Gardner
 - Common cause, John Birch Society
 - Claudia A. (Taylor) ("Lady Bird") Johnson
 - Margaret Chase Smith
 - Margaret (Buchner) Young
 - Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
 - Release of names
- President's conversation with Alexander M. Haig, Jr., May 13
 - William E. Timmons's activities
 - Michael V. ("Mike") Mansfield and Gerald R. Ford
 - Bipartisan support
- President's conversation with Ford and Hugh Scott
- President's possible messages
 - Campaign tactics
 - Campaign violence
 - Compared to heckling, free speech
 - Property damage
 - Fiscal responsibility
 - Wiretapping
 - Intelligence activities
 - Dirty tricks
 - Richard ("Dick") Tuck
 - 1968 campaign

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Conversation No. 165-42 (cont'd)

- 1972 campaign
 - McGovern committees
 - New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles
- Specificity
- Campaign practices
 - Policing
 - Compared to adultery
- Congressional terms of office
- Age
 - John C. Stennis
 - Terms of office of the President and House of Representatives
 - Timing of drafts
- Price's possible consultations
 - Mansfield, Scott, Ford and Carl B. Albert
 - Timmons's possible calls
 - Conversations with Scott, Ford, and Bush
- Bush
- Membership
 - Chairman of national political parties
 - Composition
 - Chairman and Vice Chairman of Governors Conference
 - Hearnes
 - Williams
 - Smith
 - Maryland Democrat
 - Otto Kerner
- President's possible messages
 - Content
 - Reporting requirements
 - Free television [TV] and radio time
 - Compared to British system
 - Limits of contributions by individuals and organizations
 - Business, labor, educational organizations
 - Committee on Political Education [COPE]
 - American Medical Association [AMA]
- Enforcement
 - Scott
 - Previous legislation

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- Independent commission
 - Fair campaign practices committee
 - Government Accounting Office [GAO]
 - Federal elections
- President's possible messages
 - Congress
 - Length
 - Timing of drafts
 - President's schedule
 - Visit by Haile Selassie
- President's schedule
 - Congressional leaders
 - Message
- Price's schedule
 - May 15 compared to May 16
 - Incorporation of Congressional leaders' ideas
 - Press coverage
 - Scott's recommendation
 - Submission of recommendations to President
- Price's possible conversation with Ronald L. Ziegler
- Ziegler's possible press briefing
 - Content