

Date: December 24, 1971
Time: Unknown between 11:57 am and 4:18 pm
Location: Oval Office

Oliver F. ("Ollie") Atkins met with unknown people.

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

Forthcoming photograph session
-Preparations
-Unknown object
-Height

Alexander P. Butterfield and Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 11:57 am.

-The president's views
-Yellow Room
-West Wing

Butterfield and Sanchez left at an unknown time before 4:18 pm.

-Camera shots
-Style

The conversation was cut off at an unknown time before 4:18 pm.

Date: December 24, 1971
Time: Unknown between 4:20 pm and 11:59 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Oliver F. ("Ollie") Atkins and unknown men.

[The recording began at an unknown time while the conversation was in progress]

Photograph session
-Posing
-Atkins's previous conversation with Ronald L. Ziegler
-Ziegler's and Atkins's views
-Smiling
-Smiling
-Speed of film
-Lighting
-Time of day
-Daylight Savings Time
-Posing
-Timing
-Smiling

-Coco-lobo II

Helen Thomas

-Rumor

-Unknown journalists

-Atkins

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

[Previous archivists categorized this section as unintelligible. It has been rereviewed and released 05/03/2022.]

[Unintelligible]

[643-002-w001]

[Duration: 27s]

Helen A. Thomas

-Rumor

-Denial

Season's greetings

The President's family

-Yellow Room

Presentation of gifts by the President

-Cuff links

-Golf balls

The President left at 4:28 pm.

Forthcoming photograph session

-Edward R. F. and Tricia Nixon Cox

-[Dwight] David, II and Julie Nixon Eisenhower

-Preparations

Atkins and the unknown men left at an unknown time before 11:59 pm.

Conversation No. 643-16

Date: December 24, 1971

Time: Unknown between 4:28 pm and 11:59 pm

Location: Oval Office

Unknown people [Secret Service agents] entered at an unknown time after 4:28 pm.

[Previous archivists categorized this section as unintelligible. It has been rereviewed and released 05/03/2022.]

[Unintelligible]

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

[643-016-w001]

[Duration: 1m 55s]

The President's location [?]

Meal [?]

The agents left at an unknown time before 11:59 pm.

Conversation No. 643-3

Date: January 3, 1972

Time: 2:07 pm - 2:10 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Jack J. Dreyfus, Jr.

The President's and Dreyfus's ages

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 2:07 pm.

Dreyfus's schedule

-Meeting with Kenneth R. Cole

-Cole's location

-John D. Ehrlichman

Bull left at an unknown time before 2:10 pm.

Dreyfus

-Golf

-Tennis

-Physical condition

-Tennis courts

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[Personal Returnable]

[643-003-w001]

[Duration: 12s]

The President's physical activity
-Walking

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

Walter H. Annenberg

-Position

-Gift

-Steuben glass

-Presidential seal

-Philadelphia Inquirer and TV Guide

-Palm Springs

-Esthetic sense

Portrait of George Washington

-Charles Willson Peale

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

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[Personal Returnable]

[643-003-w002]

[Duration: 48s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

[Personal Returnable]

[643-003-w002]

[Duration: 10s]

Article

-The President's perusal

-Forthcoming California trip

Dreyfus left at 2:10 pm.

Conversation No. 643-4
Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

Date: January 3, 1972
Time: Unknown between 2:10 pm and 2:17 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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Segment cleared for release.]*

[Personal Returnable]

[643-004-w001]

[Duration: 17s]

Dogs

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:17 pm.

Conversation No. 643-5

Date: January 3, 1972
Time: Unknown between 2:10 pm and 2:17 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown woman.

Jack J. Dreyfus, Jr.

-Location

-Dogs

The unknown woman left at an unknown time before 2:17 pm.

Conversation No. 643-6

Date: January 3, 1972
Time: Unknown between 2:10 pm and 2:17 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown woman.

The President's schedule

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at an unknown time after 2:10 pm.

Mistake in requesting Butterfield

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 2:17 pm.

The President's schedule
-Charles W. Colson

The unknown woman left at an unknown time before 2:17 pm.

Conversation No. 643-7

Date: January 3, 1972
Time: Unknown between 2:10 pm and 2:17 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule
-Charles W. Colson
-Forthcoming meeting with Cabinet level group on trade legislation
-Meeting with Peter G. Peterson
-H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman's views
-Recent meeting of Council on International Economic Policy
-Peterson's synopsis
-Henry E. Ford, II
-William P. Rogers
-Peterson
-Film

[The President talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 2:10 pm and 2:17 pm.]

[Conversation No. 643-7A]

Canceling call

[End of telephone conversation]

The President's schedule
-Meeting with Peterson
-Ford
-Group on trade legislation
-Peterson
-Time

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

Bull left at an unknown time before 2:17 pm.

Conversation No. 643-8

Date: January 3, 1972
Time: 2:17 pm - 3:07 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Charles W. Colson.

