Conversation No. 104-1

Date: Unknown between July 1 and July 21, 1972
Time: Unknown between 10:40 am, July 1 and 10:16 am, July 21, 1972
Location: Cabinet Room

Unknown people [Secret Service agents?] met
[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

[Unintelligible]

The Secret Service agents [?] left at an unknown time before 10:16 am, July 21, 1972

Conversation No. 104-2

Date: Unknown between July 1 and July 21, 1972
Time: Unknown between 10:40 am, July 1 and 10:16 am, July 21, 1972
Location: Cabinet Room

Unknown people [tour group] met

Use of the Cabinet Room
   -Press Office

The tour group left at an unknown time before 10:16 am, July 21, 1972

Conversation No. 104-14

Date: Unknown between July 1 and July 21, 1972
Time: Unknown between 10:40 am, July 1 and 10:16 am, July 21, 1972
Location: Cabinet Room

Unknown people [tour group] met

Cabinet Room
   -Location
The tour group left at an unknown time before 10:16 am, July 21, 1972

Conversation No. 104-3

Date: Unknown between July 1 and July 21, 1972
Time: Unknown between 10:40 am, July 1 and 10:16 am, July 21, 1972
Location: Cabinet Room

Unknown people [tour group] met

Cabinet Room
- History
  - World War II

Cabinet
- Seating arrangements
  - Chairs
    - The President
    - The Vice President
    - George P. Shultz
      - Offices held
      - Upon departure

American people
- National traits
  - Attitude toward wealth
    - Taxes
- White House
  - Furnishings
  - Upkeep
- Concern about taxes

Cabinet Room table

Presidential portraits
- Dwight D. Eisenhower
- Theodore ("Teddy") Roosevelt
- [Thomas] Woodrow Wilson

The tour group left at an unknown time before 10:16 am, July 21, 1972

Conversation No. 104-4

Date: Unknown between July 1 and July 21, 1972
Time: Unknown between 10:40 am, July 1 and 10:16 am, July 21, 1972
Location: Cabinet Room

Unknown people met

Cabinet Room
- Uses
- Seating
- Seniority of departments

The President’s residence within the White House

The unknown people left at an unknown time before 10:16 am, July 21, 1972

Conversation No. 104-5

Date: Unknown between July 1 and July 21, 1972
Time: Unknown between 10:40 am, July 1 and 10:16 am, July 21, 1972
Location: Cabinet Room

Unknown people [tour group] met

Interior woodwork

Cabinet Room
- Seating arrangements
- Portraits
- Woodwork
The tour group left at an unknown time before 10:16 am, July 21, 1972

Conversation No. 104-6

Date: Unknown between July 1 and July 21, 1972
Time: Unknown between 10:40 am, July 1 and 10:16 am, July 21, 1972
Location: Cabinet Room

Unknown people [Secret Service agents?] met

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Non-historical]
[Duration: 17s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

The Secret Service agents [?] left at an unknown time before 10:16 am, July 21, 1972

Conversation No. 104-7

Date: Unknown between July 1 and July 21, 1972
Time: Unknown between 10:40 am, July 1 and 10:16 am, July 21, 1972
Location: Cabinet Room

Unknown people [tour group] met
Cabinet Room
  -Purpose
  -Chairs

[Unintelligible -- helicopter noise]

The tour group left at an unknown time before 10:16 am, July 21, 1972

Conversation No. 104-9

Date: July 21, 1972
Time: Unknown between 10:16 am and 10:57 pm
Location: Cabinet Room

[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

Federal budget
  -Shultz
  -Stein
  -Difficulties
    -Congress
    -The President’s vetoes
      -Political repercussions
    -Cabinet’s cooperation
      -Budgetary cuts
      -The President’s compliments

Economy
  -Consumer Price Index [CPI]
- Increase
- Gross National Product [GNP]
  - Real increases
    - Figures
- Unemployment
  - Decline
  - Statistical adjustments
  - Lay-off rate in manufacturing
- Employment
  - Increase
- Prospect
  - The President’s strategy
    - Benefits
- CPI
  - Agricultural prices
    - Butz
  - Increases in food prices
  - Increase in other prices
- *Business Week* magazine
- Unemployment
  - Measurements
  - Decline

