Conversation No. 100-1

Date: May 5, 1972
Time: Unknown between 12:00 am and 11:59 pm
Location: Cabinet Room

Admiral George W. Anderson, Jr. met with Dr. William O. Baker, Gordon Gray, Franklin B. Lincoln, Jr., Dr. Franklin D. Murphy, Frank Pace, Jr., Nelson A. Rockefeller, Dr. Edward Teller, Gerard P. Burke, Thomas Latimer, and Dr. Edward E. David, Jr.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[National Security]
[Duration: 54m 9s]

VIETNAM

PRESIDENT’S FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY BOARD [PFIAB]

MILITARY CAPABILITIES

The President entered at 10:11 am

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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Teller’s presentation

American leaders
  -Establishment
  -The President’s actions
    -Timing
      -Vietnam
    -Media
Networks
- University presidents
  - Ivy League
    - Position on Vietnam
  - Texas A & M University
    - Position on Vietnam
  - Support for World War II
  - Influences
- Businessmen
  - Press
  - Trade with Soviet Union and People’s Republic of China
  - Germany
    - Adolf Hitler
  - Position
- Politicians
  - Rockefeller
  - The President
  - "Old guard" leaders
    - World War II, Turkish loan, and Marshall Plan
  - Position
  - President’s Board on Disarmament
    - John J. McCloy
    - General Lauris Norstad
  - Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
    - Soviet Union
    - United States’ expectations
  - Unidentified Harvard University colleague of David

SALT
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Advice to the President
- Religious leaders
  - John Cardinal Krol
  - Terence Cardinal Cooke
-William F. (“Billy”) Graham
- Educators
- Religious leaders
- Press executives
- Politicians
  - Southern Democrats
    - Position
    - Republicans
    - Advantages
    - Richard B. Russell
    - John C. Stennis
    - John L. McClellan
    - George H. Mahon
    - F. Edward Hébert

- Labor leaders
  - View of elite
  - Teamsters
    - Meeting with the President
    - Education
    - Frank E. Fitzsimmons
    - Joseph (“Joe T.”) Trerotola
    - William J. McCarthy
    - Raymond Schoessling
    - George Meany
  - Position on Vietnam
  - Position on other issues

- Elite class
  - The President’s experience
  - “Georgetown set”
- International set
  - Nassau, Bahamas
  - Newport, Rhode Island
  - Palm Beach, Florida
  - Palm Springs, California
  - Beverly Hills, California
  - Westchester County, New York

- The President’s experience
- Source of national weakness
- Education
- Educators, publishers, communications executives, college administrators, and big businessmen
- Small businessmen
-Erosion
  -The President’s actions
  -Students
  -University presidents and professors
  -Influence
- PFIAB contacts

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China trip

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PFIAB meeting
  -Value

Current United States situation
  -Senate
    -Antiballistic missile [ABM] appropriations
    -Teller
  -Democratic candidates
    -Henry M. (“Scoop”) Jackson
    -Position on defense budget
  -Educational institutions
    -Harvard University
    -University of California
    -Ohio State University
    -Texas A & M University
    -Wyoming
    -Theory of decline of civilizations
      -French
      -British
      -Romans
      -Greeks

Leader class
  -Influence on masses
- Media
  - Portrayal of United States
- Influence on youth
  - Media

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Vietnam

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United States’ spirit
- Farmers
- Southerners
- Laborers
- American leader class
  - Failures
    - Consequences
  - Meeting with “the people”
- Values
  - Changes
- Leaders
  - Change
  - Contrast with “the people”
  - Ivy League presidents
- The President’s role
  - Relation with “the people”
- Leaders
  - Ivy League
  - Response to change
    - Network heads
    - Newspaper heads
    - Reasons
- Attica riot
  - Prisoners
  - Rockefeller’s actions evaluated
    - The President’s position
- Leadership
NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF

Tape Subject Log
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-The President
-Open skies policy
  -Teller
  -First strike
  -United Nations
  -Position of “the people”
-Leaders and “the people”
-Newspapers
  -Newsday
    -Articles on the President and other leaders
  -Reasons
-American people
  -New values
  -Prospects for future
-The President

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Foreign policy

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-Credibility
-Leader class
  -Impact on the President
    -Compared with other twentieth century Presidents
      -Knowledge of media
-Media
  -Position
-Students
  -International group in Budapest
    -Position on Vietnam policy
      -Follow-up
-Editors
  -Majority position
  -The President’s meetings
  -Omaha World-Herald
  -Kansas City Star
The President left at 11:37 am

Meeting
-Southern Democrats

Schedule

[General conversation/unintelligible]

