Conversation No. 373-1

Date: October 24, 1972
Time: 12:57 pm - 1:24 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Charles W. Colson and Manolo Sanchez.

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 1:24 pm.

Veterans
- Bill signing ceremony, October 24, 1972
  - The President's commitment to peace and honor
    - The American Legion's auxiliary publication
      - Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
    - Veterans benefits bill
      - Education

Foreign affairs

Campaign issues
- The President’s surrogates
  - Elliot L. Richardson
  - Donald H. Rumsfeld
    - Chicago
  - Vice President Spiro T. Agnew’s speech, October 23, 1972
    - Draft dodgers, amnesty
    - Military spending cuts
      - World War II
  - George S. McGovern's vacillation
- McGovern’s campaign practices
  - 1968
  - Response to McGovern's forthcoming speech about morality
    - Questions
      - Demonstrations

An unknown person entered and left at an unknown time after 12:57 pm.

- Demonstrations
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-Double standard
-Charges against republican party
-McGovern supporters
  -Public opinion
-Public opinion
  -Watergate

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: __4m 32s__]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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Campaign issues
  -McGovern’s proposals
    -Colson’s recent memorandum to surrogates
      -Vietnam War
        -US surrender
        -Abandonment of prisoners of war [POWs]
      -Welfare
      -Busing
      -Tax increases
      -Confidence issue
    -Forthcoming release of financial analysis
      -Total cost of proposals
        -Albert E. Sindlinger
    -Defense cuts
      -Wilbur H. Mills’s statement
    -Clairborne Pell
      -New York Times
    -Rhode Island
      -John J. Rhodes
    -Agnew's statement
      -Utica, New York
      -Griffith’s Air Force Base
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- Agnew’s schedule
  - Texas
  - New York
  - Arkansas
  - Mills
- McGovern’s proposals
- Morality issue
  - Effectiveness
- Watergate
  - Awareness by Wisconsin farmers
  - News summary

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: __6m 1s__]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: __4m 9s__]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

Vietnam War
- Timing of possible settlement
  - 1972 Election
  - Public relations
  - McGovern, R. Sargent Shriver's reaction to peace
    Prospects
    - McGovern’s previous statement
    - Nguyen Van Thieu
    - 1972 peace plan compared with 1969 peace plan

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: __4m 9s__]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4
Campaign practices
   - Demonstrators
       - The President’s view

Veterans Day message, October 25, 1972
   - Wreath laying at Arlington National Cemetery
   - News coverage
       - Today show
       - Radio
   - Donald E. Johnson
   - Frank L. Rizzo
   - The President’s words
       - Amnesty
   - Public reaction to Vietnam War, McGovern

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: ___2m 33s__]
Colson left at 1:24 pm.

Conversation No. 373-2

Date: October 24, 1972
Time: 1:34 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 32-16]

Conversation No. 373-3

Date: October 24, 1972
Time: Unknown between 1:34 pm and 1:58 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

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

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

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
Conversation No. 373-4

Date: October 24, 1972
Time: Unknown between 1:34 pm and 1:58 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

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

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: __1m 27s__]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: __43s__]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Conversation No. 373-5

Date: October 24, 1972
Time: Unknown between 1:34 pm and 1:58 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.
Sanchez left at an unknown time before 1:58 pm.

Conversation No. 373-6

Date:  October 24, 1972
Time:  1:58 pm
Location:  Executive Office Building

The White House operator talked with the President.

[See Conversation No. 32-17]

Conversation No. 373-7

Date:  October 24, 1972
Time:  Unknown between 1:58 pm and 3:50 pm
Location:  Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: __2s__]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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Sanchez left at an unknown time before 3:50 pm.

Conversation No. 373-8

Date: October 24, 1972
Time: Unknown between 1:58 pm and 3:50 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: ___1m 35s___]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
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Sanchez left at an unknown time before 3:50 pm.

