

Date: September 16, 1971
Time: 4:00 pm - 4:58 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler and members of the press.

Alexander P. Butterfield was present after 4:02 pm

H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman, Henry A. Kissinger, William L. Safire, Clark MacGregor, Herbert G. Klein, Stephen B. Bull, and Patrick J. Buchanan were present after 4:03 pm.

[General conversation]

[A transcript of this portion of the conversation appears in Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard M. Nixon, 1971, pp. 949-959]

Canada

Japan

Mexico

Butterfield left at 4:38 pm.

[General conversation]

Kissinger and the members of the press left at 4:39 pm.

Economic action

Question about Black Vice Presidential candidate

- Blacks, Jews, Catholics
- Buchanan's reaction

Military service draft extension legislation

- US peace initiative in the Vietnam war negotiations
 - Reaction of the President's opponents
- Congressional action
 - Effect of vote
 - US position in the world
 - Supremacy issue
 - Congressional statements
- Gordon L. Allott, Howard H. Baker, Jr., Len Jordan, Robert A. Taft, Jr.,
Lawton M. Chiles, Jr. and David H. Gambrell
- Allott's position
 - Conference report
 - Reasons
 - Polls
 - Youth
 - Military bases

- South Vietnam
 - Nguyen Van Thieu
 - Election
 - Comparison with other countries
 - Greece
 - African nations

[Previous National Security (B) withdrawal reviewed under MDR guidelines case number LPRN-T-MDR-2014-031. Segment declassified on 05/17/2019. Archivist: MAS]

[National Security]
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- South Vietnam
 - Election
 - Comparison with other countries
 - African nations
 - Ethiopia

- The President's recent press conferences
 - Effectiveness
 - Vietnam
 - Draft
 - Attica
 - Economy
 - Phase II
 - Number of news leads
 - James B. Reston
 - Chou En-lai interview
 - Kissinger

An unknown woman entered at an unknown time after 4:39 pm.

Cancel request

The unknown woman left at an unknown time before 4:45 pm.

Kissinger entered at 4:45 pm

- The President's forthcoming trip to the People's Republic of China [PRC]
 - Timing
- Reston
- Chou En-lai interview
 - Kissinger
 - Article

- Vietnam
 - Ngo Dinh Diem
 - Coup
 - Nguyen Van Thieu
 - Communists
 - Democracy
 - Vietnamese election
 - Voting eligibility in US in 1800
 - US foreign aid
 - Number of countries
 - Voting eligibility in US in 1800
 - Percentage
 - Women
 - Property requirements
 - Slaves
- United Nations [UN] membership for PRC
- Military service draft
 - Votes against draft bill
 - Possible consequences
 - Effect on negotiations
- Possible press coverage
- Demeanor of reporters
- Length
 - Frank Cormier
- Question on Edmund S. Muskie's statement on the vice presidency
 - Muskie
 - Nelson A. Rockefeller
 - Action at Attica
 - Jewish candidate
 - Questions of prejudice
 - Edward W. Brooke
 - The US public
 - Catholic question
- Summary
- Television
 - Attica
 - Exposure for the President
 - Use of television time
 - Press conference
 - Length of answers
 - Detroit Economic Club
 - Next press conference
- Reston
 - Interview with Chou En-lai
 - The President's response to question on summit
 - Agreement
 - Discussion of issues
 - Vietnam policy
 - Communist takeover
 - Prevention
 - Peter Lisagor

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The President's recent press conferences

-James B. ("Scotty") Reston

-The President's response to question on summit

-Agreement

-Discussion of issues

-Vietnam policy

-Peter Lisagor

-Marguerite Higgins

Vietnam

-Book by Marguerite Higgins

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[Privacy]

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[Duration: 5s]

Vietnam

-Book by Marguerite Higgins

-Marguerite Higgins' relationship with Peter Lisagor

-Thesis on death of Ngo Dinh Diem

Vietnam

-Higgins

-Diem

-Effect of Diem's death on Vietnam

Press conference

-Use of quotes on television

-Election

-Citation of context and historical context

US foreign aid

- State Department
- Contested elections
 - Greece
 - Number of countries
 - The President's instruction
 - Asia
 - Malaysia
 - Singapore
 - Philippines
 - India
 - South Korea
 - Africa
 - David D. Newsome
 - Senegal
 - Democratic process
 - Kenya
 - Joseph Mobutu
 - Tom Mboya
 - Press conference
- Media
 - Question to Ziegler

The President's schedule

- Carl B. Albert
 - Breakfast meeting
 - Pay raise

The President, Ziegler, Safire, MacGregor, Klein, Bull, Buchanan, and Haldeman and Kissinger left at 4:58 pm.

Conversation No. 573-2

Date: September 16, 1971
 Time: 6:21 pm - 6:29 pm
 Location: Oval Office

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

Apollo 15 astronauts

- Colonel David R. Scott
 - Mission commander
 - James B. Irwin
- Robert H. Finch, Donald H. Rumsfeld
 - View of Scott

The President talked with Tricia Nixon Cox between 6:21 pm and 6:22 pm.

[Conversation No. 573-2A]

[See Conversation No. 9-45]

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[Personal Returnable]

[573-002-w001]

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[Personal Returnable]

[573-002-w001]

[Duration: 4s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[End of telephone conversation]

Congress

Ronald L. Ziegler

-Announcement of meeting

Unknown person

-Marital status

State and local officials

-Meeting with unknown person [George P. Shultz?]

-Job of governor

-Job of mayor

-Comparison of responsibilities

-City Councils

-Compared to the Presidency

Press conference

-Handling

-John B. Connally

-Assistance

-Shultz

-News

- Questions
 - Rowland Evans and Robert D. Novak
 - Walter J. Hickel's book
 - Conservative revolt
 - Spiro T. Agnew
 - Staff concerns
 - East Room
 - Television

The President's schedule

- Black military officers
 - Generals and admirals
- Indian scripture presentation
- Charles S. Rhyne
- Maurice H. Stans
 - Possible topic for meeting
 - Politics
 - Minority business enterprise
- Scheduled meetings
 - John Geiger
 - National Commander of the American Legion

The President and Haldeman left at 6:29 pm.

Conversation No. 573-3

Date: September 16, 1971
 Time: 6:29 pm - unknown before 6:31 pm
 Location: Executive Office Building

Unknown men [Secret Service agents] met.

[Previous archivists categorized this section as unintelligible. It has been rereviewed and released 03/09/2020.]

[Unintelligible]
 [573-003-w001]
 [Duration: 48s]

General conversation

The recording of this conversation was cut off at an unknown time before 6:31 pm.