Conversation No. 78-2

Date: September 30, 1971
Time: 11:05 am - 12:15 pm
Location: Cabinet Room

The President met with John D. Ehrlichman, John F. Evans, Jr., Dana G. Mead, Elliot L. Richardson, Dr. Sidney P. Marland, Jr., Lee Pierson, Dr. Ruth Holloway, Neil H. McElroy, Herbert Stein, John B. Geissinger, David Selden, Floyd T. Christian, Joseph Manch, Mrs. John M. Mallory, Reverend C. Albert Koob, Donald E. Morrison, Kenneth E. Buhrmaster, and James H. Rowland

Educational issues
- Richardson
- Marland
- Legislation
  - Education
    - President’s schedule of meetings
    - University presidents
    - McElroy
    - School Finance Commission
- Marland
  - Groups represented at meeting September 30, 1971
    - Teachers, Parents-Teachers Associations [PTAs], School Boards
- Marland
  - Appreciation to President
- President’s conversation with Richardson
  - Education in California
    - Primary, secondary levels
- Comments of educational organization leaders
  - Geissinger
    - President of the American Association of School Administrators
    - Public schools
    - Membership composition
- The President’s foreign policy accomplishments issues
  - Economic problems
- The President’s meeting in Alaska, Sept. 26, 1971
  - Travels
  - Morrison
    - Moscow
  - Educational needs of children
  - Appointments
- Richardson
- Marland
- President’s educational programs
  - Revenue sharing
- Problems of schools in America
  - Public schools
  - Big cities
    - American Association of School Administrations
- Suburban areas
- Rural areas
- Finances
  - Philadelphia, San Francisco, Boston
- Gallup poll
  - Position of education as a concern
- Offer of assistance to President
- Marland
- Selden
  - Marland
    - Office of Education
    - Compared with previous Commissioners
      - Accessibility
- Objective vis-a-vis relations with Administration
- Concern of teachers
  - Philosophy of Administration toward education
    - Research
    - National Institute for Education
- Difficulties in finding solutions
- Ease and costs of education
- Costs
  - Per child basis
- Effects of social unrest
- Christian
  - National priorities
- Costs
  - George H. Gallup poll
    - Interest in education
    - PTA
      - Membership enrollment
      - Competitive organizations
- Polls
  - Ehrlichman
    - Domestic Council
-Poll questions
  -Taxes
  -Effect of wording
  -Family versus nation
    -Vietnam, The People’s Republic of China [PRC]
  -Education, Health
-Finance problem
  -Property tax revolt
  -New York Times

-Rowland
  -President of the National Association of State Boards of Education
-Rowland
  -Purpose of meeting
  -Administration’s position
  -Money for the states
    -Taxation on local level
  -Programs

-Morrison
  -National Education Association
    -Return from trip to Moscow
  -Racial integration of organization
    -Disaffiliation in two states
    -Contrasted with other professions
    -Black teachers
      -Integrated professional organizations
  -Tax situation
    -Rowland
    -Reaction by retired people and others on fixed incomes
      -Property tax, income tax
      -Focus
    -US Congress, local government
    -Domestic Council
      -Ehrlichman
    -Property tax
      -Compared with income tax
      -Marland
    -Revenue sharing

-Teachers’ dues
  -Use of money
    -Local authorities
    -Inflation
  -Local authorities
    -Partnership with Federal Government
- The South
  - Compared with the North in school integration
    - Reaction to Federal role in desegregation

-Manch
  - President of the Council of Great City Schools
  - Problems of 22 largest cities
    - Finances
      - San Francisco
      - New York City
    - Budget hearings
    - Middle-class migration to the suburbs
    - Urban poor
      - Differences in participation in hearings
      - PTA groups
    - Equal Educational Opportunity
  - Buffalo, New York
    - Differences in spending per student
  - Nationalization
    - Help from Federal Government

-Buhrmaster
  - School board candidacies
  - President of the National School Boards Association
    - Purposes of organization
      - Elementary and secondary education
    - Community colleges
  - Expenditures for public schools
  - Revenue sharing, intergovernmental efforts
  - Revenues for schools
    - Taxes
      - Property taxes
    - Recent court decision in California
  - Revenue sharing
  - Climate for education

-Koob
  - President of the National Catholic Education Association
    - Private schools
    - President’s honorary membership in Knights of Columbus
  - Role of private schools
    - Financing
      - McElroy’s work
    - Appreciation of Marland, Richardson

-Holloway
Tape Subject Log
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-Schedule
-Christia

-President of the Council of Chief State School Officers
- State school commissioners
- School superintendents
- California
  - Wilson Rile [sp?]

