

Tape Subject Log

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Conversation No. 277-1

Date: September 14, 1971

Time: Unknown between 8:56 pm and 8:59 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Paul W. Keyes.

[The recording begins at an unknown time while the conversation is in progress]

[See Conversation No. 9-12]

Conversation No. 277-2

Date: September 14, 1971 Time: 9:16 pm - 9:18 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Paul W. Keyes.

[See Conversation No. 9-13; one item has been withdrawn from the conversation]

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

[Personal Returnable]

[Duration: 47s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

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Conversation No. 277-3

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: 11:05 am - 11:15 am

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Attica prison riot

- -Ziegler's conversation with John D. Ehrlichman
- -Ehrlichman's conversation with Nelson A. Rockefeller
 - -Time
 - -Autopsies on hostages
 - -Advice
 - -Low profile stance of administration
 - -Support by the administration of Rockefeller
- -The administration's response
 - -Possible press conference statements
 - -Decision-making process by the administration
 - -The administration's relationship with Rockefeller
- -Events concerning Attica riot
 - -Possible outside influence
 - -Action of inmates
 - -Confrontation between guards and inmates
 - -Stance
 - -The left-wing and radicals
 - -Comparison to anti-Vietnam War moratoriums
 - -Public statement by the administration
 - -Decision by Rockefeller
 - -Position of responsibility
 - -Administration's position on situation
 - -Rockefeller
 - -Action
 - -Telephone call to Ehrlichman
 - -Timing
 - -Possible public statements
 - -May Day demonstrators

Forthcoming press conference

- -Possible question
 - -George S. McGovern
 - -Trip to Vietnam

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-Security problem

-The President's travels abroad

-Latin America, Peru, Burma, Pakistan

-Possible response

-Details

-Comments

-Ambassador

-McGovern's security

Edmund S. Muskie

-Time magazine story

Attica

-Decision

-The President's position

Ziegler left at 11:15 am.

Conversation No. 277-4

Date: September 15, 1971

Time: Unknown between 11:15 am and 11:59 am

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 9-14]

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Conversation No. 277-5

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: 11:59 am - 12:01 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

[See Conversation No. 9-15]

Conversation No. 277-33

Date: September 15, 1971

Time: Unknown between 12:01 pm and 12:18 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

An unknown woman [Mary A. ("Toni") Sidley?] entered at an unknown time after 12:01 pm.

Schedule

The unknown woman [Sidley?] left at an unknown time before 12:18 pm.

Conversation No. 277-6

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: 12:18 pm - 12:20 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

[See Conversation No. 9-17]

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Conversation No. 277-7

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: 12:24 pm - 12:25 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

[See Conversation No. 9-19]

Conversation No. 277-8

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: 12:37 pm - 12:39 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

[See Conversation No. 9-21]

Conversation No. 277-9

Date: September 15, 1971

Time: Unknown between 12:39 pm and 1:05 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman.

Schedule

-Meeting request

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Conversation No. 277-10

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: 1:05 pm - 2:10 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman.

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Weather
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-Temperature

-President's schedule, September 14, 1971 -[Truman] balcony

The press

- -Instructions to Ronald L. Ziegler regarding contacts with the press
 - -Response
 - -Call from James B. ("Scotty") Reston to Ziegler
 - -Time
 - -Appointment request
 - -Max Frankel
 - -Robert B. Semple, Jr.
 - -New York Times
- -Henry A. Kissinger
 - -Conversation with Reston
 - -Strategy involved
 - -Pressure
 - -Contacts
- -Ziegler's handling
- -Kissinger
 - -Clearance with Ziegler, Haldeman
 - -Joseph C. Kraft
- -In-depth interviews with newspapers
 - -Handling prior to election time
 - -Timing
 - -Richard L. ("Dick") Wilson
 - -Stewart J.O. Alsop
 - -Attitude towards the administration
- -Agreements by Ziegler

