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Tape Subject Log  
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Conversation No. 408-10 (cont'd)

Conversation No. 408-1

Date: February 5, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 1:59 pm – 2:58 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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President's schedule  
-Refreshments

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Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:58 pm.

Conversation No. 408-2

Date: February 5, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 1:59 pm and 2:58 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez [?].

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President's schedule

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Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:58 pm.

Conversation No. 408-3

Date: February 5, 1973  
Time: 2:58 pm - 4:05 pm.  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Earl L. Butz, James T. Lynn, Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger and Stephen B. Bull. The White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

Seating arrangements

Weinberger's confirmation hearing

- Questions
- Timing
- Vote
- William E. Timmons

[Photograph session]

Unknown man

- Women [?]
- Age
- Senate

The White House photographer left at an unknown time before 4:05 pm.

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John D. Ehrlichman's schedule

Stephen B. Bull left at an unknown time after 4:05 pm.

Ehrlichman entered at an unknown time before 4:05 pm.

Cabinet officers relations with White House

- Follow up discussion
- Habits
- Suggestion
- Discussion
- Butz's role
  - Areas of responsibility
    - Agriculture
- Weinberger's role [?]
- Domestic Council [?]
- Messages to Congress
  - Kenneth R. Cole, Jr.
  - Calendar
  - Cabinet officers' responsibility

Environment

- Legislation
  - Congressional relations
  - Water bill
  - US News & World Reports*
    - Ehrlichman's statements
  - Final draft option paper
    - Unknown man's work
    - The President's schedule

Housing

- Precedent setting
  - Taxing
  - Projects
- Congressional relations
  - Wilbur D. Mills

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- Subsidized low cost housing
  - Overbuilding
    - Houston
    - Los Angeles
  - Demand
    - Single family housing
  - Mills
  - Construction
    - Mobile homes
      - George W. Romney
      - Industrialized housing
    - Foundation
    - Permanent sites
  - Statement by Lunn at press conference
    - Cuts in subsidized housing
- Family assistance programs [?]
- Regional offices
- Coupons
- Weinberger
  - Political orientation
- John Schweitzberg
  - Weinberger
- Subsidized housing programs
  - Budget cuts
  - New proposals
  - Sub-standard housing
    - Dishwasher
    - Role of builder
    - Problem
    - Relocation of current residents
    - State's role
- Funding
  - State's contributions
  - Loans
    - Compared to subsidies
  - Social Security
    - Elderly
  - Family Assistance Plan

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- Congress
- Rural economy
- Romney
  - Actions
  - City housing projects
    - Costs
    - Developers
  - Ehrlichman's opinion
  - Money
    - Mortgages
- Congressional relations
  - Wright Patman
  - William B. Widnall
    - Unhappiness
    - Pride
    - Revenue sharing
  - Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee
    - John J. Sparkman
    - John G. Towers
  - Appropriations Committee
    - William Proxmire
    - Edward P. Boland
    - Burt L. Talcott
  - Bonds [?]
  - Proxmire
  - Innovation
  - Bipartisan
  - Local politics
    - New York City [?]
  - Charles McC. Mathias, Jr.
- Model cities and urban renewal
  - Lyndon B. Johnson
  - Congress
  - Revenue sharing
    - Substitution
    - Cut off of funding
    - “Pipeline” effect
    - Posture

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- Brooke Amendment
  - Stabilizing influence
- Segregation of poor within cities
  - Miami, St. Louis, Los Angeles
  - Identification of low-income housing
    - Problems
      - Suburbs acceptance
    - Low-income housing in South
      - Maintenance
        - Richmond
      - Miami
    - Washington, DC low-income housing
      - Southeast
      - Anacostia
      - Andrews Air Force Base
      - Effect of economy
- Effectiveness of programs
  - Piecemeal treatment
  - Options
  - Funding levels
  - Low-income housing
    - Land values
    - Developers
    - Cities compared to suburbs
      - Mass transit
      - Property taxes
      - Population changes
        - Washington, DC
- Moratorium on commitments
  - Model cities and urban renewal
- Options
  - Weinberger's role
  - Budget
    - “Cash basis”
- Subsidized housing
  - Segregation
    - Income levels
    - Great Britain