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40s segment cleared for release. 9s remain closed as 643-008-w001.]*

[Personal Returnable]
[643-008-w001]
[Duration: 40s]

The President's interview with Dan Rather, January 2, 1972
-The President's ability to unwind after interview

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[643-008-w001]
[Duration: 9s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

The President's interview with Dan Rather, January 2, 1972
-Charles W. Colson

The President's interview with Dan Rather, January 2, 1972

- The President's preparation
 - Staff research
 - The President's use
- Questions
 - Number anticipated
 - Briefing book
 - The President's previous effort
 - Briefing book
 - Vietnam and Cambodia
 - The President's use
 - Henry A. Kissinger
- Questions
 - Topics omitted
 - India-Pakistan relations
- Staff research
 - Kissinger's staff
 - Quality
 - Vietnam
 - Compared to the President's
 - Economic questions
 - Points
- Quality
- Time

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

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[Personal Returnable]
[643-008-w002]
[Duration: 1m 12s]

The President's interview with Dan Rather, January 2, 1972

- The President's preparation
 - Exertion
 - Compared with the President's experience in law school
 - Grades
 - Examination
 - Study
- The President's performance

The President's interview with Dan Rather, January 2, 1972

- Colson's schedule
- Colson's viewing

- Emotional aspect
- Rather's performance
 - Call to H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
 - Request to see the President
 - The President's response
- Briefing book
 - Patrick J. Buchanan
 - Use of interviewer's first name
 - Lyndon B. Johnson's practice
 - The President's practice
- The President's performance
 - Haldeman's view
 - Compared with unknown press conference
 - John B. Connally's views
 - Badgering by Rather
 - The President's response
- Tone
 - Lighting
 - The President's performance
- The President's responses
 - Use of Rather's first name
 - Rather's office and wife
 - Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

Rather

- Importance of interview
- Walter L. Cronkite, Jr. and [Arnold] Eric Sevareid
- Mike Wallace
 - Letter to Kissinger
 - Jews
 - Feelings regarding selection of Rather for interview
 - CBS's decision
- Political orientation
- Selection for interview
- Performance

The President's interview with Rather

- Technical aspect
 - The President's talk with Haldeman
 - George P. Shultz's view
 - William Carruthers
 - Mark I. Goode
 - Network's responsibility
 - Camera angles
 - The President's appearance
 - Staff meeting
 - Colson's view
 - Shultz's view
- Tone
 - Lighting
 - Effect on Rather's appearance

- Rather's performance
 - Preparation
 - Note cards
 - Reactions
- Reactions
 - Calls by Harry S. Dent
 - Rather's performance
 - John K. Andrews, Jr.
 - Rather's aggressiveness
 - The President's performance
 - Compared to his other television performances
 - Rather's hostility
 - Unnamed Florida National Committeewoman's views
 - Media hostility
 - Political people
- Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
 - Possible reaction
 - Supporters' possible reactions
 - The President's support
 - The President's response to question
 - Compared with Dwight D. Eisenhower's support of the President
 - Republican National Convention
 - Agnew's performance
 - Controversy
 - Significance
 - Options

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

J. Edgar Hoover

- Retention in office

Agnew

- Retention in office
 - Forthcoming convention
 - Media speculation
 - John B. Connally

The President's interview with Rather

- Question on 1968 bomb halt
 - The President's response
 - Political aspects
- Glassboro summit
- Press credibility
 - Rather's attitude
- Public reaction
 - Calls to Rather's office
 - Number
 - Rather's secretary
 - Reaction to complaints
- Rather's supporters

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 2:17 pm.

Refreshment

Manolo Sanchez

- Location
 - Residence
- Call to the President
 - White House operator

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 2:35 pm.

The President's interview with Rather

- Reactions
 - Calls and wires from White House
 - Ronald L. Ziegler
 - Gerald L. Warren
 - DeVan L. Shumway
 - Dealings with press
 - Colson's previous conversation with Louis P. Harris
 - Harris's letter to Rather
 - Correction on quote of survey
 - Context
 - The President's 1968 promises
 - Poll results
 - Copies to Rowland Evans and Robert D. Novak
 - Harris's view of program
 - The President's performance
 - Effectiveness
- Audience
 - Size
 - Compared with "Christmas at the White House"
 - Nielson ratings
 - New York audience
 - Compared with "A Day in the Life of the President"
 - National Broadcasting Corporation [NBC] figures
 - Ratings
 - Simultaneous programming
 - Advertising
 - Howard K. Smith interview
 - Rating

"Christmas at the White House"

- Rating
 - Increase over preceding program
- Promotion

The President's interview with Rather

- Reaction
 - Letters
 - White House staff
 - Leaks

- Non-government people
- [Opinion Research Corporation [ORC]] polls
- White House based letter campaigns
 - Outcome
- Rather's performance
 - Compared with the President's performance
- Political people
- Accuracy in Media group
 - Network
 - Response
 - Charles Crutchfield group
 - CBS affiliates
- Question on Agnew
- Peace question
- Vietnam
 - Bombing question
 - Troop withdrawal
 - News impact
 - Wires
- News value
 - Walter R. ("Wally") Meares [?]