**Economy**

- Delicacy
- Political aspect
- Messages to American people
  - Inflation
    - Causes
      - Federal deficits
        - 1974
- Federal budget
  - "Ceiling letters"
    - Heads of agencies
  - Lowered budgets
    - Guidelines
  - Political aspects
- Budget cuts
  - Political opposition
  - Alternatives
    - Increased taxes, prices
  - Results
- Reduced spending
  - Congressional opposition
  - Reasons
    - Sympathy for people
      - The President’s concern for taxes and prices
- Political benefits
  - Economic outlook of recovery
  - The President’s concerns
- “Ceiling letters”
  - Accordance with guidelines
- Budgetary balance
  - Immediacy of need
  - Difficulties
    - Increases in Social Security taxes
- Employment
  - “Full” employment
- Federal budget
  - Deficit spending
    - Popular reaction
  - 1975 budget
    - Balance
  - 1974 budget
    - Reduced spending
  - 1975 budget
    - Accuracy of the President’s assessment
  - 1973 budget
  - 1974 budget
    - Balance
    - Presidential vetoes
  - 1975 budget
    - Balance
- Inflation
  - Popular comprehension
    - “Wage-price push”
  - Fiscal policies
  - Federal spending
    - Federal taxation
Naval bases
- Portsmouth, New Hampshire
- Laird
- Presidential promise
- Political effects of cuts

Federal budget
- Increased taxation
- Popular concern
  - Republican sentiment
- Inflation
  - Poll of popular opinion
    - Blame on government

The President’s accomplishments
- Reform of Supreme Court
  - Importance
The President left at 10:45 am

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

Media
-Response to administration

Congress
-Speeches
-Democrats

Unknown people left at an unknown time before 10:57 pm
Conversation No. 104-10

Date: July 25, 1972
Time: 8:45 am - unknown before 3:39 pm
Location: Cabinet Room


[General conversation/Unintelligible]

Meeting
- Time of day
- Attendance
  - The President’s appreciation
- Agenda

Governors
- Meeting
  - Revenue sharing
    - The President’s talk
    - Distribution of funds
      - Disagreement among governors
        - Geographical allocation
        - Taxation
          - Income tax

Mayors
- Revenue sharing
  - Disagreements
  - Congressional bill
    - House version
    - Senate
  - Mayors’ advice to Congress
    - The President’s encouragement
- Congressional votes
  - Support from administration
- Mayors’ appearances before Congress
Timing
- Republican convention
- Importance
- Form of Senate bill

Revenue sharing
- Development since 1969
- Assistance to the President
  - Congressmen
  - State and local officials
- Non-partisanship
  - 1972 election
- Bipartisan support
  - Necessity
- Importance
  - Distribution
    - Political obligations
  - Benefits
- Support
  - Mayors
    - Pressure upon Congress
  - Popularity of revenue sharing
  - Other officials

Spellman

Revenue sharing
- The President’s support
  - Necessity
- Support
  - Bipartisanship
  - Necessity
  - Vice President Spiro T. Agnew’s support
- Spellman
  - Letter to Baltimore Sun
    - The President’s and Vice President’s support

- Necessity
- Desired changes
- Lobbying of Congress
  - Local officials
- Requirements
- Support of proposal
-Local officials
-Support of mayors
-Changes
  -Proposals
  -Impairment to bill
  -Controversy
    -Possible defeat of bill
-Administration’s preparation
  -Checks prepared
    -Number
-Support
  -US Conference of Mayors
-Changes in bill
  -Proposals
    -Local options
-Support
  -The President’s support
    -Support for the President

Present meeting
-Participants
  -Mayoral links with Senate
    -Paul J. Fannin and Driggs
    -Russell B. Long and Landrieu
    -Wallace F. Bennett and Garn
    -Vance Hartke and Hatcher
  -Gratitude to the President
  -Revenue sharing bill
    -Extraneous legislation
      -Welfare reform
      -Mayoral opposition
        -Importance
        -Need for immediate action
        -Republican Convention
        -Reason for attendance at present meeting
  -Compromises
    -Speakers’ gratitude to the President

Proposed revenue sharing
-Supporters
  -State legislators
    -Republicans
- Democrats
- Congressional testimony

The President’s “New Federalism”
  - Support
    - State legislators
  - Programs
    - No-fault insurance
    - Mayors’ gratitude
    - Mayors’ support

Upcoming conference in New Orleans
  - Location

Upcoming meeting of the National League of Cities
  - Location
    - Invitation to the President

Upcoming meeting of the National Association of Counties
  - Scheduling
    - The President’s schedule
  - Location
    - The President’s preference

Proposed revenue sharing
  - Possible retroactivity
    - Congressional attitude
      - House of Representatives
      - Senate
      - Need for mayors’ support

