Conversation No. 63-1

Date: Unknown between June 17 and June 28, 1971
Time: Unknown between 5:12 pm, June 17 and 10:05 am, June 28, 1971
Location: Cabinet Room

Unknown people met

[Unintelligible]

The unknown people left at an unknown time before 10:05 am, June 28, 1971

Conversation No. 63-2

Date: June 28, 1971
Time: Unknown between 9:12 am and 10:54 am
Location: Cabinet Room


[General conversation/Unintelligible]

The President entered at 10:05 am

Cabinet meeting, June 29, 1971

San Clemente

Administration economic policy
   -Future
   -Press

Foreign policy
   -Henry A. Kissinger
Vietnam

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Possible memoranda to the President
- Economic policy
  - Possible leaks
  - The President’s reading
    - Hodgson, George W. Romney
    - Importance
    - Memorandum from Federal Reserve Board
- The President’s memoranda of conversations
- Possible leaks
- Effects
- Economic policy
  - Various solutions
  - Leaks
    - The President’s responsibility
- Release
  - Defense Department and State Department’s memoranda

The President’s economic policy
- Wage and Price Board
- ”Jawboning”
- Budget and tax policies
- Need for stability
- Spokesman
  - Connally
    - Quadriad and Cabinet meetings
- Role of economic advisors
  - Speeches
    - Connally’s and the President’s speeches
    - Chairman and members of Council of Economic Advisors [CEA]
    - Peterson, Shultz, Hodgson, and Romney
- The President’s actions as Vice President
The President left at 10:21 am

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

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Civil servants
- Leakers
  - Debriefing
  - Lyndon B. Johnson, John F. Kennedy, and Dwight D. Eisenhower administrations
    - Compared with the Nixon administration
  - H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman’s role

The President’s decisions
- Advice
  - Possible leaks
    - Effect
- Upcoming election
  - Bureaucracy
  - Departmental in-fighting
    - Foreign policy, Justice and Treasury Departments
  - Leaks
- Appointments

Press
- Motives

The President’s decisions
- Appointments and other departmental matters
- Haldeman’s role and methods
- Upcoming election
  - Leaks
    - Motives

Economic policy
- The President’s June 28, 1971 meeting
- Economists
  - Arthur F. Burns
    - Investment tax credit, income tax exemptions
    - Wage and Price Board
    - Public statements
    - Statements to the President
- Solutions
  - Wage and price controls
  - Federal budget
- Tax policy
  - Burns
  - Council of Economic Advisors [CEA]

Historical record
  - Advisors
  - Burns
  - The President’s responsibility

Economic policy
  - Solutions
    - Taxation, budget, controls
  - Spokesman
    - Connally
      - June 29, 1971 announcement
  - Shultz’s role
  - Domestic Council role
  - Leaks
    - Television
    - War, foreign policy coverage
  - Effect
    - Investors
      - The President’s June 28, 1971 meeting
      - The President’s actions

Departments
  - Upper echelon
  - Civil servants
    - 1972
    - Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics
      - Role
        - Secretary of Labor’s role
        - Press response
  - Civil servants

Economic policy
  - Federal Reserve Board
    - Burns
    - William McChesney Martin
  - Wages and prices
    - The President’s forthcoming meeting
- Tax policy
  - Depreciation allowance
    - Investment tax credit
- Leaks
  - Effects

Leaks
- Haldeman’s meeting with the White House staff
  - Motives
    - Daniel Ellsberg
    - Alger Hiss
    - Julius and Ethel Rosenberg
    - Victor Perlo
      - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
- Ellsberg
  - Prosecution
    - White House staff advice
  - Effect
    - Prosecution
      - Mitchell
        - Supreme Court justices
  - Upcoming election

Decision making
- National Security Council [NSC], Domestic Council meetings
- The President’s use of advice
- Leaks
  - The President’s actions
  - Press
  - Effects
  - Announcements in departments
  - Haldeman’s role
    - Compared with General Walter Bedell Smith
    - Career with Eisenhower

The President left at 8:32 am

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

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Date: June 29, 1971
Time: 10:07 am - unknown before 2:50 pm
Location: Cabinet Room


[General conversation/Unintelligible]

The President and George P. Shultz entered at 10:07 am; the White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting

Members of the Commission

The President’s schedule
   -Later meeting with Commission

Commission history

World economy
   -United States’ economy
      -Importance
      -World War II
      -Recent period
      -Future
      -World War II
         -Steel production
            -Compared with Japan
            -Position
               -Compared with Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR], Western Europe, and Japan in 1945
World economy

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World economy

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The President left at 10:47 am

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

Commission working groups

Agenda

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Date: June 29, 1971
Time: 2:50 pm - unknown before 11:59 pm
Location: Cabinet Room