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************************* BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1 [Personal Returnable] [Duration: 55s] END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1 ********************************** The press -Alsop -Handling during forthcoming year -Written articles compared with interviews -US News & World Report -Possible article by the President -Associated Press [AP] and United Press International [UPI] -Reston -Edmund S. Muskie -Ziegler -Thomas W. Braden -Semple -President's view -The New York Times interviews -Frankel, Reston -Protection of the administration -Semple, Edward Dale -Strategy towards the press -Exclusive interviews -George P. Shultz's view -Dale, Semple -The administration's relations with the press -Ziegler -Press attitude -Type of support for the administration -Los Angeles Times -Relationship with the administration -Claude Erwin

-New York Post

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-Don Erwing [sp?]
     -Reston's inquiry to Kissinger
          -Haldeman's involvement
          -Response
          -Estimation of newspaper response
     -The President's relationship with the press
          -Possible outcome
     -Ouestion of interviews
           -Alsop, Chalmers Roberts
     -Ziegler
     -George Putnam
          -Influence
                -Compared to Reston
                     -Votes
The President's schedule
     -National Security Council [NSC]
          -Meeting
          -Time
          -John B. Connally
                -Return from trip
                -Time
          -Date
          -Schedule for meeting
                -Date
                -Time
          -Camp David
                -Florida
     -Problems
          -Discussion
          -Chain of events
     -Type of schedule
     -Days of the week
          -Scheduling of days
          -Wednesday
                -Preparation for possible press conference
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Press relations

- -Briefing book for press conferences
 - -Patrick J. Buchanan
 - -Responsibility for briefing book

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- -Current situations
 - -Updating
 - -Day of the week
- -Preparation for the President
- -Reduction of questions for the President
 - -Update of events
- -Day of the week
 - -Weekly review for the President
 - -Local news
- -Accuracy
- -John N. Mitchell
- -Connally
- -Shultz
- -Edwin Hoyt's use of contacts in the White House
 - -Herbert G. Klein
 - -Rose Mary Woods
 - -Knowledge
 - -Answers to questions
 - -Duty as personal secretary
 - -Position
 - -Edward C. Nixon

Publication of books

- -Individuals writing books
 - -Time
 - -Paul Healy
- -Administration reaction towards writing books about the President
- -Time period before the election
 - -Lack of time
 - -After election
 - -Effects on the President
- -Rowland Evans and Robert D. Novak
 - -Nixon in the White House: The Frustration of Power
 - -Lyndon Johnson: An Exercise in Power
 - -The People's Republic of China [PRC]
 - -Economic action
 - -Inclusion at end of book
 - -Publication of errata
 - -Style of writing
 - -Authenticity of book on the President
 - -Kissinger

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-Evans
                -Accuracy of facts, quotes
                -Hugh S. Sidey
                -Columns versus books
                -Effects
          -Effects of PRC developments
          -Buchanan's opinion of Evans' book
                     -Bestselling book's impact
          -Type of book
                -Reader's Digest
                     -Personal focus
                     -Story of Haldeman, John D. Ehrlichman, Klein, William L.
                          Safire, Robert H. Finch, Donald H. Rumsfeld
          -Buchanan's view
                -Type of book
                -Possible effect of book
                -Comparison to Victor Lasky's book on John F. Kennedy
          -Conservatives
          -Book on Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
          -Effect of book about the President
                -Perceptions
                     -Arthur F. Burns' role in the administration
                           -Daniel P. ("Pat") Moynihan
                          -Type of story
          -Buchanan
-More books published about the President
-Look magazine article about Haldeman
-William Loeb
     -Unknown book
-Kennedy
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Press stories

-Evans

-Reston

- -Pentagon Papers
 - -Kissinger
 - -Involvement of the New York Times
- -Interviews
- -Meeting between the President and Kissinger
- -Reston
 - -Contact issue

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- -Question of interview with Kissinger
- -Instruction for Haldeman to talk with Kissinger