The President’s “federalism”
  - Speakers’ gratitude to the President
  - Intention
    - Delegation of responsibilities
      - State and local governments
      - Speaker’s endorsement
  - Revenue sharing
    - Necessity

John V. Lindsay
Revenue sharing
-Supporters
  -State and local officials
  -Federal officials
  -Necessity
  -Priority for administration
  -Necessity for country
  -Importance
  -Future of nation
  -Novelty of idea
-Supporters
  -Louisianans
    -Political power
      -Allen J. Ellender
      -Long
      -[Thomas] Hale Boggs
    -Necessity
    -Long
      -Welfare bill
      -Revenue sharing bill
        -Possible amendments
    -Landrieu
    -Long
      -Possible amendments
        -The President’s attitude
      -Proposed legislation
        -Effect upon Los Angeles
        -Intelligence
-Supporters
  -Senate
    -Understanding of needs of state and local governments
    -Persuasion
      -State and local officials
      -Needs of state and local governments
        -Arguments to use
    -Form of bill
      -Timeliness of action
-Implementation
  -Passage of bill
-Passage of bill
  -Senate’s approval
  -Congress’ approval
-Supporters
  -Wilbur D. Mills
  -John W. Byrnes
  -J. Herbert Burke
-Possible amendments to bill
  -Welfare reform
  -Effect within Congress
  -Welfare reform
    -Chance of passage
    -Differences between bills
-Form of bill

Present meeting
  -Participants
    -Schedule
  -Spokesmen
    -Press conference
  -Participants
    -The President’s appreciation
    -Other concerns

Revenue sharing
  -Importance
  -Congressional action

Present meeting
  -Coverage by press
    -National press
    -Local press
  -Purpose
    -Revenue sharing
      -Urgency

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

The President left at 9:29 am

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

Unknown people left at an unknown time before 3:39 pm
Date: July 25, 1972  
Time: 3:39 pm - 5:13 pm  
Location: Cabinet Room  


BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1  
[Personal Returnable]  
[Duration: 7m 37s_]

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 3:39 pm  
Sanchez left at an unknown time before 5:13 pm

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Colson’s staff  
-O’Donnell  
-Surrogate speakers  
-Speakers bureau  
-Work with Dean Burch at Federal Communications Commission [FCC]  
-Equal time memos
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 17m 40s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

Cabinet
  -Role
  -Secretaries of State and Defense
    -Defense of government’s policies
    -Criticism
    -1948 and 1952 campaigns
    -Partisan roles
    -Defense of administration’s policies
  -William P. Rogers
    -[Name unintelligible]
    -Role
  -Richard G. Kleindienst
    -Role
    -Police and fireman’s groups
    -American Bar Association
    -Audiences
    -Speeches
    -The President’s policies
      -Courts
      -Permissiveness issue
  -Issues
    -Judicial appointments
      -Conservatism
      -Warren E. Burger
      -Harry A. Blackmun
      -Lewis F. Powell, Jr.
      -William H. Rehnquist
    -The President’s approach to Constitution
    -Strength of issue
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 18m 35s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

Personnel
- Advancement
  - State Department bureaucrats
  - Defense officials
  - General George S. Patton, Jr.
    - Dwight D. Eisenhower’s opinion
    - Drew Pearson

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 34m 29s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

Inflation
- Popular attitudes
- Food prices
  - Farmers
    - Earl L. Butz
  - Butz
  - Ervin bill
  - Abuse of issue
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 2m 30s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

Gifts for Colson’s staff
- Cost
- Lyndon B. Johnson’s gifts

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

The President, et al. left at 5:13 pm

Date: Unknown between July 25 and July 28, 1972
Time: Unknown between 5:13 pm, July 25 and 1:50 pm, July 28, 1972
Location: Cabinet Room

Kenneth R. Cole, Jr. met with unknown men

Staff duties
- Lewis A. Engman
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 16s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3
[Non-historical]
[Duration: 4m 11s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

General Alexander M. Haig, Jr. entered at an unknown time after 5:13 pm, July 25, 1972

[Unintelligible]

Photographs
-Outcome
-Arrangements
-Photographer

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 36m 4s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Cole, et al. left at an unknown time before 1:50 pm, July 28, 1972
Constitution No. 104-13

Date: Unknown between July 25 and July 28, 1972
Time: Unknown between 5:13 pm, July 25 and 1:50 pm, July 28, 1972
Location: Cabinet Room

Unknown people [custodians?] met

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Non-historical]
[Duration: 1m 33s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Unknown people [custodians?] left at an unknown time before 1:50 pm, July 28, 1972