[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

A study
- Productivity
- Taxes, government regulation
- Food
  - Land-grant colleges
  - Israeli studies

Productivity
- Statement by Commission
- Collective bargaining
- Discussion by Commission
- Research
- Government
- Industry
  - Marshall Plan
  - High technology exports

Research and development
- Aerospace program
- Industrial base
- Defense Department
  - Possible incentives
  - Basic versus applied research
- Productivity
- Government
  - Local, federal measurements
- Basic versus applied
  - National Aeronautics and Space Administration [NASA]
- Private sector
- Possible incentives
- National Science Foundation [NSF]
- Funding
  - [Peter G.?] Peterson study
  - Space program
  - Department of Defense [DOD]
  - NSF
- Private sector
- DOD
- Space program
- Possible new areas of applied research
  - Long-term, short-term
  - Private sector compared to government goals
- Basic versus applied
  - NASA
  - Private sector versus government
- Air pollution
  - Private sector, government
- Water
  - Pollution
  - Desalinization
    - Effect of current program
    - United States’ position in world
    - Benefits
    - Soviet, European, Japanese efforts
    - Private sector role
- Airplanes
  - US showing at Paris Air Show
    - Boeing 707s
  - Supersonic Transport [SST]
    - Use
      - Asian, Latin American routes
    - Funding
      - Private sector
      - Government
      - France, Great Britain, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
- Environment
  - Private sector funding
- Funding
  - Japan
  - Europe
  - USSR
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- US
  - Government support of consumer areas
  - Banks, General Motors
  - Capacity
  - Commitment
    - Compared with USSR
  - Government support of applied research
    - Congress, public opinion
      - SST
    - Benefits
      - Jobs, revenue
  - Military role
    - Space program
  - Basic research
  - NSF
  - Applied technology
    - US position vis-a-vis other nations
  - Commission views
    - Possible incentives
  - New York City firefighting study
    - Rand Corporation
    - "Slippery water" additive
      - Benefits
  - Cities
    - New York
    - Trash collection
      - Private contracting
    - Law enforcement
      - Costs, productivity
    - Revenue sharing

Automobile industry

Commission working group
  - Air and water pollution study
  - Solutions, costs
  - Research needs
  - Nuclear fusion study
  - USSR

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Productivity
- Role of government
  - Woodcock’s statement
- Atomic energy
  - Power breakdowns in Pittsburgh, June 25, 1971
  - Need for new resources
  - Uses
  - Use of existing facilities
    - Steel mills
    - Aluminum can industry
    - Cost savings sharing plan
      - Kaiser plan
  - Costs
  - Capacity
    - Current, future
    - Effects on costs, economy in general

Economy
- Balance of trade
  - Foreign competition
  - US efforts abroad
- Consumption
  - Purchasing power
  - Unemployment
    - Relief
    - Seattle
      - Unnamed Congressman’s statement regarding SST

Environmental movement
- Supporters
- Rivers
- Supporters
  - Effect on economy
- Legislative proposals
  - Effects
  - Effect on economy
    - Production
- Japan
- Purchasing power

Jobs
- Export of US jobs by business
  - Auto industry
    - Chrysler Corporation
    - Japan, Australia
- Ghettos
  - Efforts by National Association of Businessmen
  - Closing of a plant in Philadelphia
    - Taiwan
- Twin plant concept on Mexican border
- Wages
  - Effect on economy
- Productivity
- Export of US jobs
  - Mexico, South America, Hong Kong, Taiwan

Environmental movement
- Court cases against power plants
  - Atomic energy
    - Capacity versus safety
  - Effect on Congress

Productivity
- Use of resources
  - Commission working groups
  - Publicity and discussion

US economy in 1970s
- Financing
  - Commission task force
- Full employment
- Inflation
- Deficits of governments
- Needs
  - Sources of supply
  - Private sector business
  - Individual investment
    - Japanese experience
  - Return
The President’s attendance at meeting
- Statements

World economy
- The President’s recommendations
- Political stability
  - US/USSR/People’s Republic of China [PRC]
- US
  - Market
    - Domestic and abroad
  - Role in world
  - Relations between military and economic situations
  - Labor-management relations in auto industry

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World market

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- Role of private sector
  - Business, education, unions
- Role of government
  - Revenues
  - Cooperation of business, education, labor and government
    - Trash collection, firefighting examples

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World competition

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- Labor, education and government
- Role of government
- Planning, research

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Comparison

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- Attacks by educational institutions
  - Attitude of youth
- Nuclear power
  - Chet Holifield and Barry Litton’s actions
  - Public opinion

US
  - Public opinion
  - Youth

The President left at 4:18 pm

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

Future work of Commission
  - Reports
  - Woodcock

Today’s meeting
  - A report on productivity
    - Commerce Department, Treasury Department

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

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