Conversation No. 292-1

Date: October 19, 1971
Time: Unknown between 1:45 pm and 2:53 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 28s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:53 pm.

Conversation No. 292-2

Date: October 19, 1971
Time: Unknown between 1:45 pm and 2:53 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.
Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:53 pm.

Conversation No. 292-3

Date: October 19, 1971
Time: Unknown time between 1:45 pm and 2:53 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:53 pm.
Conversation No. 292-4

Date: October 19, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 1:45 pm and 2:53 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 11-136]

Request for a call to Lewis F. Powell, Jr.

Conversation No. 292-5

Date: October 19, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 1:45 pm and 2:53 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person [H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman?].

The President's schedule
- Forthcoming meeting on budget
- Location
William P. Rogers

Date: October 19, 1971
Time: 2:53 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 11-137]

Request for a call to John N. Mitchell

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Date: October 19, 1971
Time: Unknown between 2:53 pm and 3:00 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule

Bull left at an unknown time before 3:00 pm.

Date: October 19, 1971
Time: Unknown between 2:53 pm and 3:00 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman.

Polls
-Don [Rumsfeld's?] figures
-Presidential approved ratings
-Louis P. Harris
-George H. Gallup
  -Approval ratings
  -Timing
    -Soviet Union summit announcement
-Albert E. Sindlinger
-Harris
  -Washington Post coverage

Date: October 19, 1971
Time: 3:00 pm - 3:05 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with John N. Mitchell.

[See Conversation No. 11-138]
Date: October 19, 1971
Time: 3:05 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule

Bull left at 3:05 pm.

Date: October 19, 1971
Time: 3:05 pm - 5:05 pm
Location: Executive Office Building


John B. Connally's health

Federal budget
  -School lunches
  -Criteria

Pending legislation
  -Michael J. Mansfield amendment
  -Leslie C. Arends actions
  -Vote

Federal budget Fiscal Year [FY] 1972
  -Deficit

FY 1973 budget

The President's previous meeting with Republican Congressmen
- Hugh Scott
- Clark MacGregor
- Mansfield
- Revenue sharing
- Welfare reform
- Public relations
  - Congress adjournments
  - Timing
  - White House position

Congress's schedule
- Adjournment
- Revenue sharing and welfare reform
  - Wilbur D. Mills
  - Letter to the President
  - Ways and Means Committee staff's efforts
  - Russell B. Long's position
  - Conversation with Ehrlichman
- White House public relations efforts
  - The President's possible speech
  - Spiro T. Agnew's speech on revenue sharing

Welfare reform
- Ehrlichman's conversation with Long and Wallace F. Bennett
- Possible experiment
- Abraham A. Ribicoff's action
- Long's view

FY 1973 budget
- Defense spending
- Revenue sharing
- Alternatives
  - The President's economic program
  - Outlay management
  - Shultz's assessment
    - Defense spending
    - Revenue spending

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 3:05 pm.

Refreshments
Sanchez left at an unknown time before 5:05 pm.

FY 1973 budget
- Alternatives
  - Outlay management
- Revenues
- Economy
  - Arthur F. Burns's efforts
    - Money supply
    - Effect
- General revenue sharing
- Burns's role
  - Money supply
- Economy and spending
  - Roles of private and public sectors
    - 2nd and 3rd quarter figures
- Pending legislation
- Government spending
  - Strategy
- Full employment
- Pending legislation
  - General revenue sharing
  - Welfare reform
  - Revenue sharing
  - White House public relations efforts
    - Strategy

The President's domestic programs
- Political value
  - Environmental programs
  - Revenue sharing
  - White House strategy
    - Congress
    - Nelson A. Rockefeller
      - Supporters
  - Welfare reform
    - Daniel P. Moynihan
- Alternatives
  - Property tax
  - Value Added Tax [VAT]
-Revenue sharing
-Political value
  -Welfare reform
-FY 1973 budget
  -Revenue sharing
    -Timing
-The President's possible message to Congress
-Revenue sharing
  -FY 1973 budget
  -Political issue
  -Alternatives
    -Property tax relief
-Education
  -Property tax relief

FY 1973 budget
  -Full employment
-Revenue sharing
  -Lobbying
    -Mills's possible action
  -Possible veto
  -Congressional action
  -Administration's efforts since 1969
  -Burns
  -Possible veto
-Size
-Revenue sharing
  -Ehrlichman’s view
    -Congress
  -The President's possible actions
  -Weinberger's possible actions
  -The President's possible actions
    -Congress
-Welfare reform
  -Legislative prospects
    -Long
      -President’s conversation
      -White House strategy
  -Long and Bennett's possible action
    -Ribicoff
    -Effect on federal employment
-House Resolution [HR] 1
-Family Assistance Plan
-Long’s possible meeting with Connally

National economy
  -Cost of Living Council [COLC]
  -Louisiana sugar cane growers
    -Long
  -Unemployment Insurance Bill
    -Shultz's conversation with Long
      -Job corps center in St. Louis