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- Race
- Great Britain
  - Government-built housing
  - Sales
    - Income assistance
    - Conventional mortgages
  - New housing
    - Relocation of poor
    - Cash vouchers
  - Success
- Housing availability
  - Vacancies
  - Trends
    - 1970s, 1980s
    - Elderly
      - Country living
    - Youth
      - Single occupancy lifestyle
    - Rent increases
    - Rent gouging
- Legislation
  - Food stamps
  - Packaging
  - Matching funds from states
- Welfare and housing programs
  - Assistance for the poor
    - Family Assistance Plan [FAP] [?]
    - Food stamps
      - Alternatives
        - Cash subsidy
        - Current programs
        - Tax increase
    - Public perception of welfare and assistance
  - Daniel P. ("Pat") Moynihan
    - The President's agreement
      - Income strategy
      - Compared to food stamps

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- Efficiency of government spending
- Clifford M. Hardin
  - Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
- Housing allowance
  - Migration
    - New York City compared to other US cities
    - Cut off of allowances
    - Subsidies
  - Federal housing
    - Redlining
- Recommendations
  - Nelson A. Rockefeller
  - Other governors, mayors
    - Political attention
    - Good ideas
  - Delay
  - Congressional relations
    - Mills
    - Russell B. Long
- Congressional relations
  - Welfare reform legislation
    - Timing
    - Social Security
    - Federal loans program
    - Comprehensive bill
      - Deadlock
      - Vietnam
  - Democrats
  - Long
    - Recommendations
  - Healthcare
  - Education
  - Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy
    - Meeting with Weinberger
    - National health insurance proposals
  - Tax reform
  - Healthcare



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- Health maintenance organizations [HMDs]
- Kennedy
  - National health insurance proposals
- Budgeting
- HMOs
  - Experimental program
  - “Mixed bag”
  - Pilot project
  - Demonstrations
- Costs

Government reorganization

- Butz’s opinion
- Counselor for Natural Resources
  - Agriculture Department
  - Ehrlichman’s opinion
  - Interior Department
    - Rogers C. B. Morton
  - Labor Department
- US News & World Report*
- Communication
- Donald E. Johnson
  - Administrator of Veteran Affairs
  - Speech to employees
  - Loyalty

Confirmations

- Swearing-ins

Butz, Lynn and Weinberger left at 4:30 pm.

The President’s schedule

Meetings

- Lynn [?]
  - Duration
- Highlights for the President
- Cabinet meeting

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-Duration  
-Weinberger [?]

The President's schedule  
-Meeting

Ehrlichman left at 4:05 pm.

Conversation No. 408-4

Date: February 5, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 4:05 pm and 4:08 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

Call to Stephen B. Bull

Conversation No. 408-5

Date: February 5, 1973  
Time: Between 4:08 pm and 4:09 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Stephen B. Bull.

[See Conversation No. 43-23]

Conversation No. 408-6

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Date: February 5, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 4:09 pm and 4:10 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

The President's schedule  
-Meeting with Charles W. Colson

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 4:10 pm.

Conversation No. 408-7

Date: February 5, 1973  
Time: 4:10 pm - 4:46 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Charles W. Colson.

Schedule  
-Colson  
-Trip to the Union of Soviet Republics [USSR]

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 4:10 pm.

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Schedule  
-Julie Nixon Eisenhower and [Dwight] David Eisenhower, II  
-Evening plans

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Sanchez left at an unknown time before 4:46 pm.

- Colson's trip to the USSR
  - Patricia Colson
  - Hobart D. ("Hobe") Lewis
    - Possible article by Colson about trip
    - Speech material

Sanchez entered at an unknown time before 4:10 pm.

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- Schedule
  - Julie Nixon Eisenhower

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Sanchez left at an unknown time before 4:46 pm.

- Colson's trip to USSR
  - Speech material
  - USSR
    - People
    - Government
    - Negotiations
      - Trade
    - Briefing
    - Steven Lazarus
      - Commerce Department

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- East-West Trade Center
- Ralph Lazarus
- Navy Captain
- East-West Trade Center
- Vienna, Austria
- Facilities
- State Department
- Israel
  - Duration of visit
  - The President's opinion
  - 1968 trip to Europe by Colson
    - Berlin
      - East Berlin
      - Berlin Wall
      - Colson's son
- The President and Colson's meeting with Albert E. Sindlinger
  - Herbert C. Hoover story
  - Sindlinger's attitude
    - Helpfulness
    - Prompt inflation
    - Bias
  - Polling techniques
    - Reflection of public opinion
      - Shooting of John C. Stennis
      - Comparison with White House correspondence analysis
      - Telephone polling
      - Vietnam War

