Date: March 7, 1972
Time: 8:04 am - 9:58 am
Location: Cabinet Room


[General conversation/Unintelligible]

Greetings

Gifts

Revenue sharing and welfare reform
  -Congressional action
    -John B. Connally’s testimony
  -Walker
  -Byrnes
  -Conable
  -Ways and Means Committee
    -Wilbur D. Mills
    -Bills
      -Content
  -Administration bill
  -Comparison of Mills’ and administration bills
    -Retroactivity
    -Distribution
      -Population
      -Local government
        -Urban distribution
      -Byrnes
    -Family income cutoff
    -Distribution
  -Ways and Means Committee
    -Mills’ speech
- Votes  
  - Democrats  
- Compromise between Mills’ and administration bills  
- Ways and Means Committee  
- Conable  
- State distribution  
  - Mills  
  - Byrnes  
  - Inheritance tax discussion  
- Byrnes  
- Problems  
  - Distribution  
  - States  
  - Local jurisdictions  
- Mills  
  - Compromise bill  
  - Committee vote  
  - William Proxmire  
- Ford  
  - Meeting with Mills  
  - New Hampshire  
  - Committee votes  
  - Republicans  
    - The President  
  - Length  
- Bills  
  - Democrats and Republicans  
- Distribution  
  - States  
  - Income taxes  
    - Texas and Tennessee  
- Mills  
  - Candidate  
  - Work on committee  
  - Mayors’ Conference in Washington, DC  
  - Primaries  
  - Meeting with Ford  
  - Meeting with mayors  
  - Republicans  
  - Committee votes  
- Agnew  
- Mills
-Committee votes
  -Majority
  -Mills
    -Agnew meeting
-Carl B. Albert
  -”Meet the Press” quote
-Compromise bill
  -Walker
  -Committee cooperation
  -Mills
  -Votes
-Mills’ speech, March 6th
-Republican voting record
  -Majority
-Partisan issue
-Richardson
-Committee
  -Griffin
  -Bennett
-Mills’ bill
  -Social Security
  -Welfare
-Problem of time usage
  -Committee members
    -Other committees
      -Herman E. Talmadge
      -Ancher Nelsen
-Work on the bill
  -Sections
    -Social Security
      -Percentages
    -House bill
      -Benefits
        -Widows
        -Increases
    -Catastrophic section of the bill
    -Welfare fraud
      -Arkansas indictment
        -Attorney
          -Head of Welfare department
          -Prosecution
    -Abraham A. Ribicoff
-Welfare bill
-House Resolution [HR] 1
-Submitted as is

-Welfare
-Recipients
-Ronald W. Reagan approach
-Submission
-Department of Health, Education, and Welfare [HEW]
-White House
-Agreements
-Mills
-Robert C. Byrd [?]
-Talmadge
-Federal government
-HEW
-Mills
-Submission of a bill
-Timing
-Ribicoff
-Fred R. Harris
-Presidential race
-National Insurance Bill
-Edward M. (“Ted”) Kennedy
-Byrnes
-Conable
-Ways and Means Committee
-Social Security
-Catastrophic coverage

-Health message
-Catastrophic coverage
-Senate
-Employer’s coverage
-Russell B. Long
-Administration policy
-Mills
-Long
-Byrnes
-Revenue sharing
-[Unintelligible]
-HR 1
  -Long
-Social Security
  -Percentages
-Welfare reform
-Catastrophic illness coverage
-Social Security
  -Increase in benefits
    -Walter F. Mondale proposal
-Finances
-Mills’ proposal
-Wage base increase
-Ways and Means Committee
  -Social Security
    -Finances
    -Future
    -Senior citizens
      -Florida primary
    -Mills
    -Finance Committee
    -Byrnes
    -1973 budget
      -Cost of living increases
-Revenue sharing
-Social Security
  -Benefits
    -Advisory Council
  -Mills
    -Administration’s position
    -Senior citizens groups
    -Budget
      -Wage and price controls
    -Advisory committee approach
    -Conable
    -System
    -Mills’ proposal
-Revenue sharing
  -Mayors’ meeting
    -Transcript
-Press conference
-Republican leadership
-Mills
- Democrats
- Mayor [Forename unknown] Briggs
  - Talk with Ford
  - Retroactivity
    - White House proposal compared to Mills’ proposal
- Walker
  - Mills’ proposal
  - Ford

Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty
- Michael J. (“Mike”) Mansfield and Scott
  - Talk with Ford
  - George D. Aiken
  - J. William Fulbright
  - Funds
  - Conference report
    - Signatures
  - Fulbright
  - United States Information Service [USIS]

Busing
- Higher Education Bill and Emergency School Aid Bill
  - Dr. Thomas E. (“Doc”) Morgan
  - John T. Myers [?]
  - Supreme Court
  - House vote
    - Partisans
    - Absentees
    - Southern Representatives
- Mecklenburg County problem
- John N. Ashbrook amendment
- William S. Broomfield amendment
- Legislative package
- Broomfield amendment
- Supreme Court
- Broomfield amendment
  - Jacob K. Javits
  - Lowell P. Weicker, Jr.
  - Conferees
  - Vote
    - Percentage
- Robert W. Packwood
Javits
- Constitutional amendment
- Samuel J. Ervin, Jr.
- Courts
- Constitution
  - Article III
- House votes
- Camp David
  - Decisions to be made
- Quality education
- Constitutional amendment
- Senate versus House
- Broomfield amendment
- Constitutional amendment
- House committee
  - Hearings
- Timing
- Constitutional amendment group
- Broomfield amendment
- Legislative problems
- Emotional impact
- Testimony
- Community Act of 1789
- Federal intervention
  - 1875
- Emotional impact
- Fourteenth amendment
- HEW
- Department of Justice
- Ashbrook amendment
- William J. Green amendment
- Richardson
- Example
  - Alexandria, Virginia situation
    - Cook
    - Superintendent
    - J. Stanley Pottinger
      - Call to HEW
        - Letter
        - Forced busing
    - Local school board
- Bureaucracy
-Cabinet meetings
-Pottinger
  -Director, Office of Civil Rights
  -Republican
  -Edward L. Morgan
-Court cases
  -Mobile, Alabama
-HEW role
  -Pottinger
-Politics
-Legislature
-Administration’s position
-Constitutional issue
-Partisans
-Mondale

Voters Registration Bill
  -Equal Rights Amendment
  -Ervin

Republican leadership
  -Thank you for support
  -Work with Democrats
  -Performance
  -Senate and House
  -Mills
-Next meeting
  -Accomplishments
  -Domestic Council
  -Pension Bill
    -Thomas E. Dewey quote
  -Long
  -Mills

The People’s Republic of China trip
  -American reaction
  -Shoe repairman

Campaign Bill
  -Peter M. Flanigan [?]
  -Griffin [?]
  -Smith
Date: March 10, 1972
Time: 10:40 am - 11:13 am
Location: Cabinet Room

The President met with John B. Connally, Elliot L. Richardson, Arthur S. Flemming, George P. Shultz and John D. Ehrlichman

[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

Social Security and Medicare
- Fiscal Year 1973 budget
- House Resolution [HR] 1
- Wage base
  - Retroactive increases
- Social Security benefits
  - Increase

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

The President, et al. left at 9:58 am
-Percentages
-Wilbur D. Mills’ proposal
  -Inflationary impact
-Elderly
-Alternatives
-Poor
  -Percentage of population
-Rise in prices
  -Rise in standards of living
-Ratio to earnings
-Elderly on public assistance
-Alternatives
-Wage base
-Earnings base
-Elderly
-Hospital insurance contribution rate
  -Increase
  -Tax rate proposal
-The President
-Welfare
-Wages and prices
-HR 1
  -Finance Committee bills
  -Russell B. Long
  -Mills’ proposal
-Medicare benefits
  -Percentages
  -Richardson
  -Clifford P. Case
  -Benefits
    -Percentages
  -Long
  -Mills
  -Connally
    -Talk with George D. Aiken [?]
  -Administration position
-Mills
-House
  -Recess
-The President’s speech
-Busing
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Date:  March 10, 1972
Time:  11:17 am - 12:33 pm
Location:  Cabinet Room