FY 1973 budget
  -Revenue sharing
  -Welfare reform
    -The President’s view
      -Congressional action
  -Education
    -Property tax reform
      -Administration's philosophy of government
      -Benefits
      -Post practices
      -1973 enactment of sales tax
  -Special revenue sharing
    -Model cities
    -Urban renewal
    -Ehrlichman’s view
    -Governors support
    -Legislative prospects
    -Samuel L. Devine
    -The President’s position
    -Congressional appropriations
    -Education
  -Education
    -Ehrlichman’s view
    -VAT
      -Benefits
    -State school support programs
      -Court decisions
      -California
        -Taxes
- National defense
  - Melvin R. Laird's statement
  - Henry A. Kissinger's views
    - Spending level
- Spending levels
  - National Security Council [NSC] view
  - Navy
  - Interceptor Aircraft
  - Safeguard Missiles
  - Ground Forces
  - Aircraft Carriers
  - Air Wings
- Ground forces level
  - Previous NSC meeting
- Air craft carriers
- Air wings
- Haig's view
- Base closings
  - Possible political effect
- Effect on national economy
  - California
  - Other program spending
- Possible increase in defense spending
  - Model cities
  - Shultz's view
  - Weinberger's view
- Laird
- David Packard's view
  - Previous meeting with Shultz
- Laird's views
  - Navy
- Expenditures in California
  - Employment
  - Peter M. Flanigan's analysis
- Air sorties in Vietnam
- Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
  - Anti-ballistic missiles [ABM]
- Effect on national economy
- Effectiveness
  - People's Republic of China [PRC]
  - Soviet of Union
- Modernization of army
- Effect on national economy
  - Shultz’s view
- Effectiveness of spending
- Politics
  - Laird's views
    - Henry M. (“Scoop”) Jackson
- Effectiveness of spending
- Defense Department's fiscal guidance
  - Office of Management and Budget [OMB] budget exercises
    - Kissinger, Packard, Shultz
    - Gardiner L. Tucker
    - Kenneth W. Dam
    - Shultz’s view
  - Kissinger's role with Laird
  - NSC views
- Obligatory authority
- Jackson's possible views
- Laird's role in Defense Department
- Expenditures on human resources
- Defense expenditures
  - Decreases
    - Opposition
- USSR
  - Military plans and activities
    - Offensive capability
    - US response
      - Air force
        - Haig’s view of readiness
- SALT
  - Effect on budget
    - Multiple Independently-targeted Reentry Vehicles [MIRV]

SALT
  - First strike capability
    - MIRV, Polaris, Minuteman
      - Deterrence effect
        - Haig’s view
  - Negotiations
    - Budget
1973 budget
- National defense
  - Laird's forthcoming meeting with Kissinger and Haig
  - Air power
- New initiatives
- Existing programs
- Veto strategy
- Outlay management
- New initiatives
  - Research and development
- Domestic issues
  - Political value
  - Lyndon B. Johnson, John F. Kennedy
  - Property tax
  - Aid to parochial schools
    - Constitutionality
  - Tax reform
    - VAT
    - Revenue sharing
      - Joseph A. Califano's article in *New York Times*
- Research and development
- Congress's possible role
- Veto strategy
  - Office of Economic Opportunity [OEO] extension
  - 1972 campaign
    - Democratic candidates
  - Water quality bill
    - Edmund S. Muskie
- Political analysis
  - The President's schedule
    - Haig
    - John N. Mitchell
    - Robert J. Dole
    - Charles W. Colson
    - Connally
    - H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
    - Laird
    - William P. Rogers

National growth policy
FY 1973 budget
- New initiatives
  - Effect
  - Education
  - Research and development
- Tax increase
  - Mills
  - VAT
- Balance
  - Full employment
- Taxes
  - The President's schedule
    - Connally
    - Unknown people
- Veto strategy
  - OEO extension
    - State of the Union message
    - Strategy
  - House of Representatives
  - Child development program
    - Strategy
    - Richard H. Poff, Devine, John J. Rhodes
- Taxes
  - The President's schedule
    Connally
  - Treasury's previous proposals
  - Parochial school aid
    - Constitutionality

Parochial school aid
- Possible constitutional amendment
  - National Education Association [NEA]
  - William F. (“Billy”) Graham

1973 budget
- Parochial school aid
  - Cost
  - VAT
  - Voucher program
    - Busing
School buses

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 36s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6

The President's schedule

International narcotics control
  -Defense Department's cooperation

Pentagon Papers
  -Defense Department damage assessment
    -Daniel Ellsberg case
    -Adm. Noel Gayler's views
    -Ehrlichman's forthcoming call to Laird
      -International narcotics
      -NSC

1973 budget
  -Full employment balance
  -Congress's schedule

Congress
  -Forthcoming vote
  -The President's meeting with Congressmen, October 19, 1971
    -Vietnam

