



NIXON PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Tape Subject Log  
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Conversation No. 394-1

Date: January 5, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 11:53 am and 12:02 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

The President's schedule  
-Meeting with Charles W. Colson

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[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Bathrobe  
-Replacement

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]  
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Sanchez left at an unknown time before 12:02 pm.

Conversation No. 394-2

Date: January 5, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 11:53 am and 12:02 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule  
-Meeting with Charles W. Colson  
-Trip to Camp David  
-Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon

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Conversation No. 394-2 (cont'd)

- Julie Nixon Eisenhower
- Meeting with H.R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- Rose Mary Woods
- Possible meeting with Leslie T. ("Bob") Hope
  - Recommendation
  - January 20, 1973 [1973 Inauguration]
  - David N. Parker
  - US Organization [USO] medal
    - Volunteers, overseas, armed forces
    - Shows
  - Previous meeting
  - Trip to Camp David
  - Congressional relations

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The President's Birthday  
 -White House staff involvement

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 [BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1]  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

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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Bull left at an unknown time before 12:02 pm.

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Conversation No. 394-3

Date: January 5, 1973

Time: Unknown between 12:02 pm and 12:36 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Charles W. Colson.

Vietnam negotiations

-Press relations

-Television [TV] news coverage

-Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]

-Congress

-“End-the-war fulminations”

-Balance

-John G. Tower

-Robert J. Dole

-US bombing North of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel

-Hospital

-W. Ramsey Clark

-John F. Kennedy

-Bay of Pigs

-Colson’s office

-Press relations

-Congressional relations

-Colson’s recent conversation with John A. Scali

-Scali’s conversations

-[North Vietnam]

-James Roosevelt

-Democrats

-Samuel Rayburn

-Dwight D. Eisenhower

-Foreign policy

-Scali

-The President’s recent bipartisan leadership meeting

-Colson’s possible role

-The President’s bipartisan leadership meeting

-Foreign policy

-Ronald L. Ziegler

-Rowland Evans and Robert D. Novak

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- Public opinion
  - US bombing north of the 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
- US bombing north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
  - The President's bipartisan leadership meeting
  - Purpose
    - Statements by the President and Kissinger
    - Time*
- Congressional relations
  - The President's bipartisan leadership meeting
    - The President's May 8, 1972 decision
    - October 8, 1972 agreement
    - Cessation of US bombing north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
    - November 1972
      - North Vietnam's military tactics
  - Resumption of talks
    - Tone
      - Cessation of US bombing north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
        - Haiphong, Hanoi
        - Duration
    - Prisoners of War [POWS]
    - US withdrawal
    - Cease-fire
    - Public opinion
- William E. Timmons
  - Personality
- Clark MacGregor
- Colson's conversation with H.R. ("Bob") Haldeman
  - Attack line
    - Barry M. Goldwater
      - Charge [against Democrats]
- US withdrawal
- POWs
- The President's objectives
  - Peace
  - Cease-fire
  - Cambodia, Laos, Indochina
  - Compared to opponents' objective
    - US
    - Southeast Asia, world
    - Idealism

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- Cease-fire
- Morality

White House staff

- Congressional relations
  - Vice President Spiro T. Agnew's view
  - Timmons
  - The President's role
  - The President's conversation with Haldeman
- Need for meeting
  - 1972 election
- Workload
- Second term reorganization
  - Colson's work with John D. Ehrlichman
  - New Majority

Second term reorganization

- The President's schedule
  - Roy L. Ash
  - Dr. Edward E. David, Jr.
- Colson's schedule
  - 1972 election
  - Meeting with Roosevelt

Watergate

- E. Howard Hunt, Jr.
  - Possible plea
  - Colson's meeting with Ehrlichman
  - Colson's role
  - Conversations with the US Attorney
  - Colson's role
    - Contacts with [William O. Bittman]
    - US Attorney
      - Hunt's cooperation
      - Hunt's loss of [Dorothy Hunt]
- Jeb Stuart Magruder
  - Haldeman
- Howard Hunt
  - Family
    - Dorothy Hunt