Security of documents

- -Papers of the White House staff
 - -[Forename unknown] Reitzel (sp?)
 - -Retrieval system within the administration
- -NSC papers
 - -Kissinger
 - -Importance
 - -Distribution among NSC staff
 - -Handling
 - -Post-election period
 - -Kissinger
 - -Possession
 - -Location
 - -Establishment of special safekeeping measures
 - -Possible problems
- -Coordination of efforts
- -Kissinger
 - -Contacts
 - -George S. McGovern, Edward M. Kennedy
 - -William P. Rogers
 - -Handling of contacts
 - -White House location

Scheduling

- -Warren E. Burger
- -Meetings with groups
 - -Value
- -Clark MacGregor
- -Congressional leaders, members
- -Presidential trips
- -Types of events
 - -Focus
- -Type of meeting held at Camp David
 - -Second line staff
 - -Safire
 - -Paul A. Volcker
 - -Focus
 - -Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger

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- -Safire, Kenneth W. Dam
- -Ehrlichman, Weinberger
- -Forthcoming economic action
 - -Quadriad
- -Astronauts
 - -Trip to Camp David

Cabinet

- -Connally
 - -Forthcoming talk with Haldeman
- -Leadership
 - -Rogers
 - -Rogers C.B. Morton
 - -George W. Romney
 - -Maurice H. Stans
 - -Peter G. Peterson
 - -John A. Volpe
 - -Elliot L. Richardson
 - -Politics compared with administrative work

Press relations

- -Interviews in the Oval Office
- -Television
 - -News hour
 - -Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
 - -Announcement
- -Timing
 - -Press conferences
- -Editors
- -Question and answer [Q&A] sessions
 - -Detroit
 - -East Wing
 - -News hour
- -Press conference scheduling
- -Number of appearances by the President since July 1

The President's meetings with small groups

- -Effectiveness
- -Meetings
- -Education factor
- -Color reports on meetings

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-Kennedy administration
Evans and Novak book
     -Challenging of judgements, facts
          -Knowledge of details
     -Drew Pearson
          -Column
     -Columns
The President's schedule
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- -Florida
- -Charlotte, North Carolina [William F. ("Billy") Graham tribute]
- -Opening of Disney World
 - -Veteran's Day weekend
 - -Possible preview visit by the President
 - -Orlando, Florida
 - -Importance
 - -Publicity
 - -Interest by foreigners in Disneyland
 - -Visitors
 - -Disneyland compared to Disneyworld
 - -Southern California
 - -Florida
- -Events
 - -Jews
 - -Dinner

Evans and Novak book

- -Ehrlichman's reaction
- -Campaign comparison
- -Focus
- -John R. Chamberlain

Unknown woman

Evans and Novak book

Programs

-Possible changes

Polls

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-Effectiveness of the President's actions
-Leadership
-Meetings with groups of individuals
-Influence
-Productivity

Economy
-Connally
-Burns
-Monetary issues
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- -Shultz
- -Connally
- -Penn Central Corporation
- -Collapse of stock market

The media

-Publication of Edith Efron's book

-Predictions

Attica State Prison riots

- -Nelson A. Rockefeller
 - -Position
 - -Decision
 - -Hostages
- -Killings
 - -Number of killings
 - -Sequence
- -Decision by Rockefeller
- -Convicts
 - -Guard killings
 - -Effect of kill ratio
- -Rockefeller
 - -Relation of situation to Cambodia
 - -[Arnold] Eric Sevareid, Harry Reasoner
 - -Course of action by Rockefeller

Presidential leadership

- -Perceptions
 - -The PRC initiative
 - -Public view of presidential authority
 - -Use of power of presidential office

