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Tape Subject Log (rev. 7/07)

Conversation No. 712-1

Date: April 18, 1972
Time: 3:56 pm - 4:56 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with John D. Ehrlichman.

Greetings

Busing

- Ehrlichman's approach
- Article by Alexander M. Bickel in *New Republic*
 - Constitutionality
 - Impact on Congress
 - Circulation among opinion makers
 - Robert H. Bork
 - Press conference in Washington
- Press conference
 - Necessity
 - Controversy
- Irene McCabe
 - Intended action
 - Position
 - National Action Group
 - Pontiac, Michigan
 - Publicity
- Article in *National Journal*
 - Reprints
 - Circulation
 - Authority
 - McCabe
 - Article
 - Rally
 - Timing
 - Analysis
 - Topics

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 1m 48s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

- Bickel
 - Liberalism
- Opposition
 - Bork
 - Ivy League background
 - [Charles A. Wright]
 - Texas
 - Willingness to speak out
 - Southerners
 - Mobilization
 - Disbandment of bi-racial committees
 - Edward L. Morgan
- Court cases
 - Reopening
 - Impact
 - Richard G. Kleindienst
- Moratorium
 - Passage in Congress
- Congress
 - The President's opposition to busing
 - Publicity
 - Difference from George C. Wallace
 - Sympathy for blacks
 - Political benefits
 - Support of middle-of-the-roads
 - Challenge to Congress
 - Moratorium
 - Constitutional amendment
 - Political advantages
 - Political support

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- Answer
 - Ehrlichman's draft
 - Patrick J. Buchanan
 - Burden on Congress
 - Problems for children
- Article in *National Journal*
 - Quality of article
 - List of cities
 - Detroit
 - Indianapolis
 - Denver
 - Richmond
 - Suburbs
- Administration interventions
 - Publicity
 - Trips to communities
 - L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III
 - Grand Rapids, Michigan
 - Ehrlichman
 - Morgan
 - Value
 - Arrangements
 - Gray
 - Kleindienst
 - Publicity
 - Ehrlichman's trip
 - Statement
 - Bork
- Legal arguments
 - Wright
 - Texas lawyer
 - Joseph T. Sneed
 - Duke University
 - Support for the President
 - Recruitment
 - Judgeship positions
 - Attorney General

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International Telephone and Telegraph [ITT] case

- Debates
 - Advantages
 - Peter M. Flanigan testimony

Busing

- National Journal* article
 - The President's review
 - Analysis of congressional voting records
 - Changes
- Administration opposition
 - Impact on communities
 - Divisiveness
- Supporters of busing
 - Liberals
 - Time*
 - Reasons
 - Attacks on white middle class suburbanites
 - Children's schools
 - Investigation of journalists
 - Results
 - Use in press conference
 - Journalists
 - Residences
 - Suburbs
 - Compared to Washington, DC
 - Robert P. Novak
 - Kleindienst
 - Children's schools
- Democratic candidates
 - Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson
 - Children in public school
 - Children
 - Schools
 - Publicity

Crime

- Washington Post*
- Ehrlichman's briefing
 - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- Time*

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- Publicity
- Business leaders in Washington, DC
 - Meeting
 - Impact of crime
- Washington, DC
 - Level
 - 1968 campaign
 - Decline
 - Credit for administration
- The President's law and order policies
 - Criticism
 - Law Enforcement Assistance Administration [LEAA]
 - Funds for Washington, DC
 - Funds for localities
 - Uses
- Illegal drugs
 - Issue for Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
 - Campaign

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

[Privacy]

[Duration: 18s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

- Political benefits
 - Law enforcement and rehabilitation
 - Pushers

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

[Privacy]

[Duration: 9s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

- Fact sheet
 - Drafts
 - Distribution
 - Agnew
 - Discussion and publicity
 - Republicans
 - Material for speeches
 - Publicity
 - Arrangements

Economy

- Latest figures
 - Inventory
 - Backlog of demand
 - Release
 - Progress
- Staff meeting
 - Herbert Stein
 - Ezra Solomon
 - Optimism
- Consumer Price Index [CPI]
 - Last month's figures
 - Wholesale food prices
- Food prices
 - Political issue
 - Life* magazine
 - Meat
 - Cheaper cuts
 - Chicken