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

Rather

- Press conferences
 - Usual reporting of the President's demeanor
 - Azores trip of December 1971
- Feelings toward the White House and the President
 - Antagonism
 - Credibility
- The President's response to question on press credibility
 - Rather's response
- Incorrect reporting of unemployment rate
 - Correction
 - Damage
- Possible press conference about the press
- Questions regarding the press
 - The President's response
- Contacts with White House staff
 - Colson
 - Other staff
- Compared with Daniel L. Schorr

Schorr

- Story on Connally
 - Veracity
 - Haldeman's talk with Connally

Connally

- Possible departure
- Reaction after Texas election loss
 - Possible sources

- Periscope*
- Newsweek*
- Importance to Administration
- Possible pressures
- Associates
- Johnson

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

- The President's interview with Rather
- Question on George C. Wallace
- The President's response
- Democratic Party
- Primaries

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

Response to the President's call

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:54 pm.

National economy

- Time* article
 - Timing
 - Length
 - Economic indicators
 - The President's predictions
 - Predictions by Board of Economists
 - Christmas sales
 - Tone
 - Advertising
 - 1972 forecast
- Conference Board's views
 - Growth rate
 - Unemployment rate
- Time* and *Fortune*
 - Bullish views
- 1971
 - New Economic Policy
 - Gross National Product [GNP] figures
 - Public psychology
 - Stock market
 - Consumer attitudes
 - Media
- Stock market
 - Figures
 - Increases
- Media
 - Rather
 - Negative reports
 - Public attitudes
 - The President's announcement of New Economic Program
 - Administration response

- Recent reports
 - Tone
 - Democrats
 - Effects
 - Issues
- August 1971 announcement
- Albert E. Sindlinger poll

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

George Meany

- Attacks on administration
 - Health
 - Impact
 - The President's speech at American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organization [AFL-CIO] convention, November 19, 1971
 - Health
 - Possible death
 - Timing
- Federationist*
 - Story and photographs on convention
 - Contacts with the President
 - Escorting
 - Shaking hands
- Contacts with the President at convention
 - TV coverage
 - Editorials
 - Summary by Herbert G. Klein
 - Contents
 - Support of the President
 - The President's note to Colson
 - Themes

The President's schedule

- Edwin D. Etherington
 - Colson's role
 - Forthcoming dinner
 - Government support
 - Value of meeting
- Henry E. Ford, II
 - Resignation

Haldeman entered at an unknown time after 2:35 pm.

- Salary as chairman of National Center for Volunteer Action [NCVA]
- Etherington

Colson left at 2:54 pm.

Connally

- Future plans
 - Colson's view
 - Newsweek* story

- Instructions for the White House staff
- Haldeman's recent meeting with Peter G. Peterson
 - Connally's trip to Azores
 - Return
 - Meeting with Peterson
 - International agreement
 - Connally's mood
 - Connally's position
 - Press coverage
 - Credit
- Haldeman's responsibility
- The President's recent meeting with George P. Shultz
 - Appointment of woman to Council of Economic Advisors [CEA]
 - Forthcoming call from Shultz
- Value to Administration
- Relations with White House staff
 - Shultz and John D. Ehrlichman
 - Junior staff

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

State of the Union address

- Raymond K. Price, Jr.
 - California
 - Draft
 - Kissinger
- The President's schedule

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[Personal Returnable]

[643-008-w005]

[Duration: 3m 41s]

1972 campaign

- New Hampshire primary
 - The President's filing for candidacy
 - Timing
 - New Hampshire secretary of state
 - John N. Mitchell
 - Hubert H. Humphrey
 - Vietnam announcement
 - The President's meeting with Eisaku Sato
 - Publicity
 - Press briefing
 - Eisaku Sato's visit
 - Content of document
- First Family
 - Tricia Nixon Cox
 - New Hampshire dinner/fundraiser

- The President's opinion
 - Stay out of primary states
- Schedule
- New Hampshire
- David N. Parker
- Primary states
 - Wisconsin
 - California

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 2:55 pm.

The President's schedule

- Forthcoming meeting with Ford and Etherington

Unknown room

- Cleanliness
 - TV crew
 - Responsibility
 - Janitors
 - Cigarette butts and trash
 - The President's meeting with Jack J. Dreyfus, Jr.
 - Custodial staff
 - Schedule
 - The President's activities
 - Instruction for Bull
 - Responsibility
 - Rex W. Scouten
 - General Services Administration [GSA]

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

- Importance

[Previous PRMPA Personal Returnable (G) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift 05/11/2022. Segment cleared for release.]

