Conversation No. 351-1

Date:  July 27, 1972
Time:  1:50 pm - 1:53 pm
Location:  Executive Office Building

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

Henry A. Kissinger
- Meeting with the President
- Foreign aid bill

Butterfield left at 1:53 pm.

Conversation No. 351-2

Date:  July 27, 1972
Time:  Unknown between 1:53 pm and 2:10 pm
Location:  Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

Henry A. Kissinger
- Delivery of a document

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:10 pm.

Conversation No. 351-3

Date:  July 27, 1972
Time:  2:10 pm - 2:12 pm
Location:  Executive Office Building

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

The President’s forthcoming press conference
- Patrick J. Buchanan
Thomas F. Eagleton
- Handling of Eagleton problem
- The President's forthcoming comments at press conference
- Media reports

The President's forthcoming press conference
- Format
- Photographs
- Risks
- Changes in format
- Timing

Ziegler left at 2:12 pm.

Conversation No. 351-4

Date: July 27, 1972
Time: Unknown between 2:12 pm and 2:59 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person.

Agreement

Conversation No. 351-5

Date: July 27, 1972
Time: Unknown between 2:12 pm and 2:59 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 3s]
Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:59 pm.

Date: July 27, 1972
Time: 4:38 pm - 4:42 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

The President talked with Charles W. Colson between 4:39 and 4:40 pm.

[Conversation No. 351-6A]

[See Conversation No. 28-5]

[End of telephone conversation]

The President's schedule
- July 26, 1972

The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger between 4:40 pm and 4:42 pm.

[Conversation No. 351-6B]

The President's schedule
- Kissinger's schedule
  - Hugh Scott
  - Request for meeting with the President

[End of telephone conversation]

Butterfield left at 4:42 pm.
Conversation No. 351-7

Date: July 27, 1972
Time: 4:42 pm - 4:46 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Charles W. Colson.

The President's schedule
- The President's meeting with Henry A. Kissinger
- Meeting with Colson
  - Subject of discussion
    - Kenneth W. Clawson
    - John A. Scali
  - News story
- Meeting with Herbert G. Klein's staff
- Place

Colson left and Manolo Sanchez entered at 4:45 pm.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: __42s__]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Sanchez left at 4:46 pm

Conversation No. 351-8

Date: July 27, 1972
Time: 4:46 pm - 4:56 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

Hugh Scott
- Thomas C. Korologos
- Compromise language on a bill or resolution
  - Administration's acceptance

The President's press conference, July 27, 1972
- Kissinger’s view
- Kissinger's attendance
- Kurt Waldheim
- Kissinger’s view
  - Impact on North Vietnam
    - Bombing
      - Negotiations

North Vietnamese
- Comment
  - The President's press conference statement on bombing
    - Dikes
    - State Department
    - Surface-to-air missiles [SAM] sites on dikes
      - Melvin R. Laird
    - Retaliation
      - Condition

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: __49s__]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

The President's press conference
- Bombing of North Vietnam
  - Impact on negotiations
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-Possible effect on talks
  -Delay
  -Spiro T. Agnew as Vice President
    -Harry S. Truman and Theodore Roosevelt
    -Kissinger's evaluation
      -Oval Office
        -Compared to television
      -Comparison with Truman and Roosevelt
        -Lyndon B. Johnson
        -Mark Hanna's assessment Theodore Roosevelt
          -Thomas F. Eagleton

  -Truman
    -Major decisions
  -Vice presidency
    -Character
  -Media coverage

Congressional relations
  -Hugh Scott
    -The President's trip to the Soviet Union

The President's press conference
  -Question on health problems
    -The President's answer
  -Psychiatrists
    -[Eagleton]
      -Details of clients' cases
        -Public release
          -Lawyers

PEND WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 56s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

Golf game
Vietnam
- State Department
- South Vietnamese Casualties
  - Refugees
  - An Loc
- Quang Tri
- South Vietnam
  - Airborne Division
  - Marines
  - Future fighting
  - Hanoi
  - Negotiations

Scott

Senators
- Meeting with the President

The President's next meeting

Kissinger left at 4:56 pm.

Conversation No. 351-9

Date: July 27, 1972
Time: 4:57 pm - 5:50 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Charles W. Colson, Kenneth W. Clawson, and John A. Scali.