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-Sidey's column
             -Possible impact
                 -Asia
                     -Japan and China
                     -Economic conditions
             -Cambodia
        -Use of power in foreign policy
             -PRC trip
        -Use of power in handling domestic issues
            -The economy
    The President's staff
    Congressional relations
    Polls
        -Charles W. Colson
        -Imbalance of positive and negative
[Unintelligible]
    Staff
        -Morale
        -Recent actions
            -News summary reports
            -Sense of activity
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Opening of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts -Leonard Bernstein - Mass -Reviews -Performances, architecture, theaters -Response -Emotional impact -Unknown person's criticism ************************************ BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3 [Personal Returnable] [Duration: 27s] END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3 ************************* Buchanan -Evans and Novak book Haldeman left at 2:10 pm. Conversation No. 277-11 Date: September 15, 1971 Time: Unknown between 2:10 pm and 2:30 pm Location: Executive Office Building The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1 [Personal Returnable]

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Conversation No. 277-14

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: 2:30 pm - 2:32 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

President's schedule
-Details

Butterfield left at 2:32 pm.

Conversation No. 277-15

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: 2:32 pm - 2:33 pm

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Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

[See Conversation No. 9-23]

Conversation No. 277-16

Date: September 15, 1971

Time: Unknown between 2:33 pm and 2:37 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger.

Kissinger's schedule
-Meeting with the President
-The President's forthcoming press conference

Conversation No. 277-17

Date: September 15, 1971

Time: Unknown between 2:33 pm and 2:37 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 9-24]

Conversation No. 277-18

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: 2:37 pm - 3:15 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

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The President talked with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

[See Conversation No. 9-25]

Henry A. Kissinger entered at 2:38 pm.

[End of telephone conversation]

Press conference, September 16, 1971

- -Report on US foreign aid
 - -Democratic elections
 - -Statistics
 - -Number of countries
 - -Elective processes
 - -Democratic elections compared to contested elections
 - -Contested elections
 - -William R. Tolbert, Jr.
 - -Liberia
 - -Elections
 - -Number of countries
- -United Nations [UN]
 - -US position on membership
 - -Secretary of State
 - -People's Republic of China [PRC]
 - -Taiwan, Republic of China

-PRC trip

- -James B. ("Scotty") Reston column
- -Forthcoming details
- -Vietnam
- -US relations with PRC

-Vietnam

- -US military
 - -Withdrawal
 - -Protection of forces
- -Demilitarized Zone [DMZ]
 - -North Vietnamese actions
 - -Helicopters
- -National Security Council [NSC] meeting
 - -Time
 - -Arrangements
- -Troop withdrawals

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-Announcement
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- -Speculation
- -Future announcements
 - -Timing
- -Proposed announcement of troop withdrawal
- -Forthcoming South Vietnamese Presidential election
 - -Nguyen Van Thieu
- -Negotiations
- -Announcement
 - -Time
- -Thieu
 - -Ambassador Ellsworth F. Bunker
- -Forthcoming South Vietnamese Presidential election
 - -Thieu's opponents
- -US foreign aid
 - -Contested elections
- -Great Britain
 - -Parliamentary procedures
 - -Question and answer sessions
 - -Position of Prime Minister
 - -Speaker of the House of Commons

Presidential press conferences

- -Format
 - -On the record, no correction
- -Organization of conference

Press conference, September 16, 1971

- -Statements
 - -Negotiations
 - -Kissinger's role

Vietnam

- -Response
 - -Congress
 - -US patriotism
 - -Elections in South Vietnam
 - -Ouestions
 - -Vietnamization
 - -Republicans
 - -Attitudes during phased US withdrawal

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-Opponents
                -Support of war
                     -Current status
                          -Lack of support
                     -Chronology
                          -November 3, 1969 Speech
                          -Cambodia
                          -Laos (Lam Son 719)
     Amchitka Nuclear nest
          -Timing
          -Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] trip announcement
          -PRC trip
          -USSR
               -Timing of nuclear test
               -Proximity to time of announcement
          -The PRC
          -USSR
               -Timing of announcement
[Unintelligible]
     Vietnam
          -Prisoner of war [POW] situation
               -Effect on election
          -Troop withdrawal
               -Timing of action
          -Possible questions on negotiations
          -Ceasefire
          -Military operations
          -Perceptions
               -Thieu
          -POW situation
               -US action
          -Troop withdrawal
               -Possible methods of negotiating
               -Deadline
                     -Time
     Foreign affairs
          -USSR
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-Relations with PRC

