

**NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF****Tape Subject Log**  
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Conversation No. 112-1

Date: January 31, 1973

Time: Unknown after 12:00 pm until 12:08 pm

Location: Cabinet Room

Herbert Stein met with Ezra Solomon, Marina von N. Whitman, Frances James, Dorothy Bagovich, Paul W. Boltz, Mayme Burnett, John D. Darroch, Mary C. Fibich, D. Carolyn Fletcher, Murray F. Foss, Catherine H. Furlong, James W. Gatling, William E. Gibson, Cheryl L. Green, Ronald F. Hoffman, Mary W. Hook, William A. Johnson, Elizabeth A. Kaminski, Bessie M. Lafakis, Patricia A. Lee, Leo V. Mayer, Madge V. McMahon, David C. Munro, Jean P. Noll, Frank C. Norman, June A. O'Neill, Nicholas S. Perna, Joyce A. Pilkerton, Earnestine Reid, Linda A. Reilly, Natalie V. Rentfro, Gary L. Seevers, Lydia Segal, Bettye T. Siegel, Nancy F. Skidmore, Lillie M. Sturniolo, Robert D. Tollison, Robert C. Vogel, Alice H. Williams, and Dorothy L. Green; the White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

The President entered at 12:03 pm

Signing of 1973 Economic Report

-Timing of release

-Vietnam announcement

-Henry A. Kissinger

-Media coverage

-Leaks

-Publicity

-Washington Star

-Hobart Rowen

-Distribution of pens

-Presidential seal

-Budget

-Council of Economic Advisors [CEA]

-1972 economy

Presentation of gifts by the President

-Anecdotes

1973 Economic Report

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

The President, Stein, et al. left at 12:08 pm

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Conversation No. 112-2

Date: February 5, 1973  
Time: 10:40 am - 11:08 am  
Location: Cabinet Room

The President met with Donald H. Rumsfeld, James W. McLane, George H. Boldt, Robert P. Tiernan, Kermit Gordon, Arnold R. Weber, William G. Caples, Dr. C. Jackson ("Dan") Grayson, Jr., William B. Lewis, William T. Coleman, Jr., Mary T. Hamilton, Robert F. Lanzillotti, John William Queenan, and J. Wilson Newman

[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

Economic Stabilization Program  
-Pay Board and Price Commission  
    -Boldt  
    -Grayson  
    -Phase II  
        -Effects  
        -Cooperation  
-Consumer Price Index [CPI]  
    -Increases  
        -Compared to Wage-Price Index  
    -Commodities  
    -Food  
-Bureaucracy  
    -Size  
    -Unemployment  
        -Decrease  
-Effect on national economy  
    -Growth

[Unintelligible -- Camera noise]

Phase II  
-Transition  
-Wage and price controls

Pay Board and Price Commission  
-Appreciation of board members  
-Weber, Hamilton  
-Members' service  
-Effort

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-Board and staff members  
-Future  
-Members' service  
-Future  
    -Inflation control

Economic Stabilization Program  
-Phase III  
    -William McChesney Martin  
        -Arthur F. Burns  
    -Business community  
    -Compared to Phase II  
        -Stock market  
            -Future  
        -*Washington Star*  
    -Hobart Rowen  
        -Columns  
    -Vietnam  
    -International monetary situation  
    -Stock market  
    -Agriculture subsidies  
        -Agricultural lobby  
        -Phase I and Phase II

-World food situation  
    -Soviet Union  
        -Crop failure  
    -Japan  
    -United States  
        -Effect of new world markets  
        -Surpluses  
    -World food prices

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World markets

Energy crisis

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- Energy crisis
  - George P. Shultz's report in 1970
    - Oil imports
    - Decontrol
    - Complaints
  - Alaska Pipeline
  - World demand
    - Industrialization
    - Nuclear power
- Phase II
  - Demand
  - Increases in food prices
  - Church-state separation
    - Seventh Day Adventists
    - Food
    - Mary Baker Eddy
    - Health
    - Abortion
      - Appreciation
  - Media comment
  - Accomplishments
    - Pay Board and Price Commission
    - Return to Phase I
  - Future
    - Super Bowl/Billy Kilmer
  - Standard of living
    - Private sector role

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Great Britain and the Common Market

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- Phase II
  - American Labor

