



NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF

Tape Subject Log  
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Conversation No. 122-1

Date: April 10, 1973  
Time: Unknown after 8:37 am until 10:19 am  
Location: Cabinet Room

The President met with Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, George P. Shultz, Peter M. Flanigan, Hugh Scott, Robert P. Griffin, Michael J. ("Mike") Mansfield, Robert C. Byrd, Russell B. Long, J. William Fulbright, Wallace F. Bennett, George D. Aiken, Carl B. Albert, Thomas P. ("Tip") O'Neill, Jr., Gerald R. Ford, John J. McFall, Leslie C. Arends, Wilbur D. Mills, Dr. Thomas E. ("Doc") Morgan, Herman T. Schneebeli, William S. Mailliard, John D. Ehrlichman, Ronald L. Ziegler, William E. Timmons, Richard K. Cook, Thomas C. Korologos, Kenneth W. Dam, William D. Eberle, and William Pierce

[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

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Foreign trade

Trade legislation

*[To listen to the segment (46m18s) declassified on 02/28/2002, please refer to RC# E-615, E-616.]*

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Foreign trade legislation

- American workers
- Effect of expanding imports
  - National safeguard
    - Five-year transition period
- Displaced workers
  - Pensions
    - Circumstances
  - Proposed legislation
    - Unemployment insurance
      - Previous administrations
    - Problems
      - Congressional action
      - Secretary of Labor

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- Percentage of income
- Beneficiaries
- Opposition
  - Employers
  - Strikes
- Peter J. Brennan
- Relocation assistance
- Job training
- Business adjustment assistance
  - Administration's proposals
- Congressional action
  - Mills' view
- Administration's proposals
- Pensions
  - Individuals' plans
  - Conflicts
  - Details

Forthcoming leadership meeting  
 -Energy problem

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Most favored nation legislation

Emigration

*[To listen to the segment (7m5s) declassified on 02/28/2002, please refer to RC# E-616.]*

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[General conversation/Unintelligible]

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Conversation No. 122-2

Date: April 12, 1973

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Time: 10:03 am - 11:27 am  
Location: Cabinet Room

The President met with William P. Rogers, Elliot L. Richardson, Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, Dr. James R. Schlesinger, Philip J. Farley, Donald H. Rumsfeld, [David] Kenneth Rush, Ronald I. Spiers, Bruce Clarke, Henry A. Kissinger, General Brent G. Scowcroft, Helmut (“Hal”) Sonnenfeldt, Philip A. Odeen, and James Keogh; the White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1  
[National Security]  
[Duration: 24m 34s ]

MUTUAL BALANCED FORCE REDUCTIONS

NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION [NATO]

Jim [Surname unknown] entered at an unknown time after 10:03 am

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

*[To listen to the segment (59m37s) declassified on 02/28/2002, please refer to RC# E-616, E-617.]*

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The President, et al. left at 11:27 am

Conversation No. 122-3

Date: April 18, 1973  
Time: Unknown after 7:58 am until 10:17 am  
Location: Cabinet Room

Vice President Spiro T. Agnew met with George P. Shultz, William E. Simon, Michael J.

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(“Mike”) Mansfield, Hugh Scott, Robert C. Byrd, Henry M. (“Scoop”) Jackson, Paul J. Fannin, Warren G. (“Maggie”) Magnuson, Norris Cotton, John O. Pastore, George D. Aiken, James L. Buckley, Ted Stevens, Carl B. Albert, Thomas P. (“Tip”) O’Neill, Jr., Gerald R. Ford, John J. McFall, Leslie C. Arends, Harley O. Staggers, Samuel L. Devine, Melvin Price, Craig Hosmer, Chet Holifield, Roger Zion, Marvin L. Esch, John P. Saylor, John D. Ehrlichman, Charles J. DiBona, Henry A. Kissinger, William E. Timmons, Roy L. Ash, Ronald L. Ziegler, Richard K. Cook, Thomas C. Korologos, Richard M. Fairbanks, III, Kenneth R. Cole, Jr., and Peter M. Flanigan; the White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

The President entered at 8:38 am

Energy

- Attendees
- Reasons
- Present situation
- Reasons for meeting
- President’s view of problem
- ”Energy crisis”
- Natural gas
- Prices
- Oil import quotas
- Environmental problems
- Options
- President’s decisions
- Possibility of future crises

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[National Security]

[Duration: 39s]

NUCLEAR ENERGY

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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- Agenda for meeting
  - Ehrlichman
- Individuals working on problem
  - Ehrlichman
    - Legislation
  - Shultz
    - Energy proposals
  - Kissinger
    - Foreign policy
  - Rogers C. B. Morton
    - Domestic Council
      - Flanigan
  - White House committee
    - Kissinger, Ehrlichman, Shultz, DiBona
- Pending legislation
  - Power plant
  - Mining
  - Alaska pipeline
  - Bureau of Land Management [BLM]
- Proposed legislation
  - Santa Barbara channel legislation
    - Oil leases
  - Deep water port facilities licensing
    - Supertankers
  - Natural gas
    - Deregulation
      - Prices
    - President's conversation with Russell B. Long
- Department of Energy and Natural Resources
  - Negotiations with Congress
- International monetary negotiations
  - Discussions of energy