The President’s schedule
  - Senators

Press contacts
  - Evaluation by Scali and Clawson
  - Handling by administration
- Thomas F. Eagleton withdrawal
  - Contacts with Harry Reasoner, Frank Reynolds, and Howard K. Smith
  - Reactions to George S. McGovern by press
  - Reasoner’s analysis

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 4:57 pm.

Refreshments

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 5:50 pm.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 21m 29s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Issues
  - Controversy over residual force in Thailand
  - Prisoners of war [POWs]
    - McGovern’s comments
  - Thais’ reaction
    - News summary
  - Treaty with Thailand
    - North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO]
    - Japanese
    - Israelis
  - Press reactions
  - Middle East policy
    - Aid to Greece
      - NATO
      - Henry A. Kissinger's meeting in New York City
    - Staging area
      - Lebanon, Jordan
      - Cyprus
  - Yitzhak Rabin
    - Jewish Communities
-Talk with Clawson
  -Golda Meir

-Meir
  -The President's July 26, 1972 telephone conversation

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 6m 24s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

Media relations
  -Second administration
    -Reaction to McGovern
    -Sense of resignation
    -Neutrality
    -Success of the President's foreign policy
  -Reaction to the President's foreign policy
    -Sympathy
      -People's Republic of China [PRC], Soviet Union
      -Anwar el-Sadat's expulsion of Soviet advisers
    -Greek-Turkish aid program after World War II
      -The President’s recent press relations
      -Henry A. Wallace
  -Compared to McGovern campaign
  -New York Times
  -Television
    -John W. Chancellor
    -Scali
    -Call to Colson
    -Fairness
      -Miami
    -Unfair stories
      -Air time
      -Media staff
        -Walter L. Cronkite, Jr.
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: _7m 32s_]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

Leaders
- Abraham Lincoln
  - Mental problems
- Julius Caesar, [Napoleon, King of France] Napoleon [Bonaparte]
  - Power of president
    - Barry M. Goldwater
- Lyndon B. Johnson
- International
  - Konrad Adenauer, Nikita S. Khrushchev
  - Johnson
    - Consultants
- Marianne H. Means
- Everett M. Dirksen anecdote about Johnson during Dominican Crisis, 1965
  - US embassy
    - Ambassador [W. Tapley Bennett, Jr.]
  - US Marines

Liquor and performance of job duties
- Consumption
  - Dwight E. Eisenhower
    - Winston S. Churchill
    - Speeches
    - The President
      - Speeches
      - Reporters
The President talked with Charles W. Colson. This recording began while the conversation was in progress.

Surprise at something

Barry M. Goldwater
-Press stories

News summary

Thomas F. Eagleton removal from Democratic ticket
-Impact
-Lawrence F. O'Brien, Jr.
  -George Meany's reaction
  -Recent talk with the President
  -Edward M. Kennedy

Washington Star article
  -News summary

Unknown people

Suburbs

Date: August 1, 1972
Time: Unknown between 2:40 pm and 2:50 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person.

Someone's location
  -Return call

Date: August 1, 1972
Time: Unknown between 2:40 pm and 2:50 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Rose Mary Woods.

Request for a meeting with the President
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

Greetings

Items to discuss
- Woods's meeting with William R. Codus
  - Understandings
  - Visitors

George C. Wallace
- The President's offer of film, *Sunrise at Campobello*
  - Staff member
  - The President’s instructions to H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
  - Paul Fisher
  - Warren L. (“Bill”) Gulley

Elmer H. Bobst
- Call to Woods
  - Capital punishment
    - Possible message to Congress
    - Hijackers, kidnappers
    - Kidnapping case
      - Minneapolis
    - John D. Ehrlichman

Crime
- Kidnapping
  - Case
  - Probable sentence for kidnapper

Capital punishment
- Opposition
  - Reasons
    - Woods’s maid’s view
      - Rebuttal by Woods
    - Treatment of criminals
  - Arthur H. Bremer

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 2:50 pm.

Meeting with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Photograph opportunity at 4:00 pm
- [Paul Horst]
- Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon

Bull left at an unknown time before 3:04 pm.