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- Children
  - Possible clemency
    - Jail sentence
      - Duration
    - Justification
      - Howard Hunt's family
        - Dorothy Hunt
        - Children
    - Timing
      - Christmas
  - Justification
    - Howard Hunt's family
  - Colson's involvement
    - Deniability
- Roles
  - John N. Mitchell
  - Magruder
- Haldeman
- John W. Dean, III
  - Knowledge
- The President's knowledge
- Motives
  - Plan to disrupt Republican National Convention
- Howard Hunt
  - Possible clemency
    - Justification
    - Timing
      - Burglars
        - Cubans
          - Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
  - Colson's involvement
    - Deniability
  - Justification
    - Howard Hunt's family
      - Colson's conversation [with William O. Bittman]
      - The President's awareness
  - Timing
    - Christmas
- Howard Hunt's finances
  - Taxes

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- Bittman
- Colson's efforts

Congressional relations

- Attitudes
  - The President's conversation with Colson
- Democrats
  - Division
    - 1972 election
- Republicans
  - Attitude
  - Leadership
    - Hugh Scott
    - The President's meeting with Haldeman
- Senators
  - Leadership
    - Scott
  - Charles H. Percy
    - The President's meeting with Henry A. Kissinger
  - Recent trip
    - Report
      - Meeting with Kissinger
        - Timing
          - Christmas 1972
        - Effect
          - “Hawks”
        - Colson's conversation with Kissinger
          - Tone
    - Conversation with Kissinger
      - Vietnam negotiations
        - Success
        - Anti-Ballistic Missiles
        - Judges
  - Vietnam negotiations
    - Future
      - The President's view
      - The President's bipartisan leadership meeting

Vietnam negotiations

- Kissinger's "peace is at hand" comment, October 26, 1972

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- Effect
  - 1972 election
  - Public relations [PR]
- Success or failure
  - The President's responsibility
  - Congressional relations
  - The President's bipartisan leadership meeting
  - John A. Scali
- North Vietnam infiltration
  - Timing
    - Central Intelligence Agency [CIA] reports
    - Scali
  - Buildup
    - Lyndon B. Johnson [?]
    - Colson's conversation with an unknown person
    - Kissinger
    - Publicity
      - Leaks
    - US bombing north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
    - Justification
    - Possible North Vietnam offensive

The President's schedule

- Bipartisan leadership meeting
- Remarks

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 12:02 pm.

- Refreshment
- Consumme

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 12:36 pm.

Colson talked with Holly Holm at an unknown time between 12:02 pm and 12:36 pm.

[Conversation No. 394-3A]

[See Conversation No. 35-91]

[End of telephone conversation]

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Conversation No. 394-3 (cont'd)

Watergate

- U.S. Attorney [Harold H. Titus, Jr.]
  - [Earl J. Silbert]
    - Background
      - Justice Department
        - 1964
        - 1970
    - Career
      - Success, failure
    - Titus
      - Reappointment
- Burglars
  - Plea
    - Congressional relations
      - Immunization
      - Lying
- The President's current meeting with Colson
  - Colson's relationship with Haldeman and Ehrlichman
  - Colson's conversation with DeVan L. Shumway
- Ehrlichman
- Mitchell
- Perjury
- Congressional relations

Congressional relations

- Timmons
  - Telephone call from Colson

Colson left at an unknown time before 12:36 pm.

Conversation No. 394-4

Date: January 5, 1973

Time: Unknown between 12:02 pm and 12:36 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

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Conversation No. 394-4 (cont'd)

[See Conversation No. 35-92]

Conversation No. 394-5

Date: January 5, 1973

Time: Unknown between 12:02 pm and 12:36 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 35-93]

Conversation No. 394-6

Date: January 5, 1973

Time: 12:36 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 35-94]

Conversation No. 394-7

Date: January 5, 1973

Time: Unknown between 12:36 pm and 1:02 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Charles W. Colson.

Telephone call

-Ronald L. Ziegler's schedule

-Press conference

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Conversation No. 394-7 (cont'd)

The President talked with Stephen B. Bull between 12:37 pm and 12:38 pm.