[Personal Returnable]

[643-008-w006]

[Duration: 1m 42s]

1972 campaign

- First Family
 - Tricia Nixon Cox and Julie Nixon Eisenhower
 - Forthcoming talk with David N. Parker
- Primary states
- The President's candidacy

- Appearance in primary states
 - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman's opinion
 - The President's opinion
- The President's campaigning
 - Impact
 - Dan Rather

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

Eisaku Sato dinner

- Kissinger
 - Presence
 - Forthcoming Middle East trip
- David M. Kennedy
- Nobuhiko Ushiba
- Armin H. Meyer
 - U. Alexis Johnson
- Possible number of invitees
- The President's schedule
- Kissinger
 - People's Republic of China [PRC] trip
 - Middle East trip
 - Presence

Haldeman left at 3:07 pm.

Conversation No. 643-10

Date: January 3, 1972
Time: 3:07 pm - 3:40 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry Ford II, Edwin D. Etherington, Charles W. Colson and Rayburn Hanzlik; the White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

New Year's greetings

Introductions

Seating

Briefcase

Etherington

- Key Biscayne
- Home in Hobe Sound, Florida

National Center for Volunteer Action [NCVA]

- The President's gratitude
- Importance
- Funding
 - Ford's letter to the President
 - ACTION
 - Budget for 1973
 - Private sector
 - Government

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

[Previous National Security (B) withdrawal reviewed under MDR guidelines case number LPRN-T-MDR-2014-033. Segment declassified on 05/28/2019. Archivist: MAS]

[National Security]

[643-010-w001]

[Duration: 23s]

National Center for Volunteer Action [NCVA]

- Funding
 - Compared with Radio Free Europe
 - Central Intelligence Agency [CIA] involvement
 - Financial support

National Center for Volunteer Action [NCVA]

- Funding
 - Private sector
 - Competition with other organizations
 - Pledges
 - Ford's letter to the President
 - Pledges
 - White House aides
 - Financial supporters
 - Election year
 - Tax deduction
 - Internal Revenue Service [IRS] ruling
 - The President's instruction
- Project
 - The President's recent conversation with Robert H. Finch
 - Local centers network
 - Number operating
 - Timing
 - Number forming
 - Money from ACTION
- Awards dinner
 - The President's attendance

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 3:07 pm.

The President's schedule

- Datebook
- Retrieval

Bull left at an unknown time before 3:30 pm.

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

- Scheduling

NCVA

- Awards dinner
- The President's presence

Bull entered at an unknown time after 3:07 pm.

Datebook

Bull left at an unknown time before 3:30 pm.

NCVA

- Awards dinner
 - Date
 - The President's presence

Manolo Sanchez [?] entered at an unknown time after 3:07 pm.

Refreshment

- Sanchez

Sanchez [?] left at an unknown time before 3:30 pm.

NCVA

- Awards dinner
 - Date
 - Location
 - Kennedy Center
 - Size
 - Reservation
 - Board meeting
 - Honorees
 - Honorees
 - Date
 - The President's forthcoming trip to People's Republic of China [PRC]
 - Press
 - The President's schedule
 - California
 - Trip to PRC
 - Fund-raising possibilities
 - Pre-dinner gathering
 - The President's presence

- Advertising
- Funding
 - Amount
 - ACTION appropriations
- Programs
 - "Right to Read"
 - Volunteers
 - The President
 - Blacks
 - Non-English language speakers
 - "New math"
 - "Aid to the Elderly"
 - Volunteers
 - Ages
 - College students
 - "Right to Read"
- Funding
 - Costs
 - Department of Health, Education and Welfare [HEW] grant
 - Elliot L. Richardson
 - Hanzlik, Finch and Etherington
 - Colson's forthcoming conversations
 - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman and George P. Shultz
 - Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger
 - The President's support
 - ACTION budget
 - Congressional support
 - Costs of "Right to Read" and "Aid to the Elderly"
 - HEW
 - Richardson
 - Support
 - Support from the President and Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
 - "Right to Read"
 - Richardson
 - Mrs. Nixon
 - Organization
 - Chairmanship
 - Ford's forthcoming resignation
 - Etherington's possible succession
 - Etherington's work with Frederic V. Malek
 - Ford's future role
 - Presidency
 - Schedule
 - Salary
 - Etherington's work

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

Malek

William D. Eberle
-Job

Bull entered at an unknown time after 3:07 pm.

Peter G. Peterson
-Forthcoming meeting with the President

Bull left at an unknown time before 3:30 pm.

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

Eberle
-Previous role
 -American Standard
-Peterson
 -Forthcoming meeting with the President
-Previous support for Etherington
-Forthcoming meeting with the President
 -Eisaku Sato

Malek
-Performance
-Support for women
 -Council of Economic Advisors [CEA]
 -[Marina von Neumann Whitman]
 -Herbert Stein
 -Ezra Solomon
 -Paul W. McCracken
 -Whitman
 -Women in government

International monetary agreement
-John B. Connally
 -Work with Group of Ten

Peterson entered at 3:30 pm.

