Date: June 13, 1972
Time: Unknown after 8:01 am until 9:39 am
Location: Cabinet Room

[Conversation continues from Cabinet Room 102-8. A portion of this conversation was not recorded while the tape was changed; recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 9m 59s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Adjournment

Legislative strategy
- Scott
- Ford

[General conversation]

The President, et al. left at 9:39 am
Conversation No. 103-3

Date: Unknown between June 13 and June 22, 1972
Time: Unknown between 9:39 am, June 13 and 5:20 pm, June 22, 1972
Location: Cabinet Room

Unknown people [repairmen?] met
[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Non-historical]
[Duration: 3m 56s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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Recording ends at an unknown time before 5:20 pm, June 22, 1972

Conversation No. 103-4

Date: June 22, 1972
Time: 5:20 pm - 6:28 pm
Location: Cabinet Room


Greetings
-McGraw-Hill Co.
-Klein
-Gilmore of Gilmore Broadcasting
-Andy Granatelli
-President of Mexico
-Press
-Unknown woman journalist
-Commission on Baseball
-Unknown person
-New York
-Cleveland
-Baseball
-Crutchfield
-[General conversation/Unintelligible]
-Mayor Louie Welch
-Association of Mayors
-President’s phone call
-Astros

Request for group to be seated

The White House photographer entered at an unknown time after 5:20 pm

Photograph session

The White House photographer left at an unknown time before 6:28 pm

Opening of meeting

Reason for meeting
-Media requests
-Networks
-News programs
-Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
-Conflicts with local broadcasters
-Klein
-Flanigan

Private enterprise system
-President’s views
-Communications industry
-Newspaper, radio, television
- Television
  - Comparison with abroad
  - Shortcomings
  - Quality
  - Public broadcasting
    - Support from staff

Format for meeting
  - Flanigan

Domestic licensing processes
  - Federal Communications Commission [FCC]
    - Renewal objections
  - Federal Trade Commission [FTC]
    - Advertising
    - FCC, FTC relationship

Brand names
  - Moscow, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
  - Advantages
  - Advertising
    - Restrictions
      - Impact
    - Public broadcasting

FTC regulations
  - Advertising
  - Fairness doctrine
    - Camel
      - Cigarette controversy
    - General Motors
    - Networks
    - Compared with environmentalists
      - Attacks on private enterprise

Private enterprise, profits
  - President’s support
  - FTC
    - Problems with staff
  - Philosophical debate
  - Broadcast industry
-Manufacturers and distributors
  -General Foods
    -Advertising
  -Networks

License renewal problems
  -Public interest groups
  -New York Daily News station
  -Censorship dangers
  -Petitions
    -Statistics
    -FCC
  -Office of the Presidency
    -Proposed legislation
  -Denver, Colorado
    -Channel 2
      -Financial standing
      -Chicanos
      -Criticism of station
  -Wells
    -Appointment
    -FCC
  -Minnesota station
    -Station finances
    -Uncertainty over licenses
  -Proposed legislation on renewal
    -Klein
    -Flanigan
    -Whitehead
  -Scripps-Howard Memphis station
    -Coalition of whites
      -Complaints
    -Blacks
      -Complaints
    -Broadcasting Magazine
      -FCC
      -Costs
  -Courts
    -Decisions
  -Nebraska
    -Omaha
      -Complaints
Meeting with President
- Television networks
  - Views about the Administration
    - Criticism
  - Need for balanced views
  - Freedom of expression
  - Cambodia coverage
    - J. William Fulbright
    - Edward M. (“Ted”) Kennedy
    - Chappaquiddick
  - Vietnam bombing announcement
  - Quality of television coverage
    - Predictions
      - Accuracy
  - Network news
    - Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
    - National Broadcasting Company [NBC]
    - American Broadcasting Company [ABC]

Legislative needs of broadcasters
- Congressional committee
  - FCC
  - Courts
    - Conflicts with FCC