Vietnam
-Leadership
-Robert S. McNamara
-Unidentified general
-Withdrawal of United States’ troops
-Loss of popular confidence
-McNamara
-General Maxwell D. Taylor
-New York Times
-Withdrawal of troops
-Timing
-McNamara
-New York Times
-The President’s policies
-Consequences in United States

Anderson, et al. left at an unknown time before 11:59 pm
Conversation No. 100-2

Date:  Unknown between May 5 and May 8, 1972
Time:  Unknown between 11:37 am, May 5 and 9:10 am, May 8, 1972
Location:  Cabinet Room

A tour group met

Cabinet Room
- Meetings
- Chairs
- Names
  - Donald H. Rumsfeld
    - Position
  - John A. Volpe
    - Position
- Seating Arrangement
  - Secretary of the Treasury
- The President
- Secretary of Defense
- Secretary of State
- The Vice President
- Secretary of the Treasury
- Tradition on departure from office
- Portraits
  - The President’s choices
    - Dwight D. Eisenhower
    - [Thomas] Woodrow Wilson
    - Theodore (“Teddy”) Roosevelt

Stephen B. Bull
- Office location

H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
- Office location

Alexander P. Butterfield
- Office location

The President’s office
- Phone calls
  - Butterfield’s complaints
Rose Garden
  - Tricia Nixon Cox’s wedding

The tour group left at an unknown time before 9:10 am, May 8, 1972

Conversation No. 100-3

Date: Unknown between May 5 and May 8, 1972
Time: Unknown between 11:37 am, May 5 and 9:10 am, May 8, 1972
Location: Cabinet Room

A tour group met

Cabinet Room
  - Importance
  - Seating
    - Arrangement
      - Seniority of departments
      - State
        - William P. Rogers
        - Department of Defense
        - Department of Housing and Urban Development
        - The Vice President
      - Henry A. Kissinger
        - Position
        - Seating
      - H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
      - John D. Ehrlichman
  - Table
  - Seating
    - The President
  - Portraits
    - Dwight D. Eisenhower
    - Theodore (“Teddy”) Roosevelt
    - Thomas Woodrow Wilson
    - The President’s choice
  - Redecoration
The tour group left at an unknown time before 9:10 am, May 8, 1972

Conversation No. 100-4

Date: Unknown between May 5 and May 8, 1972
Time: Unknown between 11:37 am, May 5 and 9:10 am, May 8, 1972
Location: Cabinet Room

A tour group met

Cabinet Room
- The President’s phone

The tour group left at an unknown time before 9:10 am, May 8, 1972

Conversation No. 100-5

Date: Unknown between May 5 and May 8, 1972
Time: Unknown between 11:37 am, May 5 and 9:10 am, May 8, 1972
Location: Cabinet Room

A tour group met

White House
- West Wing
- Construction
- Theodore (“Teddy”) Roosevelt
- Previous location of the President’s office
- Oval Office
- William H. Taft
- West Wing
- The President’s staff
- Press Office
- Ronald L. Ziegler
- Cabinet Room
- Use
- Chairs
- Names and dates
- Arrangements
- Table
-The President’s chair
-The Vice President
-Seating
-Seating arrangements
-Portraits
-National Security Council [NSC] meetings
-Telephone

The tour group left at an unknown time before 9:10 am, May 8, 1972

Conversation No. 100-6

Date: Unknown between May 5 and May 8, 1972
Time: Unknown between 11:37 am, May 5 and 9:10 am, May 8, 1972
Location: Cabinet Room

Unknown people met

Cabinet Room
-Meetings
   -Cabinet
      -Frequency
   -Leadership
      -House and Senate members
      -Briefings

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Statute]
[Duration: 20s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
The President’s office

The unknown people left at an unknown time before 9:10 am, May 8, 1972

Conversation No. 100-7

Date: Unknown between May 5 and May 8, 1972
Time: Unknown between 11:37 am, May 5 and 9:10 am, May 8, 1972
Location: Cabinet Room

Ronald L. Ziegler met with a tour group

Cabinet Room
- Chairs
  - Names
  - The President
  - Secretaries of departments
  - The Vice President

Decision making
- Economy

Souvenir paper
- Secretary of State

Cabinet Room
- Carpeting
- Ziegler’s chair
- Evaluated

Ziegler, et al. left at an unknown time before 9:10 am, May 8, 1972
Conversation No. 100-8

Date: Unknown between May 5 and May 8, 1972
Time: Unknown between 11:37 am, May 5 and 9:10 am, May 8, 1972
Location: Cabinet Room

A tour group met

Cabinet Room
- Seating
  - The President’s chair
  - Secretaries of State and Defense
  - The Vice President
- Table
  - Cost
- Portrait