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- Sindlinger
  - 1972 election outcome
  - The President's margin of victory

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- George S. McGovern
- 1964 election comparison
  - Barry M. Goldwater, Sr.
- McGovern's supporters
  - Loyalty
    - Bumper stickers
  - Minority
    - Fanaticism
- Voter turnout
- Sindlinger's certainty of the President's margin of victory
  - Comparison with George H. Gallup and Louis P. Harris

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Vietnam War

- Settlement
- Sindlinger's analysis
  - Desire for end of war
    - Hawks
  - Type of settlement
    - The President's critics
    - The President as "national hero"
      - Effect
- The President as a strong leader
  - Image
    - H.R. ("Bob") Haldeman, other White House staff members

The President's Schedule

- Meetings with Sindlinger
  - Frequency
  - Reflection of public opinion
    - Comparison with Harris, Gallup
      - Currency of reports
      - Depth
- Issues
  - Busing
  - Budget

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appearance

- Recommendation of the President's television [TV]
  - Timing
  - Vietnam settlement
- Spending and economic issues
  - Domestic Council
  - Sub-standard housing
  - Food stamps
- Congress
  - Access to interviews in districts
  - Change emphasis [?]
  - Public reaction
  - Standard polls
    - Harris's reporting of domestic issues
- Vietnam
  - Joseph W. Alsop
  - Domestic issues
- Congress
  - Washington Post*
  - New York Times*
  - Networks
  - Pressure groups
- Call to the President
- Article
  - Currency

Polls

- Sindlinger
- Use of Harris for polling
  - Department of Health, Education and Welfare [HEW]
  - Vietnam War
    - Polling techniques
    - Cease-fire
    - October 8, 1972 agreement
- Vietnam War
  - Public relations strategy
  - Administration accomplishments
    - "Peace with honor"

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- Change in world relations
  - The Nixon Doctrine
    - Post-war period outlook
    - Generation of peace
- Compared with Dwight D. Eisenhower
  - Korean War
  - 1956 election
- Foreign relations
  - People's Republic of China [PRC]
    - Communication
    - Respect

Domestic Issues

- Role of government
  - Taxes
  - Concentration of power
  - Social programs
    - School lunch programs
  - Bureaucrats
  - Government waste
- Social issues
  - Shooting of Stennis
  - Sindlinger
- Blacks
- Whites
  - Middle class
  - Support for the President
  - West
  - Irish-Americans
  - Italian-Americans
- Social issues
  - Amnesty for draft dodgers
    - Law and order
  - Busing
  - Pornography
    - Marlon Brando
      - Newsweek*, *Time* articles
      - Family magazines



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- Patricia Colson
- Robert H. Abplanalp's conversation with the President
  - Public service program
  - Blacks
    - Language
    - Robert J. Brown
  - Permissiveness
- Role of government
- Vietnam settlement
  - Antiwar critics
    - Reaction
  - The President's press conference
    - News coverage
      - Time*
      - Dan Rather
        - Balance
    - The President's tone, voice
    - Comparison with Lyndon B. Johnson
- Press relations
  - Reporting standards
    - Censorship
    - Double standard
  - White House public relations
    - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
    - Richard A. Moore
    - Agreement
    - Implementation of policy
  - TV networks
    - Influence
    - CBS affiliate
  - Coverage
    - Watergate issue
    - Vietnam settlement
      - Antiwar critics
      - Prisoners of War [POWs] guests
      - CBS V

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-New York

- Strategy
- John O. Pastore
- Donald R. Larrabee's initiation at the National Press Club
  - Democratic Congressmen
  - New York Times* piece
    - Unknown man's comment
    - [Unintelligible name]
  - Fighting back

The President's supporters

- William Proxmire
- Demagogues [?]
- Proxmire
  - Skills

1972 election

- “49 state landslide”
  - Mandate
- Comparison with 1968 election
  - Democrats
    - Students
- Post-election plans
  - The President's opponents

The President's schedule

Colson left at 4:46 pm.

Conversation No. 408-8

Date: February 7, 1973

Time: Unknown between 2:15 pm and 2:29 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

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Dictation machine  
-Tape

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Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:29 pm.