[Conversation No. 394-7A]

[See Conversation No. 35-95]

Congressional relations

- Colson's recent conversations with William E. Timmons
  - Tone
  - The President's bipartisan leadership meeting
    - George H. Mahon
    - Standing ovation
    - Democrats, Republicans
    - Hugh Scott
    - Gerald R. Ford
  - Henry A. Kissinger's meeting with Scott and Ford
    - Kissinger meeting with Michael J. ("Mike") Mansfield
- Timmon's schedule
  - [Freshmen Congressmen and bipartisan leadership reception]

Colson take with the White House operator at an unknown time between 12:38 pm and 1:02 pm.

[See Conversation No. 35-96]

Colson talked with Timmons at an unknown time between 12:38 pm and 1:02 pm.

[See Conversation No. 35-96]

Congressional relations

- Mansfield
  - Possibility of leaks
- Timmons's schedule
  - Meeting with Scott, Ford
- Timmons
  - Personality
    - Enthusiasm
    - Overstatements
- Ronald L. Ziegler
- Scott, Ford

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Conversation No. 394-7 (cont'd)

Unemployment

- Statistics
  - Lack of change
  - Herbert Stein's view
    - Revisions
    - January 1973, December, November, October 1972

Stock market

- Status
- Press relations
  - Associated Press [AP]
  - Washington Star*
  - AP
  - Wire service reports
  - Wall Street

Roberto Clemente fund

- Daniel M. Galbreath's statement
  - The President's meeting with Galbreath, Dave Giusti [and Steve Blass]
    - "Sports city"
  - The President's message and contribution

Press relations

- The President's schedule
  - January 1, 1973
    - Roger H. Mudd
    - Frank Cormier's AP article
      - Timing
      - Oval Office
        - [Lock on door]
      - New York Daily News*
- Second term reorganization
  - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
    - Swearing in as Army Vice Chief of Staff
    - Distinguished Service Medal
      - The President's presentation
        - Washington Star*
        - AP
- Harry S. Truman's memorial service

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Conversation No. 394-7 (cont'd)

- The President's attendance
  - Mary McGrory
  - The President's telephone call to Lyndon B. Johnson
  - Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
  - Public relations
    - Independence, Missouri
    - John A. Scali
  - Funeral
  - Television [TV]
    - Middle America
    - Archie Bunker
    - Walter L. Cronkite, Jr.
- Edward M. Kennedy
  - Washingtonian* magazine article
    - Liberal orientation
    - New Yorker*
  - [Nancy Clinch]
    - Background
    - Psychology
  - Kennedy Family
    - Presidency
      - Assassination fears
      - Expectations
  - Harvard University
  - Rugby match, 1954
  - Women
  - Drinking
  - Driving
  - Chappaquiddick
  - Colson's conversation with the President
    - Agnew
  - Amanda Burden

Watergate

- H.R. ("Bob") Haldeman, John D. Ehrlichman, Colson
- Cover-up
  - Possible revelation
- Knowledge
  - Ronald L. Ziegler's possible statement
  - John N. Mitchell

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- Order
  - Jeb Stuart Magruder
- Hearsay
- Magruder
  - Work with Colson
  - Haldeman
    - Role
      - Approval
      - Hearsay
- Decisions
- Decisions
  - Mitchell
    - Indirect approval
    - Loss of memory
    - Colson's view
      - Personality
    - February – April 1972
    - Preoccupation
    - Richard G. Kleindienst
    - Lack of fears
    - International Telephone and Telegraph [ITT]
      - The President's trip to the People's Republic of China [PRC]
    - The President's May 8, 1972 decision
    - 1972 election

Congressional relations

- Tone
  - White House Staff
    - The President's meeting with Haldeman
    - The President's previous crises
  - Ehrlichman
- Meeting with Congressional leaders
  - The President's role compared to White House Staff role
  - Ehrlichman, Haldeman, Clarke MaGregor, Colson

The President's schedule

- Meeting with President of Israel [S. Zalman Shazar]
- Freshman Congressman reception
  - Handshaking

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-Camp David

Congressional relations

- Vietnam negotiations
  - The President's meeting with Haldeman and Henry A. Kissinger
    - Treason charge
    - Colson
    - US bombing of North Vietnam
    - Kissinger's return to Paris
  - The President's bipartisan leadership meeting
    - Instructions for Scali
      - Transcript
      - Ziegler's press conference
      - US bombing of North Vietnam
      - White House
      - Chronology

Press relations

- Scali
  - Meeting with the President
  - White House
  - The President's bipartisan leadership meeting
    - The President's remarks

Colson left at 1:02 pm.