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- Complaints from consumers
- Complaints
 - Substance
 - Inevitability
 - Depression of 1930's
 - Publicity
 - Life*
 - Timing
- Decline
 - Jawboning
 - Summer decline
- Earl L. Butz
 - Policies
 - Trip to Soviet Union
 - Statements
 - Criticism
 - Future statements
 - Benefits for Farm Belt
 - Work with administration
 - Political sensitivities
 - Kenneth R. Cole, Jr.
 - Ehrlichman
 - Work with farmers
 - Success
 - Ehrlichman's trip to Denver
 - Article
 - Butz's talk with the President
 - Complaints
 - Current mood
 - Improvement
 - Cattlemen
 - Prosperity
 - Milk producers
- Jawboning
 - John B. Connally
 - Price Commission
 - Dr. C. Jackson ("Dan") Grayson, Jr.
 - Benefits
- Shoe prices
 - Jawboning by Peter G. Peterson
 - Level

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- Price of hides
- Scarcity
- Jawboning
- Jawboning
 - Timing with election
 - Effectiveness
 - Food prices
 - Decline
 - Market chains
 - Safeway
 - Ads
 - Fear of controls
 - World War II
- Cattle growers

Other issues

- Crime
- Drugs
- Busing
- Prices

Taxes

- Property taxes
 - School funding
 - Advisory Committee on Intergovernmental Relations [ACIR]
 - Ehrlichman's meeting with Connally
 - Option paper
 - Connally's advice
 - Debt ceiling
 - Testimony
 - Connally, George P. Shultz and Stein
- Loopholes
 - Connally
 - Wilbur D. Mills
 - Hearings on Health bill
- Tax bill
 - Ways and Means Committee
- Revenue sharing
- House Resolution [HR] 1
 - Location in Congress
 - Senate Finance Committee

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- Confusion
- Republicans
 - Meeting at White House
 - Caucus
 - Opposition to Russell B. Long's changes
- Long's proposals
 - Costs
 - Criticism of the President by Long

ITT case

- Flanigan testimony
 - Conditions
 - Samuel J. Ervin, Jr.'s reaction
 - Long's reaction
 - Reasons

Revenue-sharing

- Senate Finance Committee
- Passage
 - Likelihood to be defeated
 - Shultz and Mills
- The President's efforts
 - Appreciation by local officials

Taxation

- Treasury Department
 - Connally
 - White Paper
 - Opposition to property taxes
 - Populism
 - Congressional resistance
- Tax reform
 - Democratic voting records
 - Publicity
 - Connally as spokesman
 - Speeches
 - Policy of administration
 - Property tax relief and relief for parochial schools
 - Value-added tax [VAT]
 - Administration credit
 - Alternatives

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- Administration study
- Wallace telegram
 - Connally's answer
 - Challenge for answers
- Loopholes
 - Connally's views
 - Abolition
 - Problems
 - Mortgage deductions
 - Charitable exemptions
 - Capital gains
 - Abolition
 - Impact
 - Mortgage deductions
 - Edmund S. Muskie's position
 - Hubert H. Humphrey
 - Democratic opposition
 - Charity, home and family deductions
 - Gas tax deduction
 - Sales tax deduction
- US tax system
- Tax inequities
 - Congressional responsibility
 - Candidates
 - Wallace

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 3m 18s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

Budget

- Frank L. Rizzo
 - Federal money for Philadelphia
 - Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger

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- Defense funds
- Telephone call from the President
- Federal money
 - Law enforcement
 - Narcotics control
 - Child care
 - Benefits for Rizzo

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 8m 39s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

Jews

- Golda Meir
- Israelis

Edward M. Kennedy

- Bill on Chappaquiddick
 - Staff work
- Political prospects
- Bill on Chappaquiddick
- Chappaquiddick
 - Press reports
 - Denver
 - Conviction
 - Driver's license
- Grand Jury proceedings
- Public interest
- First reports
 - The President's location
 - Ehrlichman's location
- Kennedy's speech

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- The President's and Ehrlichman's locations
- Failure
 - Richard N. Goodwin
 - Public disbelief
- Compared with Checkers Speech
- Failure
 - Lack of validity

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 22s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7

Busing

- Administration position
 - Approach
- The President's daughters
 - Integrated schools
 - Sidwell Friends
- The President and Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
 - Integrated schools
- Whittier schools
 - Quaker tradition
- Smith and Finch Colleges
 - Julie Nixon Eisenhower
- The President's decision
 - Publicity
 - Ways to improve education
- Parental discretion
 - George H. Gallup poll results
 - Opposition
 - Blacks
 - Opposition

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- Candidates' supporters
 - Wallace, Nixon, Muskie
- Views on busing
- Regional breakdown
- Public response
 - Wide agreement on opposition
 - Experts
 - Uncertainty about benefits
- Parental discretion
 - Racialism
 - Parents versus courts and sociologists
 - Administration position
- Experts

Ehrlichman left at 4:56 pm.

