Conversation No. 59-1

Date: June 3, 1971
Time: Unknown between 8:02 am and 10:04 am
Location: Cabinet Room

Unknown people met

Cabinet Room
-Furnishings
-Chairs
-Theodore (“Teddy”) Roosevelt

The unknown people left at 10:04 am

Conversation No. 59-2

Date: June 3, 1971
Time: Unknown after 9:51 am until 11:44 am
Location: Cabinet Room

John R. Shryock met with George A. Murphy, Don R. Derning, Edmund I. Hockaday, Rocky Pomerance, Richard C. Clement, Ramon M. Nardini, Michael N. Canlis, James H. Young, Clarence M. Kelley, James B. Conlisk, Jr., Jerry V. Wilson, William E. Kirwan, Edmund L. McNamara, Wilson E. Speir, Edward M. Davis, Peter J. Pitchess, Joseph J. Casper, Guy F. Van Cleave, Roman L. Hruska, Richard H. Poff, and Emanuel Celler; the White House photographer and members of the press were present at the beginning of the meeting

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

The President, J. Edgar Hoover, John N. Mitchell, John D. Ehrlichman, and Egil (“Bud”) Krogh, Jr. entered at 10:04 am

Introductions

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

Introductions/greetings
Arrangements for photograph

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

Previous meetings in Cabinet Room

Meeting
-Attendees
  -Hoover
  -Mitchell
  -Hruska, Celler, Poff, James O. Eastland
  -William M. McCulloch

Recent police killings in New York City and Washington, DC
  -President’s conversation with Hoover and Mitchell

Increasing number of police killed or injured in line of duty
  -Public attitude towards police
  -Need for more public support of police
  -Concern for families of slain policemen
  -Legislative efforts
  -Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] assistance to all US law enforcement officials
  -Forthcoming training meeting at FBI
  -President’s schedule
  -Proposed study for federal grants to families
  -President’s support
  -FBI cooperation with local law enforcement officials
    -Assistance of FBI to New York City Police
      -Black Panther involvement
    -Apprehension of police slayers
    -Pending legislation
    -Measures to prevent police killings
      -National Academy of FBI curriculum
      -Recent killings of two New York City policemen
        -New York City Police Commissioner
    -Feedback from visiting police chiefs
    -Training of visiting police chiefs
  -Administration-sponsored legislation
    -$50,000 death benefit for families of policemen
    -Legislation through Law Enforcement Assistance Administration [LEAA]

Strong Administration support for police and law enforcement
-News media
  -Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
  -Attorney General
  -Hoover
  -Congress

Killings of policemen
  -Death benefits for widows of survivors
  -Public’s attitude
  -Judges’ attitudes
  -Supreme Court

Administration’s support for law enforcement
  -Effect on police morale

Memorial for policemen killed in line of duty
  -Hoover

Attitudes and skills of policemen today
  -Training

Revolutionary philosophies
  -News media
  -Respect for law and order

Support of Administration for police

May Day demonstrations

Political affiliations of attendees

May Day demonstrators
  -Activities
    -attempt to halt functioning of Government
    -Cooperation among law enforcement agencies
    -Arrest for disorderly conduct
    -President’s approval of plan
    -Reaction of press and senators
    -Right of protest in Washington, DC
    -Violations of law

Unknown man’s previous election
Liberal Northeast US
   - Boston
      - Handling of May Day demonstrations
      - Public support for police practices
      - News media
      - Police reporter
         - Rewriting of stories by editors
         - Photographs
            - Use of dogs
      - Civil rights of demonstrators
         - Criticism of police actions
            - American Civil Liberties Union [ACLU]
            - Jesuits

Activism of Catholic clergy

Louise Day Hicks

Support for Hoover’s proposal

Bank robbery and students from Brandeis University
   - Parolees at Brandeis
   - FBI cooperation

Los Angeles’ vote to increase police pension benefits
   - Chief Edward Parker
   - By district
      - Thomas (“Tom”) Bradley
      - Councilman William (“Willy”) Mills
      - Socio-economic and ethnic groups

Poff

Virginia crime and police
   - Comments of Julie and [Dwight] David Eisenhower, II

Police officers
   - Death in line of duty
      - Administration’s efforts
      - Prevention
      - Prosecuting of criminal cases before a court
- Eliminating plea bargaining of series cases
- Vigorous prosecution of officer assault cases
  - Prosecutors conviction record in court
  - Legalization of marijuana
  - Heroin use
  - Penalties
- Verbal and physical assaults on police
- Courts and reduction of aggravated assault charges
  - Updating of criminal justice system
  - Warren E. Burger
  - LEAA
- Trying of suspects in court on lesser charges
  - No plea bargaining for assaults
  - Forthcoming meeting with District Attorneys’ Association

Public attitudes and police

Number of criminal cases and plea bargaining

Situation of police
  - Recruiting and retirements

Administration support for police

President’s schedule
  - Reception for police chiefs

Congressional support for police
  - Celler
  - Compensation for families
  - Efforts to make criminal attacks a federal crime