Greetings

NCVA awards dinner

Ford, Etherington, Colson, and Hanzlik left at 3:30 pm.

The President's schedule
-Forthcoming meeting with group on trade legislation
 -Council on International Economic Policy [CIEP]
 -Issues to be discussed
 -Gold price
 -Legislation before Congress
 -Banking Committee
 -Generalized preferences
 -Ways and Means Committee
 -Senate Finance Committee
 -Timing
 -Paul A. Volcker's views

- Eberle
 - European Economic Community [EEC]
- Agriculture issue
 - Connally's view
 - Forthcoming talk with Peterson
 - Politics
- Agriculture
 - Citrus and tobacco
 - Grain
 - Midwestern states
 - Eberle's work
 - Congress' actions
- Measures to Congress
 - Timing
 - State of the Union message
 - Hearings
 - Debate
 - Filibuster
 - The President's forthcoming meeting with Connally
 - California
 - Peterson's forthcoming call to Connally
 - Filibuster
- Trade legislation
 - Timing
 - Delay
 - Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development [OECD] trade group report
 - Congress
 - Eberle

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 3:30 pm.

- Request for Shultz's presence

Bull left at an unknown time before 3:40 pm.

- Issues to be discussed
 - Trade legislation
 - Exchange rate
 - Other legislation
 - Revenue sharing, health
 - Ways and Means Committee
 - Senate Finance Committee
 - Wilbur D. Mills
 - James A. Burke
 - Vance Hartke-Burke Bill
 - Labor
 - Relationship with Mills
 - Prospects
 - The President's view
 - Peterson's memorandum

- Protectionist measures
- Peterson's responsibility
- William P. Rogers
- Peterson
 - Business community
- Connally
- The President's comments Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)
- Public statements
 - Peterson, Rogers, Connally, Stein
- US credibility abroad and at home
 - Protectionism

Trade legislation

- Rogers
 - Generalized preferences
 - Recent conversation with the President
 - Submission to Congress
 - Timing
 - "Christmas Tree" approach
 - Staff meeting
 - Clark MacGregor
 - Consultation

Bull entered at an unknown time after 3:30 pm.

The President's schedule

Bull left at an unknown time before 3:40 pm.

- Instructions
 - Forthcoming talk with Rogers
 - Foreign policy concerns
- Quotes

Press coverage

- Peterson
 - New York Times*
 - Charts

State of the Union message

- Staff contact with Congress, business
- 1972
- Themes
 - Confidence, employment, competition

Peterson's schedule

- California
- Japan

Japan

- Negotiations with US

-Eberle
-Kakuei Tanaka
-Maurice H. Stans

The President and Peterson left at 3:40 pm.

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

Conversation No. 643-11

Date: January 3, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:40 pm and 4:44 pm
Location: Oval Office

Unknown men [Secret Service agents] met.

[Previous archivists categorized this section as unintelligible. It has been rereviewed and released 08/12/2022.]

[Unintelligible]
[643-011-w001]
[Duration: 16s]

[An unknown man talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 3:40 pm and 4:44 pm.]

[Conversation No. 643-11A]

The President's location
-Cabinet Room

The unknown men [agents] left at an unknown time before 4:44 pm.

Conversation No. 643-12

Date: January 3, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:40 pm and 4:44 pm
Location: Oval Office

Unknown men [Secret service agents] met.

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[Unintelligible]
[643-012-w001]
[Duration: 16s]

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

The President's location
-Cabinet Room

The President's location
-Cabinet Room
-Stephen B. Bull

[An unknown man talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 3:40 pm and 4:44 pm.]

[Conversation No. 643-12A]

Affirmation of unknown comments

[End of telephone conversation]

The unknown men left at an unknown time before 4:44 pm.

Conversation No. 643-13

Date: January 3, 1972
Time: 4:44 pm - 6:00 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with John N. Mitchell.

[The recording began at an unknown time while the conversation was in progress]

Yeoman Charles E. Radford
-Removal
-Relations with Jack N. Anderson
-Unknown chief petty officer
-Indebtedness
-Joint Chiefs of Staff [JCS] participation in White House infiltration
-John D. Ehrlichman's forthcoming meeting with Mitchell

Anderson

- Possible litigation
 - Timing
 - 1972 election
 - Statute of limitations
 - Possession and publication of documents
- JCS
- New York Times* investigative reporting team
 - Contact with Radford
- Source of story

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

Radford

- Reassignment
 - Office closure
- Anderson
- Possible revelation of admirals' activities
 - Delivery of secret material to JCS
- Office
 - Closure

Radford

- Options
 - Melvin R. Laird
 - Plan
 - Ehrlichman
 - Impunity

The President's need to sign documents

William D. Eberle

- Performance
 - Trade negotiations
 - Compared with Peter G. Peterson
- The President's view

White House staff

- Performance

John B. Connally

- Relations with White House
 - Daniel L. Schorr's story about Azores trip
 - Preston Smith
 - Maury Cohen [sp?]
 - Mitchell's conversation with Ehrlichman
 - The President's and Mitchell's law firm [Nixon, Mudge, Rose, Guthrie, and Alexander
 - Unknown suit

[The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 4:44 pm and 5:15 pm.]