Conversation No. 712-2

Date: April 18, 1972

Time: Unknown between 4:56 pm and 5:00 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez and Alexander P. Butterfield.Sanchez left at an unknown time before 5:00 pm.

H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman

-Location

-John B. Connally

[Signing of document]

-Housing issue

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 5:00 pm.

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Conversation No. 712-3

Date: April 18, 1972
Time: Unknown between 4:56 pm and 5:00 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 23-22]

Conversation No. 712-4

Date: April 18, 1972
Time: Unknown between 4:56 pm and 5:03 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Sequoia

- Availability
- Arrangements

The President talked with Clark MacGregor between 5:00 and 5:01 pm.

[Conversation No. 712-4A]

[See Conversation No. 23-23]

[End of telephone conversation]

Sequoia arrangements

- Time
- Dinner
- Sailing

The President left at an unknown time before 5:03 pm.

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at an unknown time after 5:01 pm.

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Conv. No. 712-4 (cont.)

The President's schedule
-*Sequoia* trip
-Time
-Telephone call

Bull and Butterfield left at an unknown time before 5:03 pm.

Conversation No. 712-5

Date: April 18, 1972
Time: Unknown between 5:01 pm and 5:03 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with an unknown person.

Cancellation of buzzer request signal

Conversation No. 712-6

Date: April 18, 1972
Time: Unknown between 5:01 pm and 5:33 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

The President's schedule
-Dinner on *Sequoia*
-Departure time
-*Sequoia*

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CLARK MACGREGOR ENTERED AT 5:03 PM.

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 5:32 pm.

ITT [International Telephone and Telegraph] case

-Senate committee

-Session

-Republican senators

-Samuel J. Ervin, Jr.

-Help for administration

-Robert C. Byrd

-Cooperation

-Democrats

-Byrd's role

-John V. Tunney and Edward M. Kennedy faction

-Charles McC. Mathias, Jr.

-Vote

-Trip to conference in Oxford, England

-Vote

-James O. Eastland, Ervin, and Byrd

-Mathias

-Majority

-Byrd

-Paul J. Fannin

-William P. Rogers briefing

-Meeting with Ervin

-Meeting with Byrd and Ervin

-Alignment with Kennedy, Tunney, Philip A. Hart, Birch E.
Bayh, Jr. and Quentin N. Burdick

-Likely vote

-Testimony

-MacGregor's conversations with Edwin Reinecke and Edgar Gillenwaters

-Jack Gleason

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- Order of appearance
 - Gillenwaters
 - Position
 - Availability
 - Harry D. Steward
 - Questioning
 - Gillenwaters
 - Peter M. Flanigan
 - Preparation
 - John N. Mitchell
 - Eastland
 - MacGregor
 - Roman L. Hruska, Edward J. Gurney and Marlow W. Cook
 - Questions by Kennedy and Tunney
 - Eastland rulings
 - Republican objections to questions
 - Executive privilege
 - Henry A. Kissinger
 - Discretion
 - Executive privileges
 - Pitfalls
 - Coaching by MacGregor
 - Problems
 - Questioning
 - Answers
 - Tone
 - Coaching
 - H. Chapman ("Chappie") Rose, Bryce N. Harlow and MacGregor
 - Questions to avoid
 - Background on Richard W. McLaren policies
 - Administration disaffection
 - Legitimacy of antitrust suits
 - Arthur F. Burns
- ITT Company
 - Growth under John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson
 - Rate
 - Publicity of figures
 - Acquisitions
 - Figures

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Conv. No. 712-6 (cont.)

- Inaction
- Administration's record

Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 5:03 pm.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 27s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 5:32 pm.