Broadcast executives’ problems
- Courts
  - Washington
  - New York
  - FTC
    - Appeals Court in Washington
      - Decisions

Court cases
- Supreme Court
  - District Court cases
-Federal cases
- [ames] Skelly Wright, Judge, US Court of Appeals, Washington, DC
-Access cases
  -Vietnam
  -Court of Appeals
  -Supreme Court
  -Whitehead
  -Fairness doctrine
    -Problems
    -Black Panthers
    -Oil interests
  -Businessmen against Vietnam
    -Advertisement
    -Los Angeles
    -Court case
    -Wright

Sports
  -President as sports fan
  -FCC
  -"Antisyphon" petition
    -Free television vs. pay television
    -Football games
  -Cable Television [CATV]
  -Blackout rules
    -National Football League [NFL]

Overextension of licenses
  -Bakersfield, California
  -Radio stations
    -Number
  -Denver
  -Chairman of the FCC
    -Burch
    -Concern
  -Fort Wayne Ultrahigh Frequency [UHF] station
    -Chicago
    -Cleveland
    -Free television

Television industry
  -Capital investment
-WGN-Television
-Indianapolis
-Bloomington-Indianapolis
  -Financial situation of Channel 4
-CATV
-Action
-Shaw
-Jack Harris
-Klein
-Shaw
  -Fort Wayne station
-WGN television signal
  -Impact on local television
  -Fort Wayne
  -Indianapolis
  -Rockford
  -Springfield
-Local situations
  -Broadcast signal
  -FCC
    -Decision
    -Supreme Court
    -Recent orders

CATV
  -Support, opposition
  -Columbus, Indiana
    -Need for cable television
  -Networks
    -ABC
    -CBS

License renewal
  -Analogy with President’s reelection

Advertising
  -Criticism
  -Competition
    -Ford
    -General Motors
  -Federal standards
    -Brand names
Station license renewals
   - Burch
   - Legislation
   - Opponents
     - Motives
     - Finances
     - Censorship dangers
   - Reform of procedures
     - Investments
     - Opponents
     - Motives

Broadcasting industry
   - Legislation
   - License renewals
     - Ethical standards
     - Complaints
       - Legal action
     - Time involved
   - Proposed legislation
     - Robert P. Griffin
     - Joel T. Broyhill
   - Renewal procedures
     - Length of license
     - Burden of proof
     - California
       - Judicial selection
       - Compared to renewal procedures
   - Burden of proof principle
   - FCC
     - Courts
     - Workload
     - Communications Act
     - Administrative process
       - Opponent financing
         - Ford Foundation
         - Stern Foundation
   - Rochester, New York
     - Challenges to licenses
   - Denver
     - Paul Miller
- Property
- Legislative objectives
  - John O. Pastore
- Administration support
- Present policies
  - Reasons
- Klein
- Recognition of President
  - President’s concern for broadcasting
- Censorship possibilities
  - Censors
  - Future Presidents
  - Quaal
- License renewal
  - Mexican President
    - Views
    - Mexican constitution
    - Similarities to US Constitution

Presidential cuff links
- Meeting with President
  - Quaal
  - Buggings

Presidential pins
- Appearance
  - Cost

Network news
- Balancing of views
  - Haiphong mining
    - Commentary
      - Gerald R. Ford
- NBC
  - David Brinkley
- CBS
  - [Arnold] Eric Sevareid
    - Political views
  - Brinkley, Sevareid
  - William F. Buckley, Jr.
- Unknown reporter’s column
  - President’s response
Nebraska football team

Blair House
- Refreshment
- Meeting

Introductions
- Ehrlichman
- T. Whitehead
- Snyder
- General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
- Flanigan
- Discussions

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

President, et al. left at 6:28 pm

Date: June 26, 1972
Time: Unknown after 3:05 pm until 3:41 pm
Location: Cabinet Room