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Introductions

Connally

Lawyers

Connally, et al. left at 11:13 am
School desegregation
- Busing
  - Constitutional amendments
  - Moratorium
  - Statute
  - Outline
- Statutory approach
  - Quality of educational opportunities
  - Policy issues
  - Emergency School Assistance Act
    - Compensatory education
    - Finances per pupil
      - Students who transfer
      - Poorer schools
      - Blacks
- Equal opportunity
- Busing
- Statutes
  - Courts
  - Discrimination
  - De facto segregation
    - Courts
  - Busing
  - School sites
  - Transfer policies
    - Federal government role
- Revenues
  - Secondary students
  - Elementary students
- De facto
- Moratorium
- Chicago
- Legislative action
- Busing
- Lawyers
- Warren E. Burger
- De facto
- Constitutionality
- Moratorium
  - Wright
  - Time limits
  - Types
- No new busing
- Limits
  - Time and distance
- Supreme Court
  - Review
- Available legislation
- Constitutionality
  - Congress
  - Rights
  - Time limit
- Supreme Court
- District Courts
- Administration policy
  - Public reaction
  - Pros and cons
    - Percentages
  - Constitutional amendment
  - Courts
  - Black leadership
  - Solutions
    - *Brown v. Board of Education*
  - Quality education
  - Constitutionality
  - Statutes
- Wright
  - Constitutionality
  - Comments
    - Constitutionality
      - Fourteenth Amendment, Section V
      - Uniformity
      - Power of Congress
      - Power of courts
      - Jurisdiction
      - Congress
        - Legislative power
          - Article I
- Congressional power
- Temporary
- Congressional power
- Necessity
- Burger
- Court decisions
- Variations
  - *Brown v. Board of Education*
  - William T. Coleman, Jr.

- Extension
- Congressional action
- Confusion
- Supreme Court
- Election year
  - Congress
- Constitutional basis
- Emotions
- Polls
- Courts
- Chaffetz
- Congress
  - Statutes
- Intervention
- Administration position
- Legislation
- Proposals
- Court decision
  - Swann case
  - Data available
  - Supreme Court
- Administration policy
  - United States’ citizens
  - Congress
- Constitutional amendment
- Lower courts
- Mecklenburg situation, Richmond
- Detroit and Grand Rapids, Michigan
- Intervention
  - “Stop action” filings
- Moratoriums
- Uniformity
- MacGregor
- House
  - Vote
    - Democratic control
    - Republicans
    - Limitations
    - Time
-Hard line
- Constitutional amendment
  - Americans’ reaction
  - Ashbrook and Broomfield amendment
  - Conferees
  - Solution

-Legislation
- Emergency School Aid funds
  - Title I fund problem
  - Richardson

-Congress
  - Committee agreement
  - Rules committee
  - Conferees

-Moratorium statute
  - Supreme Court
  - Timing
  - Responsibility

-Congress
  - Committee conference
  - Upcoming election

-Courts
- Democrats
- Republicans

-Memorandum
- Constitution
- Lawyers

-Congress
- Effect on children

-Need for confidentiality after meeting
  - Lawyers

Gifts from the President
- Wives
- Appreciation

John F. Kennedy
- Unknown man’s visit
  - Tour

Meeting
- Appreciation
The People’s Republic of China trip
- Julie Nixon Eisenhower’s observations
- President’s toast
  - Chinese brandy
  - Ceremony
  - Chou En-lai
- Procedure
- Patricia R. (“Pat”) Nixon
- Shopping
  - Peking
  - Gifts

Busing
- Further recommendations

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The President, et al. left at 12:33 pm

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Signing ceremony
  - Thank you to attendees

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The President, et al. left at 12:50 pm