



## NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF

### Tape Subject Log (rev. 10/06)

Conversation No. 573-1

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

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- 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

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[National Security]

[Duration: 12s]

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The President's recent press conferences

- Effectiveness
  - Vietnam
  - Draft
  - Attica
  - Economy
    - Phase II
- Number of news leads
- James B. Reston

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- 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
    - Coups
  - 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

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- 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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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6

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Vietnam

-Book by Marguerite Higgins

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7

[Privacy]

[Duration: 5s]

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-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

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- 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; one item has been withdrawn from the conversation]

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[Personal Returnable]

[Duration: 1m 20s]

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[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

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Conv. No. 573-2 (cont.)

-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.

[Unintelligible]

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