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- -Position in Southeast Asia
- -Relations
 - -Negotiations
 - -Moscow
- -Timing of Peking trip
- -US alternatives for proposal
 - -Thieu
 - -Position
- -USSR
 - -The President's forthcoming meeting with Andrei A. Gromyko
 - -Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
 - -Handling of negotiations
- -Reactions to recent developments
 - -The President's domestic opponents
- -Kissinger's trip to the PRC
 - -Peking
 - -The President's schedule

Vietnam

- -Timing of action
 - -November
- -Withdrawal of troops
 - -Haig
 - -Announcement of withdrawal
 - -Military service draft
 - -Number of troops
 - -Time
 - -Christmas period
 - -Announcement
 - -Additional announcements
 - -Time
 - -Type of announcement
 - -Effect of announcement
 - -Number of troops withdrawn
 - -The President's PRC trip
 - -Troop withdrawal
 - -The President's trip to the USSR
- -Thieu
 - -Importance of strength
- -Troop withdrawal
 - -Effect

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-Election
-Withdrawal
-Timing
-William F. Buckley
-Thieu
-Kissinger's forthcoming meetings
-US position
-Timing
-Fall 1971
-Thieu
-Deadlines

Kissinger left at 3:15 pm.

Conversation No. 277-19

Date: September 15, 1971

Time: Unknown between 3:15 pm and 4:15 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 9-26]

Conversation No. 277-20

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: 4:15 pm - 4:38 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Charles W. Colson.

[See Conversation No. 9-27; one item has been withdrawn from the conversation]

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Conv. No. 277-18 (cont.)

Conversation No. 277-21

Date: September 15, 1971

Time: Unknown between 4:38 pm and 4:44 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person.

Request for unknown person -Schedule

Conversation No. 277-22

Date: September 15, 1971

Time: Unknown between 4:38 pm and 4:44 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 9-28]

Conversation No. 277-23

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: 4:44 pm - 4:48 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with George P. Shultz.

[See Conversation No. 9-29]

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Conversation No. 277-24

Date: September 15, 1971

Time: Unknown between 4:48 pm and 5:15 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Mary A. ("Toni") Sidley.

Alexander P. Butterfield's schedule

Sidley left at an unknown time before 5:15 pm.

Conversation No. 277-25

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: 5:15 pm - 5:22 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman.

[See Conversation No. 9-30; one item has been withdrawn from the conversation]

Conversation No. 277-26

Date: September 15, 1971

Time: Unknown between 5:22 pm and 7:23 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person.

Schedule

-Request for a call back

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Conversation No. 277-27

Date: September 15, 1971

Time: Unknown between 5:22 pm and 7:23 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

Briefing book
-Additional pages

Schedule

-Sally Inge

-Typing

-Departure

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 7:23 pm.

Conversation No. 277-28

Date: September 15, 1971

Time: Unknown between 5:22 pm and 7:23 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

Unknown people met.

Table

-Location

[Unintelligible]

The unknown people left at an unknown time before 7:23 pm.

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Time: 7:23 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 9-31]

Conversation No. 277-30

Date: September 15, 1971

Time: Unknown between 7:23 pm and 9:30 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 9-32]

Conversation No. 277-31

Date: September 15, 1971

Time: Unknown between 7:23 pm and 9:30 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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Schedule -Sally Inge

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 9:00 pm.

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Conversation No. 277-32

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: Unknown between 7:23 pm and 9:30 pm Location: Executive Office Building
The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 9:00 nm