Conversation No. 373-9

Date: October 24, 1972
Time: Unknown between 1:58 pm and 3:50 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown person.

Request for a telephone call

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 3:50 pm.
Conversation No. 373-10

Date: October 24, 1972
Time: Unknown between 1:58 pm and 3:50 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See conversation No. 32-18]

Conversation No. 373-11

Date: October 24, 1972
Time: Unknown between 1:58 pm and 3:50 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person.

The President’s schedule
   - Forthcoming meeting
        - Charles W. Colson

Conversation No. 373-12

Date: October 24, 1972
Time: Unknown between 1:58 pm and 3:50 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person.

The President’s schedule
-Forthcoming telephone calls

Conversation No. 373-13

Date: October 24, 1972
Time: Unknown between 1:58 pm and 3:50 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 32-19]

[See Conversation No. 32-20]

Conversation No. 373-14

Date: October 24, 1972
Time: 3:50 pm - 3:54 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

The President’s schedule
-Papers
-Forthcoming telephone calls to New York

Butterfield left at 3:54 pm.

Conversation No. 373-15

Date: October 24, 1972
The President talked with Joseph M. Margiotta.

[See Conversation No. 32-21; one item has been withdrawn]

Date: October 24, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:54 pm and 4:00 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 32-22]

Date: October 24, 1972
Time: 4:00 pm - 4:02 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Edwin G. Michaelian.

[See Conversation No. 32-23; one item has been withdrawn]

Date: October 24, 1972
Time: Unknown between 4:02 pm and 4:04 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 32-24]

Date: October 24, 1972
Time: Unknown between 4:04 pm and 4:16 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

Delivery of an unknown item
-Office of Raymond K. Price, Jr. [?]

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 4:16 pm.

Date: October 24, 1972
Time: Unknown between 4:04 pm and 4:16 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The White House operator talked with the President.

[See Conversation No. 32-25]
Time: Unknown between 4:04 pm and 4:16 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown person.

Papers for Alexander P. Butterfield
- Sally M. Inge

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 4:16 pm.

Date: October 24, 1972
Time: Unknown between 4:04 pm and 4:16 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown person.

The President’s schedule
- Delivery of papers to Alexander P. Butterfield
- The President’s forthcoming meeting
- The President’s telephone calls

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 4:16 pm.

Date: October 24, 1972
Time: Unknown between 4:04 pm and 4:16 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President’s schedule
Bull left at an unknown time before 4:16 pm.

Conversation No. 373-24

Date: October 24, 1972
Time: Unknown between 4:04 pm and 4:16 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President’s schedule
  -Forthcoming meeting

Bull left at an unknown time before 4:16 pm.

Conversation No. 373-25/375-1

Date: October 24, 1972
Time: 4:16 pm - 6:30 pm
Location: Executive Office Building


Greetings
  -Connally’s television [TV] appearance, October 20, 1972

The President’s schedule

1972 election
  -Vietnam negotiations
    -Timing
      -Connally’s view
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- Possible public perception of a settlement
- Political ramifications
- The President’s view
  - Potential problems
    - Nguyen Van Thieu’s situation
    - North Vietnamese
    - Deadline compared with flexibility

Manolo Sanchez [?] entered at an unknown time after 4:16 pm.

- North Vietnamese claim
  - Thieu’s blocking of possible settlement
- Delicacy of situation
- The President’s recent conversation with Henry A. Kissinger
- The President’s role
  - Public perception
    - Connally’s view
    - Compared with Kissinger’s role

Sanchez [?] left at an unknown time before 6:05 pm.