The President met with James Straubel, James Q. Wilson, Raymond L. Bramucci, Joe F. Ramsey, Jr., Claude L. Callegary, Robert W. Nolan, Jerome A. Cohen, H. Lynn Cavin, Brigadier General J. Paul Holland, Lieutenant General Herman Nickerson, Jr., Major General James F. Cantwell, Captain Leslie W. Willig, Thomas E. Morris, Carlos Rodriguez, J. B. Koch, Floyd Henderson, Cooper Holt, William Hauck, Francis Fini, and Donald Harlow
[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.’s briefing

Support from organizations
- National defense policy
- Vietnam War
  - President’s policies
- Veterans groups
National defense of US
US international relations
Vietnam

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[Applause]
Gifts
- Presidential seal on cuff links

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
The President, et al. left at 3:41 pm

Date: June 27, 1972
Time: Unknown after 10:08 am until 11:28 am
Location: Cabinet Room

[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

Welfare reform
- Post-convention meeting
- Cost estimates
- Legislative schedule
  - Debt ceiling extension
  - Social Security
  - Revenue sharing
    - Legislative maneuvers
    - House Resolution [HR] 1
    - Executive session
- Aid to Families with Dependent Children [AFDC]
  - Revenue sharing
  - Charles H. Percy
    - Proposal
- Chairman Russell B. Long
- Abraham A. Ribicoff
- Long
  - Democrat votes
- Bennett
  - Long
  - Ribicoff
  - Elliot L. Richardson
  - Long
  - Number of votes
- Ribicoff position
  - George S. McGovern
    - Position on welfare
  - Financing
- Administration’s position on HR 1
  - Opponents’ views
  - Ribicoff’s proposals
  - Percy
  - Long’s amendments
  - Reaction to Ribicoff’s proposals
  - Liberals
  - Objections to bill
  - Ribicoff
- Regional cost of living variations
  - Department of Health, Education, and Welfare [HEW]
  - New York City
  - Alabama
  - Griffin
    - Detroit
- California
  - Illinois
- New York
- Alabama
- Miller
- New York City
- Cost of living differential
- New York
- Alabama
- Ribicoff supporters
  - Workfare
- Long
  - Vote count
- Debate
  - Length
  - Workfare
  - Republican Senators
- Revenue sharing
  - Long
  - Ribicoff
- Welfare reform
  - Popularity
- Social Security
  - Debt limit
  - Veto possibility
- HR 1
  - Difficulties
  - Family assistance program
  - Welfare Rights Organization
  - Ribicoff
  - McGovern
  - Ribicoff
    - Program
  - McGovern
    - Program
      - Costs
  - Number on welfare
  - Finance Committee
    - Program
      - Barbara Myers
        - Estimate of costs
  - Family assistance plan
- Political popularity
- President’s views on welfare
- New York
  - Number on welfare
- HR 1
  - Alternatives
- Ribicoff
  - Proposals
- Governors’ positions
  - Federal programs
  - Abuses
- Shultz
  - Private pension program
- Social services
  - Republicans’ program
  - California
  - Illinois
  - New York
  - Costs
  - Curtis
  - Social workers
  - Block grants to states
- Timing for legislation
  - Election year
  - Social Security
    - Problems
- Tax reform
- Welfare reform
  - Ribicoff
  - Committee recommendations
  - HEW
  - Ribicoff
    - Long
- Administration’s position
  - Senate Finance Committee
    - Social Security
    - Debt ceiling
- Social Security
  - Veto power
- Veto of bills
- Social Security
  - John W. Byrnes
- House of Representatives
  - Long
  - Shultz
  - Problem
- Water bill
  - Veto
    - Costs
    - Environmentalists
- Budget concern
- HR 1
  - Opposition
  - Puerto Rico
    - Welfare recipients
    - Eligibility
    - Governor Luis A. Ferre
      - Opposition
  - Curtis
    - Guaranteed annual income
- John James Williams
- Social Security
  - Increases
- Frank F. Church amendment
- HEW Advisory Committee
- Environmentalists
  - Peter Gropper [sp?]
    - Impact on economy
    - Doorman in New York City
    - Michael J. (“Mike”) Mansfield
    - William O. Douglas