-Money
- California decision
  - Tax reform
    - Revenue sharing
- International Monetary Fund
- California decision
- Educational Equal Opportunity
- President’s speech of March of 1970
- Educational reform
  - Florida
  - Vocational education
    - Guidance and Counseling
  - Holloway
    - Reading programs
- Emergency Assistance Act
  - Senate
  - Amendment
  - Busing
    - Regional problems
      - The South, Boston
    - Richardson
  - Need for money
- Importance of public schools
- Football
  - Arkansas
  - Analogy of President as quarterback
    - Support for issue

-Marland
-Richardson
-Domestic Council
-Financing of education
  - Property taxes
    - Burden on those with fixed incomes

Presentation of gifts by President
Women
  -Supreme Court

Legislation on educational issues
  -Richardson, Marland, Ehrlichman
    -Follow-up to meeting
  -Priorities in education
    -United Nations

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Date: September 30, 1971
Time: 2:54 pm - 3:35 pm
Location: Cabinet Room

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Vietnam war

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The President left at 3:35 pm
Date: October 7, 1971
Time: 4:30 pm - unknown before 4:57 pm
Location: Cabinet Room


House

Football

Economy

-Spokesmen
  -Ehrlichman
  -McCracken
  -President’s schedule
    -Presentation of outline
    -Briefings by others
    -Ehrlichman
    -McCracken
    -Herbert Stein
    -Clark MacGregor
    -Shultz
    -Connally
      -Press conference
      -President’s speech, October 7, 1971

Economy

-Spending
  -Freeze
    -Deferred pay raise
  -Interest rates
  -Dividends
  -Profits
    -Proxmire
    -Windfall profits
    -John L. McClellan
-Price Commission
  -Membership
  -Responsibilities
    -Prices, rents, windfall profits
-Pay Board
  -Labor
    -Tripartite: Business, Labor, Government
    -George Meany
    -Concept of voluntary cooperation
    -Shultz
-Interest and dividends
  -Arthur F. Burns
    -Committee
      -Moral session
        -Federal Reserve
        -Connally
-Requirements for President’s program to work
  -Sanctions
  -Voluntary restraints
  -One-year extension of wage stabilization legislation
    -Interest rates
    -Ehrlichman
-Wholesale prices
  -Industrial prices
    -Consumer Price Index [CPI]
      -Freeze
-Javits
  -International monetary affairs
    -Surcharge
    -Connally
      -International Monetary Fund [IMF]
        -Current situation

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International economics

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-Need for public and Congressional support
  -President’s experiences representing California
-President’s program
  -Goal relating to inflations
    -90-day freeze
    -Controls
    -Duration
-Taxes
  -Long
  -Connally
  -Legislation status
    -Senate
  -President’s address, October 7, 1971
-Need for bi-partisan consultation

President’s schedule
  -Continuance of meeting
    -Connally
    -Shultz

The President left at 4:52 pm

The economy
  -Inflation-fighting mechanisms
    -Cost of Living Council [COLC]
      -Pay Board
    -Duration of program
    -Price Commission

Recording was cut off at an unknown time before 4:57 pm

Date: Unknown between October 7 and October 12, 1971
Time: Unknown between 4:52 pm, October 7 and 12:01 pm, October 12, 1971
Location: Cabinet Room

The President met with an unknown man
Recording was cut off at an unknown time before 12:01 pm, October 12, 1971

Date: October 12, 1971
Time: 12:01 pm - 12:54 pm
Location: Cabinet Room


[General conversation/Unintelligible]

The President entered at 12:01

President’s forthcoming trip to Moscow
   - Announcement from Moscow and Washington
   - Background
      - Rogers
   - President’s first press conference, January, 1969
      - Summit conference possibility

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US - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]

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Photograph
Fulbright
   -Ellender

Sports
   -Arkansas team
      -Wilbur D. Mills
      -Record
      -Tulsa
         -Jerry Rhome
   -Baseball
      -Willie Stargell
   -Football
      -Michigan and Ohio State
      -Oklahoma
      -Nebraska

The White House photographer was present at an unknown time after 12:01 pm

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

The President, et al. left at 12:54 pm