- Possible question and answer session
  - The President’s view
  - The President’s frequent consultation with Kissinger
    - Ronald L. Ziegler’s possible statement
    - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
- The President’s strategy
  - George S. McGovern’s campaign
    - McGovern’s fears
    - Thieu and possible statement
- Questions and answers
- Type of settlement and timing
  - Kissinger’s statements to North Vietnam and Thieu
  - Timeline
  - The President’s possible military action after election
    - The President’s conversation with unknown person
    - Cambodia and Laos
- Vietnamese people
- South Vietnam’s future
  - Thieu
  - MacGregor’s possible appearance on the Today Show
    - MacGregor’s recent meeting with Paul [last name unknown]
- Paul C. Warnke’s possible appearance
- The President’s position
  - White House statements
  - Kissinger
  - William P. Rogers
- Possible statements
  - Status of negotiations
    - Kissinger
    - Pham Van Dong’s interview with [Arnaud de Borchgrave]
  - Type of settlement
    - Survival of South Vietnam
- Possible response to MacGregor statements
  - Necessity
  - Congressmen and Senators
  - Haig and Kissinger
- MacGregor’s possible Today show appearance
  - Response to Warnke’s statements
  - Cease fire
  - Melvin R. Laird
- MacGregor’s strategy
  - Haig and Kissinger’s view
  - Portions of the President’s previous speech, January 25, 1972
- The President’s record
- McGovern’s plan
  - Withdrawal
  - Laos, Cambodia
  - Surrender
  - Prisoners of war [POWs]
- Current issues compared with past record
  - The President’s view
- McGovern’s statements
  - Compared with the President and Hubert H. Humphrey’s statements in the 1968 campaign
  - Effect on negotiations
- Attacking tone
  - The President’s view
- Possible statements
  - Effect of Democrats on negotiations
    - McGovern’s actions and statements
    - Trip to Vietnam
- The President’s policy
  - POWs
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-Coalition government issue
-South Vietnamese self-determination
-Thieu’s possible resignation
-McGovern’s plan
-Peace with surrender
-Effect on negotiations
-Ziegler
-Statement about South Vietnamese

Press
-New York Times story
-Connally story
-Source
-Retraction
-Bob [last name unknown]
-Washington Post story on Connally
-Telephone conversation
-Democrats for Nixon
-Los Angeles Times story on Connally's salary
-Louis Patrick Gray, III
-George E. Christian
-Samuel W. Yorty
-Wilbur D. Mills
-Campaign practices
-Author
-Edward M. Kennedy supporter
-Knowledge of Donald H. Segretti and Watergate
-Role in Democratic party
-Connally's support for John F. Kennedy
-Financial records
-Corruption charges
-Response
-Robert J. Dole
-Get-out-the-vote effort
-Watergate
-Quality of reporting
-Ziegler
-Segretti

Forthcoming TV appearance
-Today show
-International Telephone and Telegraph [ITT]
-Issues and Answers
  -Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
  -Samuel A. Donaldson
-Face the Nation
  -William P. Rogers’s appearance with Daniel L. Schorr
-Possible Meet the Press appearance
  -Rogers, George P. Shultz
  -Agnew
  -Connally
    -The President’s view
      -Advantages
      -Democrats
    -Issues
    -Democrats
      -October 20, 1972

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 8m 51s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

1972 campaign
  -The President’s forthcoming radio speeches
    -Crime and drug abuse, October 15, 1972
    -Rural America and Farms Ten Goals for America [“Birthright of an American Child” November 5, 1972]
      -Coverage by newspapers
        -Sunday compared Monday papers
    -Omnibus veto signing statement [Memorandum of disapproval of Nine Bills, October 27, 1972]
    -Bill signing [Statement about decision to sign 37 bills, October 28, 1972]
  -TV compared with radio
    -The President’s view
    -Connally’s view
  -The President's previous veterans statement [Radio Address on the American
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Veteran, October 22, 1972]
  - Time
  - Audience figures
  - Newspaper coverage
  - Hecklers on previous trip to New York
    - The President’s statement
      - Tax issue
    - Use of radio speech material
      - The President’s forthcoming trips to Ohio and Appalachia
        - Statements on rural America
  - Newspaper coverage
    - Quality
      - Focus on Vietnam peace settlement issue
  - McGovern
    - Administration campaign strategy
      - McGovern fiscal policy
        - Labor unions
        - Shultz’s preparation of response
        - Price increases
        - Tax increases
        - Inflation
        - National issues compared with local issues
          - The President’s statements in Atlanta, San Francisco
        - National welfare
      - McGovern’s character
        - Handling
          - Ehrlichman’s interview at Camp David
      - The President’s statements
        - Herbert Stein
        - Inflation
        - Unemployment
      - Possible statements
        - Donald H. Rumsfeld, Stein, Charles E. Walker
        - Pierre Rinfret
        - Today Show
          - The President’s role
      - Possible radio advertisement
        - Today Show alternate
      - Results of McGovern policies
        - Taxes
        - Prices
        - Unemployment
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-Recession
-Preparation by Patrick J. Buchanan
-McGovern’s inflationary policies
-The President’s view
   -Buchanan
   -Rinfret