Conversation No. 394-8

Date: January 5, 1973

Time: 1:04 pm - 1:08 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

The President's schedule

- Freshmen Congressman bipartisan leadership reception, January 5, 1973
  - Unknown person
    - The President's conversation with Stephen B. Bull

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-Press pool

- Robert F. Clark
- Frank Van Der Linden
- Linda J. Heffner of Philadelphia Bulletin
- Jerald F. ("Jerry") terHorst
- Allan Palmer of *Oklahoman*
- Ann Schmidt of *Denver Post*
- Edgar Allan Poe of *New Orleans Time Picayune*
- Fay Wells
- Des Moines Register*
  - Don Kaul
- Louise Hutchinson
  - Chicago Tribune*

Press relations

- Ziegler's press conference
  - Vietnam negotiations
    - The President's May 8, 1972 decision
    - The President's bipartisan leadership meeting
  - Congressional relations
    - US withdrawal
      - William E. Timmons
      - Prisoners of War [POWs]
      - Continuation of war
      - Compared to cease-fire
        - Cambodia, Laos
        - End of war
        - Responsibility

Ziegler left at 1:08 pm.

Conversation No. 394-9

Date: January 5, 6, 7, or 8, 1973

Time: Unknown between 1:08 pm, January 5, 1973 and 2:56 pm, January 8, 1973

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown person.

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Conversation No. 394-9 (cont'd)

The President's schedule [?]

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 2:56 pm, January 8, 1973.

Conversation No. 394-10

Date: January 5, 6, 7 or 8, 1973

Time: Unknown between 1:08 pm, January 5, 1973 and 2:56 pm, January 8, 1973

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown person.

Item for the President's briefcase

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 2:56 pm, January 8, 1973.

Conversation No. 394-11

Date: January 5, 6, 7, or 8, 1973

Time: Unknown between 1:08 pm, January 5, 1973, and 2:56 pm, January 8, 1973

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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Request  
-Kitchen

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

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Conversation No. 394-11 (cont'd)

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:56 pm, January 8, 1973.

Conversation No. 394-12

Date: January 5, 6, 7, or 8, 1973

Time: Unknown between 1:08 pm, January 5, 1973 and 2:56 pm, January 8, 1973

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown person.

The President's appreciation

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 2:56 pm, January 8, 1973.

Conversation No. 394-13

Date: January 5, 6, 7 or 8, 1973

Time: Unknown between 1:08 pm, January 5, 1973 and 2:56 pm, January 8, 1973

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 35-97]

Conversation No. 394-14

Date: January 8, 1973

Time: 2:56 pm - 3:00 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Ronald L. Ziegler.

[See Conversation No. 35-155]

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Conversation No. 394-15

Date: January 8, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 3:00 pm and 3:04 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 35-98]

Conversation No. 394-16

Date: January 8, 1973  
Time: 3:04 pm - 3:11 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Stephen B. Bull.

[See Conversation No. 35-99]

Conversation No. 394-17

Date: January 8, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 3:11 pm and 3:26 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown man.

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Refreshments  
-Coffee

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Conversation No. 394-17 (cont'd)

[End of segment reviewed under deed of gift]

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The unknown man left at an unknown time before 3:26 pm

Conversation No. 394-18

Date: January 8, 1973  
Time: 3:26 pm - 3:28 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

The President's schedule  
-Meeting with reporters  
-Seating arrangements

Ziegler left at 3:28 pm.