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- Cooperation of business, consumers, and labor
- World War II
- Edward R. G. Heath
- Future
  - Differing interests
  - Inflation
- Inflation
  - Phase III
  - Market forces
  - Martin's predictions
  - Food
    - Importance
  - Wage increases

Presentation of gifts by the President

- Ashtrays
- President's appreciation
- President's responsibility for next phase

The President left at 11:08 am

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

Recording ends at an unknown time after 11:08 am

Conversation No. 112-3

Date: February 6, 1973

Time: Unknown after 9:35 am until 11:16 am

Location: Cabinet Room

The President met with Hugh Scott, Robert P. Griffin, Wallace F. Bennett, William E. Brock, III, John G. Tower, Gerald R. Ford, Leslie C. Arends, John B. Anderson, Samuel L. Devine, Barber B. Conable, Jr., Robert C. ("Bob") Wilson, George H. W. Bush, Roy L. Ash, John D. Ehrlichman, William E. Timmons, Richard K. Cook, Thomas C. Korologos, Ronald L. Ziegler, and Kenneth R. Cole, Jr.

[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

Budget

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- Congress' February schedule
- Recesses
  - President's schedule
  - Bills
  - Schedule
- George H. Mahon
  - Appropriations bills
  - Continuing resolutions
- Anderson
  - Rules Committee
  - Appropriations
- Charles M. Teague
  - Unknown bill
- Thomas S. Foley
  - Democratic study group
  - Appropriations
  - Programs
- President's schedule
  - Congressional leaders
- Possible vetoes of bills
- Ash
- Possible congressional response
  - White House response
  - Tax increase versus budget cuts
- Increase (1974)
  - Economic growth
  - Deficit decrease
  - Spending increases
- Economic growth
- Inflation
  - Effect of spending
- Tax increases
  - Department of Treasury
- Tax reform
  - Income taxes
- Instructions for Ehrlichman regarding Department of Treasury
  - Tax figures
- Edmund S. Muskie
  - Television appearance
  - Budget cuts
  - Programs

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## Agenda

- Foreign policy
  - Vietnam
- Budget

## Budget

- Ash's briefing
  - Previous briefing before Appropriations Committee
  - Congressional briefing materials
    - Statements
  - Reductions
    - Targeted programs
    - Reasons
  - Hill-Burton Program
    - Spending
    - Hospital beds
    - Loan guarantee program
  - Impact Aid
    - Elementary, secondary school aid
      - Military personnel
      - Spending reductions
    - Fairfax County, Virginia; Prince George's and Montgomery Counties, Maryland
      - Military personnel
      - Montgomery County
    - Lease Program/Agriculture
      - Amount
      - Conservation programs
    - Reasons for program spending reductions
    - Rural Electrification Administration [REA]
      - Amount
      - Manassas, Virginia
        - International Business Machines [IBM]
      - Urban/industrial areas
      - Rural Development Act
        - Amount
        - Loan availability
    - Low-cost housing
      - Subsidized housing
      - Federal commitments
        - Amount
        - Future

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- Effects
- Re-evaluation
- John V. Lindsay
- Program re-evaluation
- Public hearings
- Miami and St. Louis projects
- Commitments
  - Cut-off date
  - Reservations
- Beneficiaries
  - Segregation
  - Great Britain's experience
- Reform
  - Public housing projects compared to housing allowances
- Miami
  - Slums
- Transportation
  - Suburbs
- Atlanta
  - Suburban public housing
- Urban renewal
  - Beneficiaries
    - Developers
- Emergency Disaster Loans
  - Need for reform
  - Participants
    - Counties
    - Individuals
  - Size
  - Criteria
    - Reform
  - Abuse
  - Los Angeles earthquake
  - Hurricane Agnes
  - Criteria
    - Reform
- Office of Emergency Preparedness [OEP]
  - General George A. Lincoln
- Reasons for reform
  - Past experiences
- Ash's availability
- Programs discussed generally