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: __1m 44s__]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: __4m 19s__]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4
Watergate
   - Newsweek
   - Segretti
      - Alleged recruitment of Arthur H. Bremer
      - Dwight L. Chapin memorandum to Haldeman
      - Possible release to the press

1972 campaign
   - Democratic strategy
   - Advertisements
      - New York Times article
   - Crime
   - High pries
   - McGovern
   - Amnesty

Campaign finances
   - Progress
   - Maurice H. Stans
      - Telephone calls
   - Schedule
      - Camp David
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: _1m 59 s_]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6

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1972 campaign advertisements
- Amnesty
- Crime
- Food prices
- Marijuana
- McGovern’s statements
- Radio
  - Use of President’s speech material
- The President’s schedule
  - Coverage in areas of the US
    - Midwest
    - Chicago
    - California
    - Times
    - Daylight savings time
- Effectiveness
  - 1968 campaign
    - George C. Wallace
- Unemployment, inflation
- Speech topics
  - Schedule
  - Employment, wages
- The President's accomplishments during first term
  - Economic topics
- Vietnam
  - Contrast between the President’s and McGovern's positions
- McGovern's emphasis on issues
  - Henry A. Wallace
- Timing
- Spending on advertisements
Campaign finances
- Compared with Democrats
- Contributions
  - Collection
  - Stans
- Democrats
  - Colson’s recent conversation with Frank E. Fitzsimmons
  - Progress
  - Stans
- Paul C. Hall
- Fund raising
  - *Time* story
- Press coverage
  - Newspapers
  - *Washington Post*
  - Grand Jury
  - *Time* story on Democrats fund raising
    - Comparison of loans and gifts
    - Repayment of loans
- Investigation
  - Spirit of the law

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 13m 43s]

Mitchell, Macgregor, Ehrlichman and Colson left at 6:05 pm.

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7

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Presidential safety
- The President’s view
- Connally’s view
- Movement
- The President’s trip to Ohio
  - Cities
    - Cincinnati
    - Cleveland
- Possible stop at a college
  - Hiram College
  - Radical students
- Assassin types
  - John F. Kennedy
  - [Lee Harvey Oswald]
- Report
- Motorcade safety
  - Problems
- Assassination attempt
  - John Kennedy
  - Haldeman’s view
    - Planned assassination compared to spontaneous violence
- Types of assassins
- Ohio trip cancellation
  - Connally’s view
  - Chicago
- Compared with Lyndon B. Johnson

Watergate
- Newsweek
  - Mel Elfin’s conversation with Leonard H. Marks
- Chapin-Haldeman memorandum
  - Segretti
  - Existence
    - Haldeman’s view
- White House policy on use of memoranda by staff
  - Colson’s staff
- Dissemination of information
  - Richard J. Whalen
- Press
  - Washington Post
  - Jack N. Anderson
  - Strategy
- White House involvement
  - Colson
  - Chapin
  - Memorandum
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 3m 43s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8

This conversation was cut off at an unknown time after 6:05 pm.

[An unknown portion of this conversation was not recorded while the tape was being changed]