Conversation No. 122-1

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


[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
-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

Most favored nation legislation

Emigration

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

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

Recording ends at an unknown time before 10:19 am, while the conversation is in progress

Conversation No. 122-2

Date: April 12, 1973
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.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1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.]

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

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.
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.]
-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
- 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

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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
US oil reserves

Oil imports

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

-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

-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

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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
- 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
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