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- "Responsibility" budget
  - Reasons
  - Program areas and priorities
  - Administration's priorities
  - Defense
  - Compared to four years ago
  - Food stamps
    - Increase
  - Effects of inflation
  - Obligation to the poor, elderly taxpayers
    - Obligations to Americans
      - Inflation
      - Taxes
    - Economic forecast for 1973/Jobs
      - Unemployment, inflation, taxes
- 1968 budget
  - Deficit
- Economic Stabilization Program
  - Opposition
  - Responsible budget
- President's veto list
  - Monetary savings
  - Congress
    - Spending limits
    - Veto overrides, withholding funds
      - Tax increases
      - Administration's position
- Administration's priorities
  - Budget in brief
  - Chart book
    - Programs
    - Ziegler's briefing
    - Ehrlichman's analysis
    - Figures
- Improvement
  - Lyndon B. Johnson's budget
- Executive privilege
  - Ehrlichman's interview with *US News and World Report*
  - John F. Kennedy
    - Use of executive privilege
  - Harry S Truman
    - Use of executive privilege

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- Congressional Record*
- Improvement
  - W. Ramsey Clark
  - Truman
  - Mahon
- Special revenue sharing
  - 1974 budget
  - Education
    - Administration's policy
    - Student grants
    - Black colleges
      - Qualified people
    - Grant programs
      - University of California
      - Chicago
      - Massachusetts Institute of Technology [MIT]
        - Defense grants
      - Faculties
        - Attitudes toward defense
        - Reserve Officers Training Corps [ROTC]
      - Medical research
        - Grants
        - University of Utah
- Vietnam cease-fire
  - Democrats
  - Media comment
    - Richard ("Dick") Wilson's column
    - Vice President's trip
  - Barry M. Goldwater's statement
  - Congressional Record*
    - Media

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Vietnam war and peace agreement

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- Nixon Administration's accomplishments
- Colonel William B. Nolde's family
  - Funeral service
  - President's meeting with Nolde family, February 5, 1973
    - Silent Majority
    - Peter J. Brennan
    - Claudia A. (Taylor) ("Lady Bird") Johnson
  - President's conversations with the Nolde family
  - Nixon Administration's program
    - Compared to George S. McGovern's program
  - President's option in 1969

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Vietnam peace agreement

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Vietnam

- Peace with honor
  - James B. ("Scotty") Reston and *New York Times*
  - Respect of allies
- Kennedy
  - Henry Fairlie's [?] book [Great Expectation]
  - Ngo Dinh Diem
  - Laos
- Lyndon B. Johnson
  - Escalation
  - Reasons for US involvement
  - Nolde family
  - Amnesty
    - Deserters
      - Compared to veterans
  - Abraham Lincoln's policy
    - Haynes B. Johnson
    - Deserters

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- Amnesty
  - Nixon Administration's policy
- Congressional action
  - Senate
- Republican leadership
  - Talks with Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] and People's Republic of China
  - Peace with honor
- President's policy
  - Peace in the world
  - Effects on foreign policy

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Foreign policy

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- US role
  - Media
- Statements by Republicans

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

The President, et al. left at 11:16 am

Conversation No. 112-5

Date: Unknown between February 6 and February 8, 1973

Time: Unknown between 11:16 am, February 6 and 7:57 am, February 8, 1973

Location: Cabinet Room

L. Dean Brown met with an unknown man

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

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Henry A. Kissinger entered at an unknown time after 11:16 am, February 6, 1973

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

Kissinger's itinerary  
-Bangkok  
-Unknown trips

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[Personal Returnable]  
[Duration: 12s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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[Unintelligible]

Kissinger's schedule  
-Jerusalem trip  
-Mexico  
-Middle East

[Unintelligible]

Kissinger left at an unknown time before 7:57 am, February 8, 1973

[Unintelligible]

Head of State dinner for King Hussein ibn Talal of Jordan  
-Schedule  
-Salah Abu Zaid  
-Browns  
-Options  
-Timing  
-President

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-Receiving line

-Guests

-Members of the Cabinet

-W. Clement Stone

-Elmer H. Bobst

-Members of Congress

-Entertainment

-Francis A. ("Frank") Sinatra

-Edward R. G. Heath's visit

-Mary Costa

-US Army Chorus

White House entertainment

-Lucy A. Winchester

-Joey Heatherton

-The Carpenters

Blair House

John A. ("Jack") Mulcahy

-Residence

-Visit

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

[National Security]

[Duration: 5m 35s ]

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[General conversation/Unintelligible]

Brown, et al. left at an unknown time before 7:57 am, February 8, 1973