Conversation No. 108-1

Date: October 6, 1972
Time: Unknown between 8:55 am and 9:28 am
Location: Cabinet Room

Floyd B. McKissick, Sr., Charles Hurst, Samuel C. Jackson, W. O. Walker, Robert J. Brown, Clark MacGregor, Frederic V. Malek, Frank C. Herringer, Paul R. Jones, and Stanley S. Scott met; the White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 6m 35s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

The President entered at 9:06 am

Introductions
Photographs

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 2m 24s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
Opportunities
  -Education

Blacks
  -The President’s accomplishments
  -Record

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 2m 9s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 2m 1s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

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Date: October 12, 1972
Time: Unknown between 9:06 am and 8:48 pm
Location: Cabinet Room

The President met with George P. Shultz, Caspar W. (“Cap”) Weinberger, James E. Smith, Hugh Scott, Robert P. Griffin, Norris Cotton, Peter H. Dominick, Robert J. Dole, Wallace F. Bennett, John G. Tower, John D. Ehrlichman, Kenneth R. Cole, Jr., Ronald L. Ziegler, William E. Timmons, Thomas C. Korologos, William L. Gifford, and Wallace H. Johnson; the White House photographer and members of the press were present at the beginning of the meeting.

[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

Photograph

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

Congress
- Meeting
- Agenda
  - Shultz, Weinberger
- Debt Limit-Expenditure Ceiling Bill
  - Veto
- Budget
  - Spending tax and price increases
    - Effect of Congressional action
      - George H. Mahon
    - Presidential power
- Runaway spending
  - Appropriations and authorization
  - Control
    - Expenditure ceiling
    - Vetoes
- Debt Limit-Expenditure Ceiling Bill
  - House of Representatives
  - Senate
    - Russell B. Long, Leonard B. (“Len”) Jordan of Finance Committee
    - Busing legislation filibuster
- Record of Administration’s dealings with Congress
  - Vote on foreign policy, defense and domestic issues
  - Debt Limit-Expenditure Ceiling Bill
  - Tax increases
- Long, Jordan
  - House Resolution [HR] 1
- Herman E. Talmadge, Harry F. Byrd, Jr., Clinton P. Anderson, Long
  - Finance Committee
- Limitation on cuts
- Jordan
  - Schools, drug abuse law enforcement
  - Cuts
  - Amendment
- Cuts
  - Edward M. (“Ted”) Kennedy, Walter F. Mondale
    - Cancer research, Headstart, food stamp programs
- Letter to Wilbur D. Mills from Weinberger
  - Mahon amendment
  - Consultation
- Hearings
  - Weinberger’s testimony
  - Mills
- History of legislative efforts
  - Congressional role
    - President Lyndon B. Johnson
- The President’s radio talk
  - Spending cuts
    - Senators and Congressmen
    - Special interests
- Domestic issues
  - George H. Gallup, Louis Harris
    - Taxes, spending
- 1968 Congressional action
  - Bennett
- Possible amendments
- Conference
  - Long, Bennett, Carl T. Curtis, Jacob K. Javits, Anderson, Talmadge
- Methods of handling spending
  - Proposals
- Timing
  - Busing legislation, pins-and-needles bill
- Congressional schedule
- Executive power
  - Democratic view
- Senators Michael J. (“Mike”) Mansfield, Talmadge
- Outlook
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 6m 54s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Campaign practices
-Washington Post

The President left at 9:44 am

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

Recording was cut off at an unknown time before 8:48 pm

Date: October 13, 1972
Time: 10:06 am - 10:51 am
Location: Cabinet Room


Introductions

The Pay Board
-October 1971 meeting
- Appreciation for efforts
- Work
  - Long-term effects
    - Slowdown in wage escalation
    - Wage settlements
    - Wage increases
- Credit
  - The President’s August 15, 1971 wage-price action
    - Effect on wage earners
  - Labor
    - The President’s conversation with George Meany
  - Construction industry
- The economy
  - Cost of living, inflation, prices
  - Effect of Pay Board and Price Commission’s work
    - Inflation, wage increases
    - Discipline of American people

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Great Britain

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- The United States
  - International Monetary Fund [IMF] meeting
    - The President, Shultz
  - Importance of economic action
    - Use of controls
    - Market forces
    - Domestic issues
      - Foreign policy
        - The People’s Republic of China, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR], Vietnam
- Work of members
  - Motives, recognition
- Caseload
- Staff
-Cost of Living Council
  -Support
    -Rumsfeld
    -Liaison
      -Doug Johnson
  -Cooperation of labor leaders
  -Compliance

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Great Britain

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-Harry S Truman’s use of Army to break strike
-Postal union negotiations
  -Shultz, Meany
-Teamsters meeting
  -Frank E. Fitzsimmons, Einar O. Mohn
-[Harry?] Bridges
-Brewery workers
-Labor movement
  -Radicalism

Student unrest on campuses
  -University of California, Los Angeles [UCLA]
  -Berkeley
  -Santa Barbara
  -Activism
    -Revolutionaries
    -Environmentalists
  -Students for a Democratic Society
    -Attacks on conservative professors
      -Jacoby
        -Free trade
          -Shultz

Pay Board
-Free trade
  -Hartke bill
  -Long term effect of controls
    -The President’s August 15, 1971 wage-price action
  -Businessmen
-Business community
  -Expectations
-Salaries
-Cooperation of labor and business
  -Market forces
    -Post-World War II period
  -Shultz
    -Gordon
-Policy
  -Spending increases
  -Budgetary action
  -Pressures
    -Unionization
    -Regulation
    -Use of executive and congressional power
      -Shultz, John B. Connally
  -Western capitalism’s problems
    -Prosperity, full employment, prices
      -Government action
-1972 economic situation
  -Government responsibility
  -Use of controls
  -University of Chicago, UCLA

Gift presentation
  -Cost

Pay Board
  -Work

*The President, et al. left at 10:51 am*
Date: October 17, 1972
Time: 11:06 am - unknown before 11:21 am
Location: Cabinet Room


Drug abuse
- As issue
- Heroin use by the young
- Government action
  - Law enforcement
  - Treatment
  - Jaffe
- International cooperation
  - Turkish poppy crop
  - Southeast Asia
  - US foreign policy
    - Possible action vis-a-vis other nations
- Education
- Law enforcement
- Amount of money spent
- Progress
- Effectiveness of actions
  - Availability, use and distribution of dangerous drugs
  - Importance of saving lives
    - Teenage boy in Minnesota
      - Letter to the President
    - Brother’s use of Lysergic Acid Diethylamide [LSD]
      - The President’s use of anecdote in radio speech
- Urban problems
- Crime
- Prisons
  - The President’s visit to San Quentin prison
    - Youth of offenders
      - Drug related crimes
- Importance of Council’s work
- Presentation of awards to Council members
  - The President’s meeting with foreign labor leaders
Nonpartisan nature of pins and cufflinks with the Presidential seal

The President left before 11:21 am

National Advisory Council for Drug Abuse Prevention
    -Work
    -John D. Ehrlichman

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