Conversation No. 408-9

Date: February 7, 1973  
Time: 2:29 pm - 2:30 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule  
-John D. Ehrlichman  
-Wilbur D. Mills meeting in Oval Office  
-John T. Dunlop's swearing-in ceremony in Oval Office  
-Tea with Alice Roosevelt Longworth  
-Departure

Bull left at 2:30 pm.

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Conversation No. 408-10

Date: February 7, 1973  
Time: 2:35 pm - 3:07 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with George Shultz and John D. Ehrlichman.

Budget

- Congressional hearings
  - Publicity
  - Televised hearings

Economic policy

- The President's meeting with Colson
- Taxes, trade
- New York Times* article
- Developments
  - Monetary powers
    - Discussions
    - Devaluation
      - Compared to August 1971 action
      - Problem
    - International crisis
    - Leadership
  - Trade
  - Trade package
    - Compared to August 1971 action
    - Public reaction
      - Ports
      - Jobs
  - The President's forthcoming speech
  - Trade package, devaluation of the dollar
- Public relations
  - Form of announcement
    - News leads in August 1971
    - Freeze in wages and prices

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- Dollar devaluation
- Surcharge
- News leads for new policy
- Trade
- Devaluation
  - Complications
- Timing of remarks
  - Positive stories
- Compared to August 1971 action
- Announcement
  - Radio talk compared to press conference
  - Newspapers
  - Television [TV] excerpt
    - Trade
      - Foreign imports into US markets
      - Competitive goods
  - Global audience
    - Rhetoric
  - Appeal to Congress
- Discussions before announcement
  - Leaks
  - Recommendations from others
  - Devaluation decision
    - Final decision
  - Consultation with Arthur F. Burns, Herbert Stein [?], Roy

L. Ash, Quadraid

- Congressional relations
  - Wilbur D. Mills
  - Russell B. Long

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 2:35 pm.

Refreshments

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 3:07 pm.

Economic policy

- Congressional relations

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- Mills, Long
  - Ehrlichman
  - Taxes
  - Welfare reform
  - Health programs
  - Schultz
    - The President's meeting with Long
- Groundwork
  - Ehrlichman's [?] call to Wallace F. Bennett
    - Long
    - Herman T. Schneebeli
    - John W. Byrnes
  - Mills, Long
    - Welfare reform
      - Senate
      - Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger
  - White House staff
    - Schultz's role
      - Ehrlichman, William E. Timmons, Ash
        - Trade package
    - Confidentiality of devaluation decision
      - Ash
    - Trade package
    - Timmons
    - Henry A. Kissinger
      - Kissinger's trip
        - Knowledge of devaluation decision
        - Cable
          - Kakuci Tanaka
          - Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft
    - John T. Dunlop
    - Scowcroft
    - Kissinger's role
      - William P. Rogers, Burns
      - Kissinger's trip to Japan
    - Vietnam
      - Kissinger's opinion of Treasury Department
      - Post-war reconstruction

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- Ideas
  - North Vietnam
  - Long term plans
  - Japan
    - North Vietnam
    - World Bank, Asian Development Bank
  - Ehrlichman's meeting with Kissinger
  - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
  - Secretary of State, Secretary of Treasury, NSC
- member
- Kissinger's understanding of monetary issue
  - International Monetary Fund [IMF]
  - Workload
  - The President's schedule
    - Dunlop's swearing-in
  - Committee involvement
  - Summit with Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
  - Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty [SALT II]
  - Vietnam settlement
  - Involvement in policy
    - Europe, Japan, US
    - Common bond
    - Economy
  - Demeanor at meetings
    - Rogers
    - Eisanku Sato
  - Devaluation
- Tax policy
- The President's schedule
    - Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
  - Checklist
    - Simplified minimum tax proposal
    - Capital gains reduction
  - Tax package
  - Meeting with Dunlop
  - Minimum tax
    - Reduction of top rate

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Stephen B. Bull entered at 3:05 pm.

The President's attendance at swearing-in ceremony

Bull left at 3:06 pm.

James R. ("Jimmy") Hoffa  
-Frank Fitzsimmons  
-Newspaper article  
-Tucson  
-Hoffa's release from prison  
-Ehrlichman's role

The President, Shultz, and Ehrlichman left at 3:07 pm.