The tour group left at an unknown time before 9:10 am, May 8, 1972

Conversation No. 100-9

Date: Unknown between May 5 and May 8, 1972
Time: Unknown between 11:37 am, May 5 and 9:10 am, May 8, 1972
Location: Cabinet Room

George P. Shultz met with a tour group

Cabinet Room
- Table
- Seating
  - Secretary of Labor

Shultz, et al. left at an unknown time before 9:10 am, May 8, 1972
Conversation No. 100-10

Date: Unknown between May 5 and May 8, 1972
Time: Unknown between 11:37 am, May 5 and 9:10 am, May 8, 1972
Location: Cabinet Room

General Alexander M. Haig, Jr. met with a tour group

- Cabinet Room
  - Cabinet meetings
  - National Security Council [NSC] meetings
  - Chairs
    - Seating
      - The President
      - The Vice President
  - Cabinet meetings
    - Frequency
  - NSC meetings

- Rose Garden
  - Tricia Nixon Cox wedding

Haig, et al. left at an unknown time before 9:10 am, May 8, 1972

Conversation No. 100-11

Date: Unknown between May 5 and May 8, 1972
Time: Unknown between 11:37 am, May 5 and 9:10 am, May 8, 1972
Location: Cabinet Room

A tour group met

- An antique

- Cabinet Room
  - Seating
    - Nameplates on chairs
    - George W. Romney
    - Earl L. Butz
Lieutenant [Forename unknown] Bridgeky [sp?] entered at an unknown time after 11:37 am, May 5, 1972

Introductions

Bridgeky’s work

Bridgeky left at an unknown time before 9:10 am, May 8, 1972

The President’s schedule

Cabinet Room
  -Chairs
    -Arrangement
      -The President and Vice President
      -Oldest departments
      -Defense, State, Attorney General, and Treasury
        -Peter G. Peterson
    -Chairs on sides
      -Henry A. Kissinger
      -Robert H. Finch
      -H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
        -Duties
    -Portraits
    -Table
      -Donor
      -Size
      -Light

The tour group left at an unknown time before 9:10 am, May 8, 1972
Conversation No. 100-14

Date: Unknown between May 5 and May 8, 1972
Time: Unknown between 11:37 am, May 5 and 9:10 am, May 8, 1972
Location: Cabinet Room

A tour group met

Cabinet Room
  -Chairs
    -Purchase
    -[Unintelligible]
      -President’s chair
  -Function
    -Signing ceremonies
      -The President’s office
  -Experience of unknown person
    -Crowd

The tour group left at an unknown time before 9:10 am, May 8, 1972

Conversation No. 100-15

Date: Unknown between May 5 and May 8, 1972
Time: Unknown between 11:37 am, May 5 and 9:10 am, May 8, 1972
Location: Cabinet Room

A tour group met

Cabinet Room
  -Function
  -Press
  -Seating
  -Portraits
    -Dwight D. Eisenhower
    -[Thomas] Woodrow Wilson
    -Theodore (“Teddy”) Roosevelt

Roosevelt Room
Swimming pool

The tour group left at an unknown time before 9:10 am, May 8, 1972

Conversation No. 100-16

Date: Unknown between May 5 and May 8, 1972
Time: Unknown between 11:37 am, May 5 and 9:10 am, May 8, 1972
Location: Cabinet Room

A tour group met

Cabinet Room
-Chairs
-Nameplates
-Counselor to the President

Recording ends at an unknown time before 9:10 am, May 8, 1972

Conversation No. 100-18

Date: Unknown between May 5 and May 8, 1972
Time: Unknown between 11:37 am, May 5 and 9:10 am, May 8, 1972
Location: Cabinet Room

A tour group met

Cabinet Room
-Chairs
-Nameplates
-Counselor to the President
-George P. Shultz

Recording ends at an unknown time before 9:10 am, May 8, 1972
Conversation No. 100-19

Date:  Unknown between May 5 and May 8, 1972  
Time:  Unknown between 11:37 am, May 5 and 9:10 am, May 8, 1972  
Location:  Cabinet Room  

Unknown men met  
[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

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[Non-historical]  
[Duration: 6s]  
END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1  

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Recording ends at an unknown time before 9:10 am, May 8, 1972

Conversation No. 100-20

Date:  May 8, 1972  
Time:  Unknown after 12:00 am until 12:07 pm  
Location:  Cabinet Room  

William P. Rogers met with unknown men  
[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]
Vietnam

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[Non-historical]
[Duration: 18s]

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[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 39s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

The President entered at 9:10 am
VIETNAM

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5
[National Security]
[Duration: 1h 2m 19s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

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The President, et al. left at 12:07 pm