John N. and Martha (Beall) Mitchell
- Rita [?] [Surname unknown]
- Republican National Committee

International Telephone and Telegraph [ITT] scandal
- Watergate
  - John Mitchell
  - Stress
- Martha Mitchell’s health
  - Rita [?] [Surname unknown] comments
  - John Mitchell’s concern
The President’s schedule
-Haig
-Executive Office Building [EOB]

Woods left at 3:04 pm.

Date:  August 1, 1972
Time:  3:04 pm
Location:  Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 6s]
END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
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Sanchez left at 3:04 pm.

Date:  August 1, 1972
Time:  3:05 pm
Location:  Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 28-31]
Date: August 1, 1972
Time: 3:05 pm - 3:35 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with William E. Timmons.

[Conversation No. 351-16A]

[See Conversation No. 28-32; one item has been withdrawn from the conversation]

Defense budget vote in Congress
   -End the war resolution
   -Ted Stevens [?]
   -Marlow W. Cook

The President conferred with an unknown person between 3:05 pm and 3:07 pm.

   The President’s forthcoming meeting with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

[End of conferral]

Haig entered at 3:07 pm.

   Congratulations to Timmons

   The President’s trip to the funeral of Allen J. Ellender
      -The President’s talk with John L. McClellan
      -Joe D. Waggonner, Jr.
      -Russell B. Long

   News summary
      -Defense budget cuts
      -Size

[End of telephone conversation]

   The President's talk with Timmons
      -Defense vote
      -George S. McGovern
      -Size of cut

Henry A. Kissinger's schedule
-Aircraft
-Communications channel
-Paris
-Arthur K. Watson
-Message
  -Haig’s talk with an unknown person [Winston Lord?]

Vietnam
-North Vietnamese
-Negotiations
  -Value
  -Absence of accomplishment
  -Stance
    -Political settlement
-NPossible military action
  -Timing
    -1972 election
    -Recent casualties
    -B-52
-End of war
  -Bombing and mining
    -Railroads
    -Effectiveness
-Negotiations
  -Subjects
  -Kissinger
-Congressional resolutions
  -Impact on North Vietnam
-McGovern
-North Vietnamese
  -Meetings
    -Publicity
  -Realism
  -Atmosphere of negotiations
    -Importance
    -Kissinger
    -People's Republic Of China [PRC], Soviet Union
-US negotiating stand
  -Impact of 1972 election
-McGovern
  -Impact of candidacy on North Vietnam
  -Chances of winning
    -The President’s security
    -George C. Wallace
- North Vietnamese willingness to settle
  - October 1972
  - 1972 election
    - Kissinger
  - Bombing of dikes, Hanoi
    - Tokyo, Osaka, Krupps plant, Essen, Dresden, Hamburg
    - US dead
- Bombing of North Vietnam
  - Nuclear weapons
  - PRC
  - Dikes
- Negotiations
  - Nguyen Van Thieu’s view
    - Talk with Haig
    - Statement
- Mining
- Petroleum pipeline to South
  - Capacity
  - Pumping stations
- North Vietnam dikes
  - Population in area
    - Warning
  - Purpose
    - Crops
- Need for more military pressure
  - PRC
  - 1972 election
    - International pressure
  - Bombing
    - Power stations, railyards
    - Negotiations
  - Attrition of North Vietnamese
  - Communications, transportation
- Military action in South
- Hue offensive
  - North Vietnamese intentions
- Action south of Saigon
- North Vietnam vulnerabilities
- Bombing
  - Effectiveness
  - Dikes
- United Nations [UN] Secretary General
  - H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
  - George H.W. Bush
John D. Ehrlichman talked with the President between 3:26 pm and 3:29 pm.

[Conversation No. 351-16B]

[See Conversation No. 28-33; one item has been withdrawn from the conversation]

The President’s meeting with Haig

Ehrlichman’s forthcoming meeting with the President
  -Economic aid
  -Ehrlichman's ideas

Inflation
  -Buying power
  -H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
  -Public opinion polls
    -Administration's record
      -Herbert Stein, George P. Shultz
  -Election year

[End of telephone conversation]

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 2m 16s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3
McGovern’s schedule
   - Meetings with North Vietnamese, September 1971
     - Paris
     - Saigon
       - Incident at church

Kissinger’s schedule
   - Talk with Watson and William J. Porter
     - Children
     - Duration
     - Announcement
     - Public interest

Haig left at 3:35 pm.