Date: December 20, 1972
Time: Unknown after 11:24 am until 11:32 am
Location: Cabinet Room

The President met with George Meany, John H. (“Jack”) Lyons, C. L. Dennis, Paul Hall, [lorwith] W. Abel, Frank E. Fitzsimmons, Pat Greathouse, Peter J. Brennan, George P. Shultz, Herbert Stein, and Donald H. Rumsfeld
[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

Greetings

Productivity Commission
   -Members
   -Appreciation
   -Productivity
      -Labor-management cooperation
      -Member’s views
   -Department of Labor
      -Brennan
      -Shultz
      -James P. Mitchell
      -James D. Hodgson
      -George Shultz
      -Relations with the President
      -Committee members’ recommendations
         -Personnel
         -Department of Housing and Urban Development [HUD]
         -Role
      -Influence
      -President’s decision in national economy
      -Commission members’ compensation
         -Presentation of gifts by the President

The President left at 11:32 am

Transportation unions
   -Administration’s goals
   -Railroads
   -Grain exports
   -National maritime program

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

[Photograph]

Vietnam cease-fire agreement
- Television appearances
- "Peace with honor"
- Chronology
  - Congressional briefing
- Text of forthcoming announcement
  - Timing
  - Provisions
  - Protocols
- US objectives
  - Return of prisoners of war [POWs]
  - International supervision
  - Withdrawal of forces from South Vietnam
  - Self-determination

Recording ends at an unknown time after 11:32 am
Vietnam peace agreement

[To listen to the segment (11m44s) declassified on 02/28/2002, please refer to RC# E-603.]

-Congressional opposition to the President’s policy
  -Mansfield amendment
  -POWs
    -Wives
  -Importance
  -President’s policy
    -Peace with honor
      -Importance
  -Congressional supporters and opponents
    -Democrats, Republicans

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

The President, et al. left at 9:05 pm

Date: January 24, 1973
Time: 8:36 am - 10:49 am
Location: Cabinet Room

Morgan, Samuel S. Stratton, Joe D. Waggonner, Jr., Leslie C. Arends, William G. Bray, Elford A. Cederberg, William S. Mailliard, Samuel L. Devine, Jack F. Kemp, William E. Timmons, Ronald L. Ziegler, and Thomas C. Korologos; the White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

Vietnam Peace Agreement
- President’s statement
  - Thomas P. (“Tip”) O’Neill, Jr.’s statement
- Content
- Congressional briefing
  - Timing
    - Reasons
    - Stipulations
    - North Vietnamese

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Duration: 10m 23s]
VIETNAM PEACE AGREEMENT
SOUTHEAST ASIA
END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[To listen to the segment (1h42m29s) declassified on 02/28/2002, please refer to RC# E-603, E-604, and E-605.]

-Fulbright’s view
-Foreign aid authorization
  - Mahon’s view
    - Continuing legislation
    - Possible opponents
      - McClellan
      - Morgan
Korean war

[To listen to the segment (35s) declassified on 02/28/2002, please refer to RC# E-605.]

Need for Congressional support
- Leaders’ influence
- Importance
- Statements
  - Four points
  - Prisoners of war [POWs]
  - Indochinese peace/Vietnamization
- POW wife
- American soldiers

[General conversation/Unintelligible]
- President’s appreciation
- Bipartisan efforts
  - Kissinger
  - Press conference
- Possible congressional resolution
- Mansfield
- Fulbright
- Kemp
- Congressional resolution
  - Content
-Raymond K. Price, Jr.

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

The President left at 10:49 am

Date: January 24, 1973
Time: Unknown between 4:42 pm and 6:10 pm
Location: Cabinet Room


Photographs

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

Photographs

Budget

-Time

Gift

-Calendar
- Purpose

Second term

-Time left in second term
-Vice President
-President’s age

- Age at death
- Rogers

Budget
- Meetings
  - Rogers
  - 1972, 1973, and 1974
- Spending
- Government spending as a political issue
- Taxes as a political issue
  - Increases
- Balance budget as a political issue
  - Expanding economy
  - Inflation
  - Program cuts
  - School lunches
- Nixon’s goals
  - Tax cuts
- 1974 budget
  - Figures
  - Deficit
    - Amount
  - Full employment, employment figures
    - 1974 budget
      - Bureau of Labor Statistics
      - Stein
    - As percentage of Gross National Product [GNP]
  - Vietnam War
    - Federal budget
  - Importance of limiting expenditures
    - Taxes
- 1973 outlays
  - Spending amounts
    - Congress appropriations
    - Effect on 1974 budget
- 1974 budget
  - Employment
  - Balance
- 1975 budget
  - Spending
    - Reduction amounts
  - Tax reduction
- Full employment balance
- Economic simulations
- Expenditures
  - Shultz’s view
  - Problems with predictions
- Tax receipts
  - Projections
- Income taxes
  - Reductions
- Effect of 1969 Tax Bill
- Social Security
  - Taxes
    - Increase amounts
  - Benefits
    - Increase amounts
    - Receipts
  - Contributors
    - Cost of living increases
- Defense spending
  - Increases
- Human resources
  - Increases
- Defense
  - Spending amounts
  - Cost of Volunteer Army
    - Salaries
    - Size
    - Inflation
- Human resources
  - Benefits to elderly
- Food Assistance
  - Food Stamps
  - School lunches
    - Number
    - Food stamps
    - School lunches
      - Costs
- Minorities/civil rights enforcement
  - Assistance
    - Small businesses
    - School desegregation
  - Kleindienst
- Law enforcement funding
- State and local governments
- Environmental control
  - Pollution control
    - Clean Water Act
    - Administration increases
- Agriculture
  - Clean Water Act
  - Price supports
  - Civilian Conservation Corps [CCC]
- Food component of Consumer Price Index [CPI]
  - Beef supply
  - Beef prices
- Stabilize food prices
- Farm population
  - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] comparison
- Trade surplus
- Transportation
  - Highways
  - Airport construction
- Housing
  - Growth, decline
  - Subsidy
  - Revenue sharing
    - State and local government involvement
    - Rents
- Reduction and termination of programs
- Federal civilian employment
  - Reductions
    - Savings
- Reduction of programs
  - Savings
  - Legislation
    - Need for support
    - Deficit reduction
- Timetable
  - Congress
- Effect on economy
  - Inflation
    - Fears
  - Business spending
  - Economic expansion
- Compared to 1960
  - 1974 budget
    - Shultz’s view
    - Wage and price controls
  - Dwight D. Eisenhower’s budgets
    - Balanced budget
    - Tight money policy
- Energy
  - Research and development
    - Administration’s efforts
    - Breeder reactors
  - Compared with other areas
    - Charts
- Congress

[This conversation continues as 113-1; an unknown portion of the conversation was not recorded while the tape was being changed]