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Oil exporters

***[To listen to the segment (2m10s) declassified on 02/28/2002, please refer to RC# E-617.]***

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- US energy resources
  - Energy message
    - Domestic resources
      - Means
    - Environment
    - Research and development
  - Current needs
    - Oil imports
    - Self-sufficiency
    - Current oil prices
- Oil import control system
  - Simon's work
  - Quota system
    - Obsolescence
  - President's program
- Changes in oil import program
  - Quantitative restrictions
    - Elimination
    - View of oil industry
  - License fee system
    - Operation
    - Transition from current system
  - Quotas
    - Encouragement of domestic exploration
    - Effect on prices
    - Need for deep water ports
- Natural gas
  - Environment
  - Pricing
    - Effect on usage
- Location of petroleum resources
  - Outer continental shelf
  - Alaska
- President's proposals
  - Oil leases expansion
    - Gulf of Mexico
    - Pacific Ocean
    - Environment
    - Santa Barbara

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- Atlantic Ocean
  - Role of Council on Environmental Quality [CEQ]
- Alaska
  - Role of US Geological Survey
- Tax credit for exploration for new oil and gas
  - Details
- Alaska pipeline
  - Reserves
    - Effect on US imports
  - Right of way provision
    - Jackson
- Morton's letter to President

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Canada

*[To listen to the segment (24s) declassified on 02/28/2002, please refer to RC# E-617.]*

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- Possible Canadian pipeline
- Research and development
  - Federal budgets
    - Funding
  - Private enterprise
  - Burning of coal
  - Nuclear power
    - Procedural problems in construction
      - Comparison with other nations
  - Reforms
    - Development and construction
    - Electric Facilities Siting Act
- Coal
  - Supplies
  - Environmental problems
    - Strip mining
      - Jackson's statement
      - Administration's position
  - Burning

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- Clean Air Act
- Supply
  - Oil imports
  - Effect on employment
- Conservation
- Kissinger's knowledge
  - Domestic aspects of energy shortage
  - Petroleum
- Kissinger's views
  - Foreign policy implications
    - US reserves
    - Production

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US oil reserves

Oil imports

*[To listen to the segment (16m16s) declassified on 02/28/2002, please refer to RC# E-617, E-618.]*

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- Coal research funding
  - Current and projected budgets
    - Byrd's concerns
    - Funds
  - Programs
    - Gasification
    - Liquefaction
    - Projected budgets
      - Sources of funding
        - DiBona
        - Future funding
  - Mine safety
    - Funding for research
    - Flooding
    - Fires
    - Results of prior research

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- Advice from private sector
- Funds for research
  - Compared to Japan
  - Waste
- Ways to increase domestic petroleum supplies
  - Natural gas prices
  - Offshore leasing
  - Alaska pipeline
  - Leasing federal lands
    - Exploration
  - Naval reserves
    - Elk Hills
  - Productivity of wells
    - Investment credit
    - Production costs
      - Problems
  - California and Texas oil fields

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Foreign policy implications

*[To listen to the segment (9m29s) declassified on 02/28/2002, please refer to RC# E-618.]*

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- Conservation
  - Organization in Interior Department
- Labeling of appliances and cars
  - Bureau of Standards
  - Gas mileage
  - Environmental concerns
- Mass transit funding
  - Highway Trust Fund
  - Effect on automobile industry
  - Environment
  - Automobile features
    - Complexity
      - Incident with an Italian Prime Minister
  - Department of Transportation study

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- Mass transit
- Effect of automobiles' demand for gasoline
- Automobiles safety devices
- Secretary of Transportation
  - Attitudes
- Electricity
  - Growth in use
  - Power-siting bill
    - Charles Luce
    - Federal preemption of states' rights
      - Locations
  - Hydroelectric plants
    - Delays in construction
      - Snake River
      - Effects on costs
      - Funding
    - Effect on aluminum plants
- Nuclear plants
  - Licensing
    - Time
  - Electricity
  - Power-siting bill
  - Application of Judicial procedures to Executive decisionmaking
  - Licensing of a nuclear power plant
- President's message
  - Summary
- Briefings for Congress that afternoon
  - Staff members
- Research and development funds
- Need to educate the public
- Competition between sources
  - Effect of development of nuclear power
- Coal
  - Jennings Randolph's trip to Washington, DC
- Value of legislative-executive discussion
- DiBona
  - Work with problem
- Problem with imports

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Oil exports

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- Need to educate the public
  - Nuclear plants
    - President's house in San Clemente
  - Coal
  - Automobile use
  - Environment
  - Energy consumption
  - President's belief
- Potential problems
  - Urgency
- Role of Congress
- DiBona

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

The President, et al. left at 10:17 am