Newspapers and the government
  - Thomas Jefferson
  - Ralph Nader

Congressional efforts to compensate families of policemen

Compensation for firemen

Proposed new criminal code
Mitchell and recent speech in California
   -Wilson’s handling of May Day demonstrations
     -George Putnam
     -President’s comments

Robert H. Finch’s call to unknown man in California
   -Effect on police morale

New Administration drug program
   -Duplication of federal agencies’ programs
   -Coordination of federal programs, agencies
     -Ehrlichman
   -Cut-off of dangerous drugs from abroad
   -Treatment of drug abusers
   -Drug education and young people
     -New York City drug-caused deaths

Forthcoming Judiciary Sub-Committee hearings on drug abuse
   -Krogh

Drug education
   -Art Linkletter

Coordination of federal drug abuse programs
   -Davis

Severe penalties for drug suppliers
   -Mitchell’s efforts

Presidential message supporting police
   -President’s conversation with Richard J. Daley
     -Letters of commendation for heroic police efforts

Presidential gifts for visiting police chiefs’ wives

President’s experiences after law school
   -Application for FBI agent’s job and Hoover

[General conversation/Unintelligible]
Conversation No. 59-3

Date: June 4, 1971
Time: 3:35 pm - 4:44 pm
Location: Cabinet Room

The President met with Admiral George W. Anderson, Jr., Nelson A. Rockefeller, Dr. William O. Baker, Gordon Gray, Dr. Edwin H. Land, Frank B. Lincoln, Jr., Dr. Franklin D. Murphy, Robert D. Murphy, Frank Pace, Jr., Henry A. Kissinger, and Dr. James R. Schlesinger
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The President, et al. left at 4:44 pm

Conversation No. 59-4

Date: June 7, 1971
Time: Unknown after 9:34 am until 10:13 pm
Location: Cabinet Room
John A. Stastny met with George Martin, Louis Cenker, Nathaniel Rogg, Stanley Waranck, Richard C. Van Dusen, James D. Hodgson, and Laurence H. Silberman; the White House photographer and members of the press were present at the beginning of the meeting.

*New Yorker* cartoon

Kentucky Derby

Meeting in San Francisco

Vocational Training School in Chicago

The President, Linwood Holton, and John D. Ehrlichman entered at 11:05 am

Introductions

Wealth of home builders

Weddings of Julie Nixon Eisenhower and Tricia Nixon
  - Invitation list
    - Patricia R. (“Pat”) Nixon

Virginia Beach
  - Julie’s comments
    - Lost dog
    - People

Number of housing starts

Labor problems

Interest rates
  - John B. Connally
  - Level
  - Bankers’ views
  - Arthur F. Burns

[Unintelligible]

George W. Romney entered at an unknown time after 11:05 am
Housing industry trends

Romney

-Romney’s forthcoming statement

Role of administration in supporting housing industry

-Unknown person discussed
-Number of houses built in 1970
  -Money in savings and loan institutions
-Fall-off of housing sales
-Supply of money and effect on housing industry
-Mortgages and interest rates

Bond market

-Volatility of interest rates
-Federal Housing Administration [FHA] interest rate ceiling

Fluctuations in currencies

US and its share of world Gross National Product [GNP]

Wall Street speculators and fluctuations in money markets

Price paid for mortgages

Forthcoming financial instrument auction June 8

Interest rates’ trends in last half of 1971

Federal National Mortgage Association

Cost of money and its effect on sale and production of homes

-Sherman J. Maisel’s figures
-Effect on middle class
-Job loss

Interest rates and Consumer Price Index

-Wall Street speculators

US economy, dollar

-Status
- Compared with world economy
  - Interest rates

Presidential statement, January 1970

Cost of lumber
  - Conversations with George P. Shultz

Possible statement by Romney
  - Task force on interest rates
  - Connally

Davis-Bacon Act
  - Executive order
  - Wage and price controls
  - Violation of guidelines
  - Deferred wage increases
  - Executive order
  - Power of commission

Stabilization Commission
  - Wage and Price Board
  - Review Board

Construction regulations
  - Cooperation by Silberman and Hodgson
    - Safety Standards Act of 1969
      - Application to housing industry
    - Committee to establish regulation
    - Cost per housing unit
    - Construction Safety Act (1969)
    - Safety Act (1970)
    - Coal Mine Safety Act versus construction safety
      - Ralph Nader
      - Jack N. Anderson

Housing industry collective bargaining

Administration support for labor relations reform legislation
  - Possible Congressional response
    - Taft-Hartley Act
    - Pro-labor views
- Transportation
  - Carl B. Albert
  - Michael J. (“Mike”) Mansfield
  - Democratic leadership in House, Senate
  - Landrum-Griffin Act
  - George Meany
  - Edward R. G. Heath’s actions in England
  - Need for new legislation

National Labor Relations Board [NLRB]
  - General Council
    - Requirements for position
  - Taft-Hartley Act
    - President’s experience
  - General Council

The President left at 11:48 am

Romney’s forthcoming statement
  - Ronald L. Ziegler’s suggestion
  - Treasury Department
  - Timing of release

Recording was cut off at an unknown time before 10:13 pm