ITT case

- ITT Company
 - Growth
 - Administration's record on antitrust
 - Compared with Johnson and John F. Kennedy
 - Antitrust
 - Debate in administration
 - Acknowledgement
 - Justice Department
 - John B. Connally and Maurice H. Stans
 - Consent decree
 - Harold S. Geneen
 - Protests against Administration policies
 - Publicity
 - Flanigan testimony
 - Justice Department decision
 - Defense
 - Concern for economy
 - Government agencies
 - Secretaries of Treasury, Commerce, Council of Economic Advisors [CEA]

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- Attacks on business
- Administration policies
 - Points to make
- Criterion of case
 - ITT windfall
- Role of unknown White House aide
 - Work with lobbyists
 - Meetings with journalists
 - Suit against networks
- Lobbyists with administration
 - Labor unions
 - Universities
 - Black caucus
- Flanigan testimony
 - ITT settlement
 - Justification
 - Bigness of business
- Antitrust cases and lobbyists
 - Postal rates
 - Media protests to White House
- Newspaper mergers
- Protests
 - Administration's openness
 - Administration handling
 - Referral to departments
- Conglomerate decision
 - Settlement
 - McLaren and Erwin N. Griswold roles
 - Johnson and John F. Kennedy inaction
- Administration counterattacks
 - Important questions
 - Malfeasance
 - Sheraton Corporation of America
 - Geneen
 - Contribution
 - Repercussions
- Flanigan testimony
 - Impulsiveness
- Edward Kennedy and Tunney
 - Intellects

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Edward M. Kennedy

- Harvard University
- Examination
- Social life

[Unintelligible]

MacGregor's activities

- Trip to Minneapolis
 - Republican group
 - National Alliance of Businessmen [NAB] breakfast
 - Speech
 - Turnout
 - Meeting with President on April 10, 1972

Edward Kennedy

- Bill on Chappaquiddick
 - The President's talk with John D. Ehrlichman
 - Congressional Record*
 - MacGregor's conversation with William E. Minshall
 - Public interest
 - Origin of bill
 - Size of staff
 - Reasons

Charles W. Colson

Vietnam

- Democratic critics
 - Counterattack
 - Vulnerability

Kleindienst

- Confirmation
 - National Broadcasting Corporation [NBC] question for MacGregor

Vietnam

- Bombing
 - NBC question from MacGregor
 - Risks
 - Hanoi

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- Haiphong
 - Results
 - Accomplishments
 - Middle East, Soviet Union, Berlin and People's Republic of China [PRC]
 - Critics
 - Handling
 - 1800 election
 - Thomas Jefferson's identification with France
 - Near defeat
 - John Adams
 - Identification
 - Federalist mistakes
 - Alien and Sedition Acts
 - Jeffersons' narrow margin of victory
 - Identification with enemy
 - Johnson
 - North Vietnamese invasion
 - Betrayal of American soldiers
 - Lack of criticism of North Vietnam
 - William P. Rogers's testimony
 - MacGregor's sister-in-law and brother
 - Reaction
 - Handling
 - MacGregor's call
 - Encouragement
 - The President
 - Rogers
 - Reluctance to fight
 - Melvin R. Laird
- ITT case
- Senate committee
 - Termination of hearings
 - Time
 - Executive session
 - Edward Kennedy and Tunney
 - Criticism of Ervin
 - Testimony
 - Flanigan
 - William E. Timmons

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- John D. Ehrlichman
- Edward Kennedy and Tunney
 - Attack on Ervin
 - Counterattack
 - Cook
 - Gurney
 - Hawkishness
- Report from Wallace H. Johnson
 - Conversation with Hruska
 - Reinecke's and Gillenwaters's testimony
- Gleason testimony
 - Avoidance
 - Delays
 - Gillenwaters
 - Objections
 - Hruska
- Testimony
 - Steward
 - Substitutes
 - Reinecke and Gillenwaters
 - MacGregor's statement

Senate

- Irresponsibility
 - "War Powers" debate
- Lyndon Johnson's tenure
- Foreign Relations Committee
 - Reaction to fund cut-off bill
 - George D. Aiken
 - Age

MacGregor

- Political experience
- Work with the President
 - 1972 election

Senate

- Work as a body

Stephen B. Bull entered at 5:32 pm.

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-Departure of senators

MacGregor left at 5:32 pm.

The President's schedule

Bull left at an unknown time before 5:33 pm.

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Date: April 18, 1972

Time: Unknown between 5:32 pm and 5:33 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 23-24]

Conversation No. 712-8

Date: April 18, 1972

Time: 5:33 pm - 5:34 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Julie Nixon Eisenhower.

[See Conversation No. 23-25; one item has been withdrawn from the conversation]

Conversation No. 712-9

Date: April 18, 1972

Time: Unknown between 5:35 pm and 11:59 pm

Location: Oval Office

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Unknown persons [Secret Service agents] met.

The President's schedule
-Location

[Unintelligible]

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