[Conversation No. 643-13A]

[See Conversation No. 18-13]

[End of telephone conversation]

Connally

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

- Smith
- [Forename unknown] Gallagher's [sp?] letter
- New York
- Relations with White House
- Nixon, Mudge, Rose, Guthrie, and Alexander
- The President's schedule
- California

[The President talked with William P. Rogers at unknown time between 4:44 pm and 5:15 pm.]

[See Conversation No. 18-14]

An unknown man entered and conferred with the President at an unknown time after 4:44 pm.

Manolo Sanchez

- Location

[End of conferral]

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 5:15 pm.

The President conferred with Mitchell at an unknown time.

Robert S. Ingersoll

- Possible ambassadorship
- Japan

[End of conferral]

[End of telephone conversation]

Appointments

- Ambassadorship to Japan
- Fredrick M. Eaton
- Rogers's views
- Age
- Appearance
- Conflict of interest
- Rogers C. B. Morton
- Morton
- Ingersoll
- Morton

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Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman entered at an unknown time after 4:44 pm.

California

- Political situation
 - Leonard K. Firestone
 - Position
 - Finance chairman

Ronald W. Reagan

- Conflict with Elliot L. Richardson
 - Mitchell as arbitrator
 - Ehrlichman's advice
- Richardson's prerogatives
- Concessions
 - The President's concession on Medicaid
 - George P. Shultz
 - John N. Ashbrook
 - Reagan's possible response
- Welfare reform
 - Reagan's planned press conference
- Concession
 - 1972 election
- Refusal to compromise
- Office of Economic Opportunity [OEO] legal service issue
 - Compared with Nelson A. Rockefeller

New York

- Rockefeller
 - Tax package
 - Work with Mitchell
 - Conservatives

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New York

- Republican Party
 - Conservatives
 - Nelson A. Rockefeller
 - John N. Ashbrook
 - Primary
 - John N. Mitchell's previous talks with J. Daniel Mahoney
 - William A. Rusher

New Hampshire

- Primary
 - The President's filing for candidacy
 - Timing
 - Edmund S. Muskie
 - Meeting with Eisaku Sato
 - Afternoon briefing
 - Ronald L. Ziegler's confirmation
 - Letter
 - Other primaries
 - Letter
 - Ronald L. Ziegler's confirmation

Raymond K. Price, Jr.

- Schedule
 - [California]
- State of the Union message
 - Drafts

Connally

- Administration's support
- Smith
 - Investigators
 - Los Angeles Times*
 - Cohen
 - Attacks on Connally
 - Reasons
 - Ben F. Barnes
- Mood
 - Golf in El Dorado
- Investigation
- Nixon, Mudge, Rose, Guthrie, and Alexander
 - Suit

Trade negotiations with Japan

- Eberle's presence in California
 - Kakuei Tanaka
 - Maurice H. Stans
- Stans

- Henry A. Kissinger
- Past performance
- Eberle
- Stans
 - Presence
- Dinner
 - Stans
 - Tanaka
 - Kissinger's view
 - Stans compared to Eberle
 - Tanaka
- David M. Kennedy

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

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New Hampshire

- Primary
 - The President's filing for candidacy
 - Timing
 - January 7, 1972

Ohio

- Robert A. Taft, Jr.
 - "Second choice" position on state ballot
 - John N. Mitchell's opinion
 - Preference for unnamed national committeewoman
 - Relationship with Spiro T. Agnew
 - Delegation
 - Supporters
 - John N. Mitchell's opinion

Indiana

- John A. Schneider
 - Position with administration
 - Frederic V. Malek
 - Background
 - State treasurer

Deputy Secretary of Defense

- Schneider
- Necessity

- William P. Clements, Jr.
 - Finances
 - Compared with David Packard
- Robert C. Seamans, Jr.
 - Conservatives
 - Background
 - National Aeronautics and Space Administration [NASA] Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

Appointments

- Conservatives
 - Defense Department and Department of Health, Education, and Welfare [HEW]

Defense Department

- Expenditures compared to authorizations
- Secretary
 - Barry M. Goldwater
 - Timing
 - Impact
 - John G. Tower
- Deputy Secretary
 - Legislation to split job
 - Goldwater
 - George H. W. Bush
 - Qualifications
 - Loyalty
 - United Nations [UN] position
 - UN
 - Possible political ambitions
 - UN position
 - Prestige
 - Peter M. Flanigan
 - Confirmation
 - Relations with Congress
 - Joseph D. Tydings
 - Loyalty
 - Legislative programs
 - Peterson's job
 - Possible downgrade

Commerce Department Secretary

- Peterson
- Helen D. Bentley
 - Letter from Vice President Spiro T. Agnew to the President
 - Mitchell
- Language