Conversation No. 394-19

Date: January 8, 1973  
Time: 3:29 pm - 4:04 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Helen Thomas, Fran Lewine, and Ronald L. Ziegler. The White House photographer and members of the press were present at the beginning of the meeting.

Birthday greetings

Women clothing

The President's schedule  
-Inaugural speech

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Conversation No. 394-19 (cont'd)

-Lyndon B. Johnson

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 3:29 pm.

Refreshments

-Coffee

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 4:04 pm.

Birthdays

- Women's interest
- The President's service as Vice President
  - Greetings to Congress, governors
    - Changes
    - Decades
    - Rose Mary Woods
- Friend's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday
- The President's 60th birthday
  - Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo
  - Age
    - William P. Rogers

Age

- The President's conversation with George H.W. Bush
  - Candidates
    - Congress
    - Quality, organization
    - House of Representatives
      - Maximum age
        - First candidacy
        - Exceptions
        - Physical requirements
        - Seniority
          - Chairman, Speaker of the House
  - Senate
    - Maximum age
    - Experience
    - Chairman
  - Exceptions
    - [Name unintelligible]

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- Wife
- James J. Wadsworth
- Influence on the President
- The President's age
  - Candidacies for House of Representatives and Senate
- Judges
  - Earl Warren
    - Vigor
  - The President's appointments to Supreme Court
    - Maximum age
    - Value of experience
      - Harry A. Blackman
      - Lewis F. Powell, Jr.
      - Charles S. Rhyne's comments
    - William H. Rehnquist
    - Powell
  - Other courts
    - Maximum age
  - Rehnquist
- Women
- Men
  - Exceptions
  - Dwight D. Eisenhower
  - Konrad Adenauer
    - Meetings with the President
  - [First name unknown] Yoshito [?]
    - Japan
    - Meeting with the President
  - Adenauer
  - Gen. Charles A.J.M deGaulle
  - Winston S. Churchill
  - Herbert C. Hoover
    - Accomplishments late in life
- The President's view
  - Ages 20,30,40,50
- Importance of young people
  - Older people
    - Utility
  - Kenneth R. Cole, Jr.
  - Stephen B. Bull

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- Tricia Nixon Cox
- Julie Nixon Eisenhower
- Importance of physical fitness
  - Charles B. ("Bud") Wilkinson
  - The President's exercise routine at Camp David
    - Secret Service
- World leaders
  - France, Britain
    - Churchill, de Gaulle
  - Physical, mental, and emotional demands
- Orientation to future
- Slowing down
- Doctors
- Burdens of office
  - Effects
  - Heart attack
  - Compared to boredom
  - Johnson
    - Heart problems
    - Relevance to office
  - Gen. Douglas MacArthur
  - Hoover
- Value of interaction with young people
- The President's thoughts on decade ahead
  - Compared to last decade
    - 1962 defeat
      - California governor
  - Second term

Items in office

- Photographs
  - Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
  - Julie Nixon Eisenhower

Birthday celebration

- Mrs. Nixon, Tricia Nixon Cox, Julie Nixon Eisenhower, Woods
- Gifts
  - White House staff

Ms. Thomas, Levine and Ziegler left at 4:04 pm.

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Conversation No. 394-20

Date: January 8, 1973

Time: Unknown between 4:04 pm and 4:05 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

The President's schedule

-Meeting with Charles W. Colson

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 4:05 pm.

Conversation No. 394-21/395-1

Date: January 8, 1973

Time: Between 4:05 pm and 5:32 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Charles W. Colson and Ronald L. Ziegler.

The President's interview with Helen Thomas and Fran Lewine

-Comments on age

-Publication date

The President's schedule

-Stephen B. Bull

-Meetings

-George P. Shultz

-Kenneth R. Cole, Jr.

-Frederic V. Malek

-Shultz

-Publicity

-Possible photograph opportunity

-Timing

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- Chart
- Ziegler's call to Shultz

Wholesale price index

- Briefing
  - Ahalt Dawson [?]
- Meeting
  - Purpose
    - Publicity
    - Quadriad
    - Camp David
    - Photograph
- Shultz's briefing

Ziegler left at 4:10 pm.