HR 1
  - Popularity
  - Veto possibility
    - Congressional support
  - Social Security
  - Political impact
  - Ribicoff

Timing for welfare legislation
  - Costs
  - Filibuster
  - Revenue sharing
-Long
-Mansfield
-Long
  -Support for workfare

Minimum wage
  -Republican bill
  -Numbers of laws

Welfare reform
  -Filibuster
    -Ribicoff
    -Chairman of Finance Committee
  -Griffin
  -Caspar W. (“Cap”) Weinberger
    -Detroit
    -Purchase of buses
  -Possibility for pilot projects
    -HEW
  -HR 1
  -Food stamps
    -Program

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Uruguay

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Social Security
  -Church
  -Long
    -Attitude

Revenue sharing
  -Action of Finance Committee
  -Nelson A. Rockefeller
  -Richard B. Ogilvie
Debt ceiling
  - Wilbur D. Mills
  - House rules
  - Opposition to increase
    - Church
    - Byrnes
    - Long
    - Hearings

Social Security
  - Church
  - Robert M. Ball
  - Long

Jordan
  - Work in Senate

Debt ceiling
  - Payroll savings
  - Bill payments
  - Debt ceiling
    - Uses
    - Extension

Gordon L. Allott

Robert C. Byrd

McGovern
  - Welfare program
    - President’s counter-proposals
    - Number on welfare rolls

Gift presentations
  - Cuff links
  - Pins
  - Finance Committee
    - Long

John V. Tunney amendment
  - Brazil
- Vote

Attorney General
- Administration action
- William W. Milligan
- Roth decision

The President, et al. left at 11:28 am

Date: Unknown between June 27 and June 30, 1972
Time: Unknown between 11:28 am, June 27 and 10:05 am, June 30, 1972
Location: Cabinet Room

Unknown people [White House tour group] met

Presidential Seal

American flag

President’s flag
- Presidential Seal

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 11:28 am, June 27, 1972

Bull
- Introduction
- Work with President

President’s Oval Office
- Tour
- Porcelain birds
- Questions

Cabinet Room chairs
Conversation No. 103-12

Date: Unknown between June 27 and June 30, 1972
Time: Unknown between 11:28 am, June 27 and 10:05 am, June 30, 1972
Location: Cabinet Room

Unknown people [White House tour group] met

Cabinet officers
- Titles
- Cabinet Room chairs
- Secretary George P. Shultz

Cabinet Room
- Chairs

Recording was cut off at an unknown time before 10:05 am, June 30, 1972

Conversation No. 103-10

Date: June 30, 1972
Time: Unknown between 10:05 am and 10:16 pm
Location: Cabinet Room

[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

Food prices
- Meat prices
- All food
- Wage-price controls
  - Problems
  - International Harvester
  - Pay Board
    - Amalgamated Meatcutters Union
Beef imports

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  Beef imports
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- Tariffs
  - Beef
Beef imports

[To listen to the segment (5m33s) declassified on 02/28/2002, please refer to RC# E-598.]