Martha (Beall) Mitchell

- Position on list of Top Ten Most Admired Women in World
 - George H. Gallup
 - Ethel (Skakel) Kennedy

- Shirley Chisholm
- Cover photograph for unknown newsmagazine
- Replacement by Angela Davis
- Martha Mitchell's reaction

Defense Department

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

- Deputy Secretary
 - Flanigan
 - Confirmation
 - Laird
 - Role
 - Qualifications
 - Relations with Kissinger
 - Washington Special Action Group [WSAG] meetings
 - Qualifications
 - Confirmation
 - Tydings issue

Eberle

Malek

- Job performance

Eberle

- Position
 - Performance
 - Peterson's position
 - Testimony

Flanigan

- Possible position with Defense Department
 - Clark MacGregor
 - Kissinger
 - Previous relations
 - State Department
 - Kissinger
 - Qualities

Kissinger

- Breakfast meeting with Mitchell, January 3, 1972
 - Kissinger's relationship with Rogers and State Department

Gerard C. Smith

- Meeting with the President, January 3, 1972
 - Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT] negotiations
 - Vienna
 - Rogers's presence
 - Kissinger's view
 - Rogers's knowledge of negotiations

Kissinger

- Meeting with Mitchell
 - India-Pakistan War
 - Rogers's and Richard F. Pederson's actions
 - Backgrounders
 - Effects on foreign policy
 - Democrats
 - Relations with State Department
 - Leaks
 - Kissinger's possible handling
 - Middle East
 - Back channels
 - Soviet Union
 - Forthcoming summit
 - Rogers's dealings with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
 - Kissinger's talk with Haldeman in Key Biscayne
 - Possible resignation
 - Timing
 - Moscow Summit
 - Importance to Administration
 - Rogers and Laird
 - State Department

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at an unknown time after 4:44 pm.

The President's schedule

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 6:00 pm.

Kissinger

- Return from Azores
 - Statement to press
- India-Pakistan relations
 - State Department
- State Department
 - Radford
 - Anderson's columns
 - Reports from others
- Rogers
 - Foreign policy

India-Pakistan War

- New York Times* task force
 - Kissinger
 - Request for interview with Rogers
 - Rogers's response
 - Kissinger's cooperation
 - Ehrlichman's reaction
 - New York Times'* report on Anderson and his sources
 - Reasons
- Public interest
 - The President's interview with Dan Rather, January 2, 1972

- New York Times* task force
 - Kissinger's cooperation
 - Reasons
 - State Department
 - Leaks to Marvin L. Kalb, *et al.*
 - Rogers's meeting with Haldeman, January 3, 1972
 - Rogers's concerns

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

Kissinger

- Relations with State Department
 - Self-defense
 - The Administration's foreign policy
 - Middle East
 - Soviet Union
 - Dobrynin
 - Forthcoming summit
- Talk with Mitchell
 - The President's interests

State Department

- Rogers's conversations with Dobrynin
 - Notification of Kissinger
 - Compared with Kissinger's conversations with Dobrynin
 - Briefing the President
- Middle East
- Rogers's conversation with Dobrynin
 - Briefing the President
 - Substance
 - Kissinger's view

Rogers

- Relations with the President
 - Kissinger's view
 - Conversation with Haldeman
 - Meeting with the President and J. Edgar Hoover on plane
 - Birthday cake
 - Dinner with the President, Hoover and Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo

Kissinger

- Relations with the President
 - Kissinger's conversation with Haldeman
 - Meetings
 - Tone
 - India-Pakistan War
 - Kissinger's press conference comments
 - Talks with the President
 - Responsibilities for Rogers
 - Consequences
 - Kissinger
 - Kissinger's talking paper
 - The President's meeting with Indira Gandhi

-State Department

Kissinger

-Relations with the President

-Kissinger's view

-Niceties

-Calls from the President and Nelson A. Rockefeller Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

-Relations with State Department and Rogers

-Kissinger's possible action

-Consequences

-Hawks' departure

-Dove

-Leaks

Radford

-Kissinger's views

-State Department

-Meeting with Mitchell, January 3, 1972

-Possible firing of Adm. Thomas H. Moorer

State Department

-The President's forthcoming trip to Moscow

-Structuring of activities

-Kissinger's views

-Rogers's responsibilities

-Informing Rogers

-Middle East and Moscow

-Memoranda

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[National Security]

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Department of State [DOS]

-Middle East and Moscow

-Memoranda

-Richard M. Helms

Department of State [DOS]

-Middle East and Moscow

-Joseph J. Sisco

Rogers

- Relations with Kissinger and the President
 - Candor
- Performance
 - Leaking
- Loyalty
- Cambodia
 - Kissinger's views
- Relations with the President
 - Vietnam
 - Bombing
 - Possible talk with Mitchell and Haldeman
 - Kissinger, the President
 - Discussion of problems
 - 1972 election
 - Personality conflicts
- Trip to Soviet Union for negotiations
 - Kissinger
- Kissinger's view
 - Publicity
 - Kissinger
- Qualities
 - Foreign affairs
 - Knowledge
 - Public relations
 - Compared with Kissinger
 - Balance and self-confidence
 - Kissinger