Vietnam
  -Mansfield resolution
    -Soviet Union Summit
    -PRC Summit
-Administration policy
  -Congress
    -The President’s view
  -Mansfield resolution
    -Prisoners of War [POWs]
      -The President’s assessment
-Negotiations
  -Options
    -Effect on POWs
-Casualties
-Motives of the President's opponents
-Nguyen Van Thieu's election
  -Effect
-North Vietnamese casualties
-Possible results of communist takeover
  -The President's conversation with the bishop of Da Nang
-POWS
  -Possible raid
-Mansfield amendment
-Negotiations
  -Possible bombing
    -Cambodia, Laos
    -Soviet Union, PRC
-Actions of the President's opponents
  -W. Averill Harriman
  -William V. Shannon's October 19, 1971 editorial
    -John F. Kennedy
      -Dean Rusk
      -Schedule
      -Bay of Pigs

Shannon

Life

New York Times
  -Ehrlichman's possible actions

Ehrlichman, et al. left at 5:05 pm.
Conv. No. 292-12

Date: October 19, 1971
Time: 5:08 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 11-139]

Request for a call to Lewis F. Powell, Jr.

Conv. No. 292-13

Date: October 19, 1971
Time: Unknown between 5:08 pm and 5:09 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman.

The President's schedule
- John B. Connally

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 5:08 pm.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 8s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3
Sanchez left at an unknown time before 5:09 pm.

The President's schedule
- Connally
  - Connally’s health

The President's schedule
- Camp Hoover

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 21s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

Date: October 19, 1971
Time: Unknown between 5:08 pm and 5:09 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 11-140]

Request for a call to Charles W. Colson

Conversation No. 292-14

Conversation No. 292-15
Date: October 19, 1971
Time: 5:09 pm - 5:27 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Charles W. Colson.

[See Conversation No. 11-141]

Date: October 19, 1971
Time: 5:27 pm - 5:38 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 5s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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Sanchez left at an unknown time before 5:38 pm.

Date: October 19, 1971
Time: Unknown between 5:27 pm and 5:38 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 11-142]

Request for a call to John N. Mitchell

Date: October 19, 1971
Time: 5:38 pm - 5:43 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with John N. Mitchell.

[See Conversation No. 11-143]

Date: October 19, 1971
Time: Unknown between 5:43 pm and 5:49 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 11-144]

Request for a call to Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon

Date: October 19, 1971
Time: Unknown between 5:43 pm and 5:49 pm
Location: Executive Office Building
The White House operator talked with the President.

[See Conversation No. 11-145; one item has been withdrawn from the conversation]

Conversation No. 292-21

Date: October 19, 1971
Time: Unknown between 5:43 pm and 5:49 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown person.

Message to unknown man

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 5:49 pm.

Conversation No. 292-22

Date: October 19, 1971
Time: 5:49 pm - 5:50 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon.

[See Conversation No. 11-146; two items have been withdrawn from the conversation]

Conversation No. 292-23

Date: October 19, 1971
Time: Unknown between 5:50 pm and 6:04 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 17s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 6:04 pm.

Date: October 19, 1971
Time: Unknown between 5:50 pm and 6:04 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with John D. Ehrlichman.

1973 budget
- New initiatives
  - The President's schedule
    - John B. Connally's schedule
  - Taxes
    - Casper W. ("Cap") Weinberger's views

The President's schedule

Date: October 19, 1971
Time: Unknown between 5:50 pm and 6:04 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 11-147]

Request for a call to William F. (“Billy”) Graham

Date: October 19, 1971
Time: 6:04 pm - 6:09 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with William F. (“Billy”) Graham.

[See Conversation No. 11-148; one item has been withdrawn from the conversation]

Date: October 19, 1971
Time: Unknown between 6:09 pm and 6:16 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 11-149]

Request for a call to Charles G. (“Bebe”) Rebozo
The President talked with Charles G. (“Bebe”) Rebozo.

[See Conversation No. 11-150; one item has been withdrawn from the conversation]

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 6:30 pm.

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 6:30 pm.
The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 36s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 6:30 pm.

Date: October 19, 1971
Time: 6:30 pm - 6:34 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

Unknown man

Butterfield left at 6:34 pm.

Date: October 19, 1971
Time: Unknown between 6:34 pm and 6:45 pm
Location: Executive Office Building
The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 15s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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Sanchez left at an unknown time before 6:45 pm.

Conversation No. 292-33

Date: October 19, 1971
Time: Unknown between 6:34 pm and 6:45 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 50s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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Sanchez left at an unknown time before 6:45 pm.

Conversation No. 292-34

Date: October 19, 1971
Time: Unknown between 6:34 pm and 6:45 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 45s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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Sanchez left at an unknown time before 6:45 pm.

Conversation No. 292-35

Date: October 19, 1971
Time: Unknown between 6:34 pm and 6:45 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 11-151]

Request for a call to Paul W. Keyes
Date: October 19, 1971
Time: Unknown between 6:34 pm and 6:45 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 2m 42s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

The President talked with Paul W. Keyes between 6:45 pm and 6:47 pm.

[Conversation No. 292-36A]

[See Conversation No. 11-152]

Sanchez left at 6:45 pm.

[End of telephone conversation]
Date: October 19, 1971
Time: Unknown between 6:47 pm and 7:49 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 1m 37s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 7:49 pm.