-Cattle states
-Florida
-Mississippi
-Public relations
-Effect
-Quotas
-Controls, freeze
-Speculation
-Cost of Living Council
-Food prices
-Farmer
-Demand for food
-Food stamps
-Distribution
-Demand for food
-Shortage of supply
-Prices
-Administration’s actions
-Direct controls
-Sense of crisis
-Farmers’ restraint
-President’s backing of administration policy
  -Secretary of State
  -Chairman of the Cost of Living Council
-Chain stores
  -Price increases
  -Amalgamated Meat Cutters

President’s appreciation
  -Stein

Food stamps
  -David Humphreys
  -Weinberger
  -Shultz
  -Quality of program

President left at 11:04 am

Agenda and schedule

Health Services Industry
  -Reclassification
  -Rules

Recording ends at an unknown time before 10:16 pm, while the conversation is in progress

Conversation No. 103-11

Date: July 1, 1972
Time: Unknown after 10:05 am until 10:40 am
Location: Cabinet Room

[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]
US ship construction
   -Industry
   -Goal
      -Air freight
      -Supersonic Transport [SST]
      -Merchant Marine
      -San Pedro, California
   -Productivity
      -P2 tankers
      -Capacities
      -Comparison with contemporary ships
      -Improvements
      -Union cooperation
   -Strikes
      -Cost of Living Council
      -Number
   -Tanker construction
      -Maritime Commission
      -San Diego
      -New York
      -Brooklyn Navy Yard
      -Employment figures
      -Increases
      -Benefits
      -Minorities
   -Presidential Committee on Shipyards
      -Visits
   -Jobs
      -Construction
      -Seamen
      -Administration’s goals
   -Productivity
      -Seamen
      -Comparisons with 1960s
   -Airlines
   -Shipbuilding
      -San Francisco
      -Negotiations
      -San Francisco customers
   -California shipbuilders’ policy
      -Pacific orientation
-Eastern shipbuilders’ policy
  -European orientation
  -President’s position

Pacific Rim
  -Japan
    -Trade with US
    -Size
    -Soviet Union
    -People’s Republic of China [PRC]
    -Southeast Asia
    -Taiwan
    -Indonesia
    -South Pacific
    -Thailand
  -PRC
    -Compared with Japanese trade
    -Economic potential
    -Communist system
  -Chinese
    -Singapore
    -Hong Kong
    -Taiwan
    -Bangkok
    -San Francisco
    -Japanese
  -San Francisco
    -Joe Moore

Eastern Europe
  -Potential
  -Poland
  -Czechoslovakia
  -Secretary Peterson
    -Upcoming trip to Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]

Transportation methods
  -Air freight
  -San Diego
  -Merchant Marine
  -Importance
Relations with Communist nations
- Merchant Marine
- Wheat
  - Manhattan
- Poland
- Soviet Union
  - Odessa
  - Manhattan
- Soviet Union
- Polish Citizens
- President’s trip to Peking and Moscow
- Trade with United States
  - PRC
  - Soviet Union
  - Credit

US shipbuilding
- Construction order
  - Jobs
  - Size

Atomic explosion
- Article on Potsdam
  - Josef V. Stalin
  - Winston S. Churchill

US shipbuilding
- Long term picture for competitiveness
  - Research and development
    - Propulsion systems
  - Government role
  - Deepwater docks
    - Canada
    - Bahamas

US economic policy
- World War II
  - Japan
    - Destruction
    - Recovery
  - Germany
    - President’s visit
-Soviets
  -Communist system
  -Russians
-US production
-Relations with
  -Japanese
  -Germans
-Europe
  -Potential economic strength
-Russians
-Chinese
-Eastern Europeans
  -Czechs
-Latin America
-Asia
-Middle East

US transportation industry
  -Yankee Clipper
  -SST
    -President’s support
    -Foreign aircraft
    -Length of flights
-Cooperation of industry and labor
  -Government role
  -Labor’s attitude
-America’s standing in world
  -Attitude
  -Soviets
  -Japanese
  -Attitude

Adjournment
  -Cuff links
  -Pins

Industry praise for
  -Bentley
  -Gibson
  -Blackwell

Russian grain shipments
Tape Subject Log
(rev. 10/08)

-Gibson
  -Discussions with US
  -Flanigan

Fourth of July
  -Celebration
  -1968 Democratic Convention
    -Richard J. Daley

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

The President, et al. left at 10:40 am