Vietnam negotiations

- Jay Lovestone
  - Democrats
- Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson
  - Statement
    - Opposition to the President
    - Lovestone analysis
    - Value to the President
- The President's critics
  - Irresponsibility
  - Democrats, Republicans
  - Prolonging the war
- Press relations
  - Herbert G. Klein
    - W. Ramsey Clark
  - Civilian casualties
    - Double standard
    - Kidnappings, hospitals
    - Atrocities
  - Chronology
- The President's schedule

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[End of transcript]

The President's birthday

- Interview
  - Wire services
  - Saul Pett
  - Release
  - Comments on age
    - Congress
    - Konrad Adenauer, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Winston S. Churchill, Gen. Charles A.J.M deGaulle
    - John B. Connally
    - Spiro T. Agnew
    - Eisenhower

Book [?]

- Evaluation
- Medicines
- Will to live
- Heart disease, cancer
- Christian Science

Colson's White House responsibilities

- H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- 1972 election
- Plans for future
- Running an operation
  - Kenneth E. BeLieu
  - Congressional relations
  - Kenneth W. Clawson
  - Al Abrams
  - Counsellors
    - Task force
    - BeLieu
- Staffing
- Issues
  - Frank L. Rizzo
  - Busing

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1972 election

- Opposition to the President
  - Establishment, press
- The President's standing
  - Compared to George S. McGovern in polls
- Pierre Salinger
  - The President's strategy
    - Use of surrogates
- McGovern's campaign
- May 8, 1972 decision

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The President's second term

- Goals
  - Number
  - Legislation
  - Labor management
  - Establishment
    - Opposition
  - Republican Party base
  - Political goals
    - McGovern
      - Fundraising
    - Committee for a Democratic Majority
      - Beliefs
      - Robert S. Strauss
        - Connally
        - McGovern
        - Conservative Democrats
    - Connally and Lyndon B. Johnson
      - Money

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-Compared to the President

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Government spending

- David S. Broder
  - View of spending
  - Conservatives
  - Patrick J. Buchanan
- Colson's theory
- Busing
- Congressional relations
  - Republican majority
  - Taxes
  - Compared to administration position
    - Less bureaucracy
  - State interests
  - Vietnam settlement
  - Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty [SALT]
  - Mutual and Balanced Force Reductions [MBFR]
  - Exports
  - Government's role
  - Revenue sharing

Second term

- Compared to first term
- New prosperity
  - Overspending by Congress
    - Inflation
    - Taxes
- William E. Timmons
- Colson's role
- George H.W. Bush
  - Access to Haldeman, Ehrlichman, Shultz
- William J. Baroody, Jr.
  - Recognition

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- Clawson
  - Abilities
- Colson's conversation with Haldeman
- Colson's schedule

Bombing of North Vietnam

- Louis P. Harris
  - Public reaction
- Past presidents
  - Public opinion
    - 1964
    - 1956
  - Perspective
- Support for the President
  - Opposition
  - Erosion
    - Congress
- Opposition reaction
  - Criticism of targets
    - Hospital
    - Carpet bombing
    - Marshalling yards
    - Military installations
    - Airplane losses

Press relations

- Press conference
  - Klein
  - Ehrlichman

Supreme Court

- Ehrlichman
  - Possible future position
- Potter Stewart
- William H. Rehnquist
- Stewart
  - "Georgetown Set"
- Possible vacancies
- William O. Douglas
  - Possibility of resignation

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- Optimum age for appointment
- Lewis F. Powell, Jr.
  - Resignation
- Harry A. Blackmun
- Warren E. Burger
  - Resignation
  - Earl Warren
- Optimum age
  - The President's previous interview
    - Rehnquist
    - Hugo Black
    - Powell
    - Congress
      - Bush
      - William E. Brock III
      - Clarence J. ("Bud") Brown, Jr.
      - Robert C. ("Bob") Wilson
      - Safe Republican districts
      - Nelson A. Rockefeller
      - Ronald W. Reagan

Rockefeller

- Proposed drug program
  - Mandatory life sentences
- Polling
  - Harris
- Taxes
- Proposed drug and crime program

