Date: May 18, 1971  
Time: 8:02 am - 9:33 am  
Location: Cabinet Room


[General conversation/Unintelligible]

Europe

Railroad strike
- Shultz  
- Effects  
  - Length  
  - Administration’s proposal to Senate  
  - Union’s position  
  - Possible Congressional action  
  - Previous Congressional action  
    - Ford’s efforts  
    - President’s previous proposal  
- Other unions’ pending disputes  
- 1973  
- Possible settlement  
  - Length of strike  
  - Emergency board  
  - Proposals  
- Possible Congressional action  
  - Congress’ schedule  
  - [Senate?] Labor Committee  
  - Possible amendment  
  - Possible court action  
- Michael J. (“Mike”) Mansfield and Robert C. Byrd  
  - Roll call vote of Senate  
- National Labor Relations Board [NLRB]  
- Congress’ schedule
-Possible roll call vote
-Harley O. Staggers’ statement
-Delay
-Possible vote
-William J. Green
-Philadelphia election
-Possible vote on Rules Committee
-Carl [B. Albert?]
-Possible vote
-Date
-Administration’s legislative program regarding transportation
-Congress’ schedule
-Election in Philadelphia
-Effects of delay
-Senate
-Mansfield
-Chrysler Corporation, automobile and steel industries, unemployment, Gross National Product [GNP]
-Omnibus bill
-Democrats
-Senate

Europe
-Agenda
-Laird

Railroad strike
-Possible Congressional action
-Senate Labor Committee
-Virginia delegation’s trip to Japan
-Hugh Scott’s schedule
-Responsibility
-Effect of delay
-Possible vote
-Mansfield and Byrd
-Possible vote
-Effect of strike and delay in action
-Ford’s conversation with Albert
-Ford’s conversation with Joseph M. McDade, May 17, 1971
-Responsibility
North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO]

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Extension of the military draft
   -Forthcoming vote in Congress
   -Timing of subsequent vote in 1972
   -Attitude of youth to military service
   -Vietnam

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

Extension of the military draft
   -Possible effect of defeat of bill
      -Draft pool
      -Lottery system

U. Alexis Johnson
   -Background and experience

Europe

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NATO
- US military commitment
  - Pending amendments in Senate
    - Mansfield
      - Provisions
    - Charles McC. Mathias, Jr.
      - Jacob K. Javits, Hubert H. Humphrey and Ted Stevens
    - Provisions
    - Humphrey, Javits

Europe

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- Mathias and Mansfield amendments
  - Prospects
  - Humphrey, Edmund S. Muskie
  - Possible substitute

World situation

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NATO
- US military commitment
  - Balance of payments
- Peterson
- Popular opinion
- US goals
- European wars
- US military commitment
  - Mansfield, Mathias amendments
    - Popular opinion

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US military

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- Possible Congressional action
- Griffin’s appearance with Fred R. Harris on Columbia Broadcasting System
  [CBS], May 18, 1971
- Need for Congressional committee work
- Prospects
- Provisions, possible substitute
  - An unknown man’s position

Extension of the military draft
  - Samuel S. Stratton’s amendment
  - Humphrey amendment
  - Timing of subsequent vote

Peterson

President’s schedule
  - State legislators’ briefing on revenue sharing

Peterson
  - Forthcoming briefing on international trade for Business Council
    - Japan, Europe

Balance of payments
  - Current account balance
-Components
-Military, Europe, Far East

The conversation was cut off at an unknown time before 9:33 am

Conversation No. 58-2

Date: Unknown between May 18 and May 20, 1971
Time: Unknown between 9:33 am, May 18 and 9:02 am, May 20, 1971
Location: Cabinet Room

Unknown people met

Cabinet Room
-Furnishings
-[Thomas] Woodrow Wilson, Theodore ("Teddy") Roosevelt, Dwight D. Eisenhower
-Chair
-President

President’s speeches
-Preparation

President’s press conferences
-Preparation

The unknown people left at an unknown time before 9:02 am, May 20, 1971

Conversation No. 58-3

Date: Unknown between May 18 and May 20, 1971
Time: Unknown between 9:33 am, May 18 and 9:02 am, May 20, 1971
Location: Cabinet Room

Unknown men met

Cabinet Room
-Furnishings
The unknown men left at an unknown time before 9:02 am, May 20, 1971

Date: May 20, 1971
Time: 9:02 am - 9:48 am
Location: Cabinet Room


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US-Soviet relations
  - Briefings

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Strategic arms limitation

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  - Content and phraseology
Strategic arms limitation

[To listen to the segment (23m11s) declassified on 02/28/2002, please refer to RC# E-524.]

-May 20, 1971 announcement
-Content

Negotiations

[To listen to the segment (9m15s) declassified on 02/28/2002, please refer to RC# E-524.]

-Smith

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

The President, et al. left at 9:48 am

Conversation No. 58-5

Date: May 20, 1971
Time: 10:15 am - 11:05 am
Location: Cabinet Room

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

Ellender, Hébert, and Boggs

US-Soviet relations
- Strategic arms limitation
  - May 20, 1971 announcement
    - Senate’s schedule
  - Mansfield

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Negotiations

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- May 20, 1971 announcement
  - Content and phraseology

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Forthcoming negotiations

[To listen to the segment (13m23s) declassified on 02/28/2002, please refer to RC# E-525.]
- May 20, 1971 announcement
  - Handling
  - Content and phraseology

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Significance

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-Possible public statements

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Negotiations

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-US defense spending
  - Public opinion
  - Domestic problems
  - North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO]

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Negotiations

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[General conversation/Unintelligible]
Rogers, MacGregor

President’s call to John W. Byrnes

Ellender, Rogers, Ford

The President, et al. left at 11:05 am