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India-Pakistan War

- Inevitability
- US policy
 - Kissinger
- Soviets
 - Lack of cooperation
 - The President's meeting with Soviet Agricultural Minister [Vladimir Matskevich]
 - Gandhi
- Rogers's possible views
 - Possible talk with Haldeman
 - State Department

Kissinger and Rogers

- Contrast
 - Concern for historical compared to immediate image
 - Concern for "editorial page" compared to "front page" image
 - Long compared to short view
 - Rationality and self control
 - Rogers
 - Composure
 - Conversation with John A. Scali
- Manners

Cabinet

- Kissinger's views
 - Rogers
 - Laird
- Responsibilities

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

Kissinger and Rogers

- India-Pakistan War
- Leaks
- Value
- Loyalty
 - State Department

Kissinger

- Relations with the President
 - Kissinger's view
 - Trips to Florida, California
 - Attendance at forthcoming Japanese dinner
 - [Unknown person]
 - Calls from the President
 - Talks with Haldeman and Mitchell
 - Rogers's retention in office
 - Kissinger's views
 - Possible resignation
 - Timing
 - 1972 election
 - Soviet Summit
 - Possible announcement
 - June 1972
- Middle East
 - Kissinger's background
 - Kissinger's view
 - Talk with Mitchell
 - Talk with the President
 - 1970 elections
 - Kissinger's meetings
 - Promises
- India-Pakistan War
 - Rogers
 - Kissinger's responsibility
 - The President's view
 - State Department
 - The President's orders at WSAG meeting
 - Kissinger's view
- Relations with Rogers
- Cooperation with *New York Times*
 - Reasons
 - Justification of Kissinger's role
 - Kissinger's importance vis-a-vis the President's
- Relations with the President

- Announcements
 - Troop withdrawals
- The President's interview with Dan Rather, January 2, 1972
 - Kissinger foreign policy suggestions
 - Prisoners of war [POWs]

-Honesty

-Reaction to India-Pakistan War

-Press treatment

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

The President's schedule

-San Clemente

-Possible instructions to Rogers and Kissinger

-Contact with press

-Anderson

-India-Pakistan War

New York Times

-The President's instructions

-Pentagon Papers

-Kissinger

-Kissinger

-Interviews

-Ronald L. Ziegler

-Haldeman

-Talks with Haldeman and Mitchell

-State Department

-India-Pakistan War

-Possible leaks

The President's trip to California

-Mitchell's schedule

-Talk with Rogers

-Haldeman's presence

Kissinger

-Possible talk

-Possible talk with the President

-Complaints regarding Rogers and State Department

-Possible talk with Mitchell

-Rockefeller

-Relations with Kissinger

The President's schedule

-Recent meeting with Rogers in Florida

-Rogers's interest

-Dinner with Rogers, Hoover and Rebozo

-Plane trip

-Meeting with Hoover, Rogers and Adele (Langston) Rogers

-Haldeman's meeting with Rogers

-Meetings with Rogers

-Kissinger's presence

- Meetings with foreign leaders
 - African leaders
 - Upper Volta
 - Kissinger's presence
 - Kissinger's presence
 - Georges J.R. Pompidou
 - Willy Brandt
 - Manner
 - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
 - Kissinger's notes
- Trip to California
 - Mitchell
 - Talk with Kissinger
 - Timing
 - Talks with Kissinger and Rogers
 - The President's instructions
 - Anderson
 - Investigation
 - Ehrlichman

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

Kissinger

- Relations with the President
 - Hypothetical relations with Connally as President
 - Kissinger's tenure in office
 - Rogers's tenure in office
 - Contrasted with other Cabinet members
 - Cambodia and Laos
 - Pentagon Papers
 - Encouragement

The President's trip to California

Unknown matter

Mitchell and Haldeman left at 6:00 pm.

Conversation No. 643-14

Date: January 3, 1972

Time: Unknown after 6:00 pm until 6:01 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with unknown people.

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[Unintelligible]

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H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman [?]

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

The President and the unknown people left at 6:01 pm.

Conversation No. 643-15

Date: January 3, 1972

Time: Unknown between 6:01 pm and 11:59 pm

Location: Oval Office

Unknown people [Secret Service agents] met.

Schedules

The unknown people [agents] left at an unknown time before 11:59 pm

Conversation No. 643-9

Date: January 3, 1972

Time: Unknown between 6:01 pm and 11:59 pm

Location: Oval Office

Unknown men [Secret Service agents] met.

[An unknown man talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 6:01 and 11:59 pm.]

[Conversation No. 643-9A]

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[End of telephone conversation]

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

The conversation was cut off at an unknown time before 11:59 pm.