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- Republican party in New York state
  - Spiro T. Agnew
  - Jacob K. Javits
  - Effect of the President's victory in 1972 election
    - Compared to California
    - Reagan

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1972 election

- New York
  - Final results
  - Certification
- New Majority
- Illinois
  - Gains in Republican Congressman
- Ohio
- Michigan
- Fred Schwengel
  - Daughter's work for the President
  - Personality

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The President's Cabinet

- Eisenhower's Cabinet
- Peter J. Brennan
- Elliot L. Richardson
- Earl L. Butz
- Rogers C. B. Morton
- Claude S. Brinegar
- William P. Rogers
- Richard G. Kleindienst
- James T. Lynn
  - Abilities
- Caspar ("Cap") W. Weinberger
- Evaluation
  - Intelligence
- Kleindienst
  - Compared to Richardson, Melvin R. Laird
  - Class standing at Harvard University
- Rogers
  - [David] Kenneth Rush
- Morton
- Lynn
- Brennan
  - Education

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Intelligence Quotient [IQ] tests

- The President's test in service
  - Score
  - Law school grades
- Colson's test in service
  - Score
  - Law school

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Broadcasting licensing standards

- The President's meeting with Ehrlichman
  - Domestic Council
  - Clay ("Tom") Whitehead
    - Statements
    - Television [TV] license renewals
  - Charles Crutchfield
    - Presentation
    - Support for bill
  - Speech
    - Approval
    - Colson, Klein, Ehrlichman
  - TV content
    - Responsibility of broadcasters
- Meeting with Whitehead, Klein, Ziegler
- Congressional action
- Bill
  - Purpose
  - Chance of passage
  - Stability
  - Responsibility
- John W. Chancellor
- Broadcaster's program selection

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- Klein
- Ziegler
- Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
- Klein
- Ziegler
- Cole
- Robert A. Griffin
- Brown
- Neighborhood councils
- Privacy considerations
- Public opinion
  - Administration position

[A transcript of the following portion of this conversation appears in RG 460, Box 172 (6-13).]

[End of transcript]

- John F. Kennedy
  - Length of time since death
  - Reputation
    - Harris
      - Ratings of Presidents
    - Abraham Lincoln
    - Martyrdom

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- 1976 election
  - Agnew
    - Connally
    - Rockefeller
    - South
    - Primaries
  - Conservatives
    - 1972 election
  - Delegates

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The President talked with the White House operator at 5:25 pm.

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[See Conversation No. 35-100]

[End of telephone conversation]

White House operators

[A transcript of the following portion of this conversation appears in RG 460, Box 172 (13-15)]

[End of transcript]

The President's birthday

Col. Richard T. Kennedy entered at 5:30 pm.

The President's age  
-Service as Vice President

An unknown person entered at 5:30 pm.

Food order

The unknown person left at an unknown time after 5:30 pm.

Colson's age

Colson left at 5:32 pm.

Reply to the President's letter to Chou En-Lai  
-Tone

Henry A. Kissinger  
-Report on Vietnam negotiations  
-Tone

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- Mood
  - Camp David
  - The President's warning

Vietnam negotiations

- North Vietnamese position
- Timing of statements
  - Kissinger
  - Events of previous week
- The President's expectations
  - North Vietnam
    - Tough stance
    - Delaying tactics
- Le Duc Tho
  - Statement

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 5:32 pm.

Food delivery

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 5:34 pm.

Vietnam negotiations

- Kissinger
- The President's expectations
  - U.S. position
    - Liberal critics
    - Effect
- Kissinger's view
  - Bombing of North Vietnam
  - Critics reaction
- Narrowing of issues
  - Protocol
- William H. Sullivan
- Kissinger
- Last meeting
- South Vietnamese position
  - Nguyen Van Thieu
    - Possible action
    - Signing

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- North Vietnamese position
- Cease-fire
- Aid program
  - Rebuilding
- US sincerity
- Anatoliy F. Dobrynin

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[The conversation was cut off at an unknown time before 5:34 pm.]

[See Conversation No. 395-1 for continuation.]