Conversation No. 405-1

Date: January 25, 1973
Time: Unknown between 7:54 am and 8:38 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President dictated a memorandum for the files.

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Lyndon B. Johnson
   -Memorial service at Capitol

Vietnam settlement
   -President’s goals
      -“Peace with honor”

H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman [?]

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Conversation No. 405-2

Date: January 25, 1973
Time: Unknown between 7:54 am and 8:38 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President dictated a memorandum to H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman.

Vietnam settlement
   -Conversation with Henry A. Kissinger and Charles W. Colson
      -Kissinger
         -Congressional relations
Conversation No. 405-2 (cont’d)

-Support for President
-“Doves”
-Public relations [PR]
-Surrogates
-“Peace with honor”
-Coalition government
-South Vietnam’s rights
-End of war
-50 million people of Indochina
-Prisoners of War [POWs]
-US withdrawal
-October 1972 agreements
-Kissinger
-Congressional resolution
-Vote
-December 1972 bombing
-Effect
-President’s opponents
-Surrender
-Future of South Vietnam
-Communist government
-“Peace with honor”
-Kissinger
-Congressional relations
-Briefing

Conversation No. 405-3

Date: January 25, 1973
Time: Unknown between 7:54 am and 8:38 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown person.

Deliveries
-Tape

Rose Mary Woods
Conversation No. 405-3 (cont’d)

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 8:38 am.

Conversation No. 405-4

Date: January 25, 1973
Time: Unknown between 7:54 am and 8:38 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 36-110]

Conversation No. 405-5

Date: January 25, 1973
Time: 8:38 am - 8:39 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Stephen B. Bull.

[See Conversation No. 36-111]

Conversation No. 405-6

Date: January 25, 1973
Time: Unknown between 8:39 am and 9:01 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown person.

President's schedule
-H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 9:01 am.
Conversation No. 405-7

Date: January 25, 1973  
Time: 9:01 am - 9:03 am  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President’s schedule [?]

Bull left at an unknown time before 9:03 am.

Conversation No. 405-8

Date: January 25, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 9:01 am and 9:05 am  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President dictated a memorandum.

Memorandum [?]

Conversation No. 405-9

Date: January 25, 1973  
Time: 9:05 am – 9:34 am  
Location: Executive Office Building

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

President's speech on 1974 budget  
-Preparation  
-George P. Shultz
-Vietnam settlement
-John D. Ehrlichman
-Congressional relations
-Spiro T. Agnew [?]
-Roy L. Ash
-Strategy
-Congressional relations
-Details compared to overall concept
-Programs
-Taxes
-Congress
-Cabinet meeting
-Ehrlichman
-Ash
-Earl L. Butz
-Rogers C. B. Morton
-Timing
-Ehrlichman
-Ronald L. Ziegler
-Timing
-William E. Timmons, Ash
-President's revisions in drafts
-Continental Divide
-Method of press coverage
-Ehrlichman, Ziegler
-Relation to Vietnam settlement
-Congress
-Ehrlichman's work with John A. Volpe
-Agnew
-Strategy
-Timmons
-Method of press coverage
-Radio, television [TV]
-President's response to draft
-Cabinet meeting
-Agnew [?]
-Volpe

Lyndon B. Johnson’s funeral
-Claudia A. (“Lady Bird”) Johnson
Conversation No. 405-9 (cont’d)

-Photographs with President
-Photographs with President's role
-Military attache, Claudia Johnson
-Wreath-laying

President's speech on 1974 budget
-Length
-Raymond K. Price, Jr.
-Method of press coverage
-Publicity
-Congressional relations
-Ehrlichman's view on importance
-Vietnam settlement

1974 budget meeting
-Shultz's role
-President's role
-Taxes

Cabinet meeting
-Elliot L. Richardson
-Peter J. Brennan
-Ability
-Morton
-Value
-George W. Romney
-Frederick B. Dent
-George H. W. Bush
-Inclusion in future meetings
-Agnew

Stephen B. Bull entered at 9:34 am.

Lyndon Johnson’s funeral
-Departure time for President
-Logistics
-Claudia Johnson and family
-Weather in Texas

President's speech on 1974 budget
President, Haldeman, and Bull left at 9:35 am.

Conversation No. 405-10

Date: January 25, 1973
Time: 12:45 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown person.

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Food order [?]

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The unknown person left at an unknown time before 2:16 pm.

Conversation No. 405-11

Date: January 25, 1973
Time: 12:45 pm - 2:16 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

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

President's schedule
   - Lyndon B. Johnson’s funeral
Conversation No. 405-11 (cont’d)

- President's 1974 budget speech
  - John D. Ehrlichman
  - Press coverage
  - Television [TV]
  - Preparation
  - Revisions
    - Ehrlichman
    - Vietnam settlement
    - George P. Shultz
    - Compared to December 1972 bombing
      - Haldeman’s responsibility
      - Henry A. Kissinger
  - Ehrlichman
  - Shultz
  - Ehrlichman, Haldeman
    - Scheduling techniques
  - Fatigue
  - Press conference
  - Ehrlichman
  - Meeting of a council

Executive privilege
- Recommendation
  - William P. Rogers
    - Conversation with President
  - Ehrlichman
  - Bryce N. Harlow
  - Director of the Budget
    - Congressional relations
  - Ehrlichman's view
  - Law
    - Samuel J. Ervin, Jr.
      - Budget
      - Directors of National Security Council [NSC], Central Intelligence Agency [CIA], Domestic Council
      - Cost of Living Council
  - Ronald L. Ziegler
  - Unknown man
    - Work out of White House
President's schedule
- Ehrlichman's and Haldeman's roles
- Press conferences
- Kissinger, Rogers
- Staff meeting
  - Haldeman and Ziegler
  - Shultz
  - Roy L. Ash
  - Ehrlichman
  - Executive privilege issue
- Meeting
  - Ehrlichman
  - Ziegler
- Event for end of week
  - Ehrlichman
  - Agenda

Cabinet
- Appointments
  - Ehrlichman

Presiden'ts schedule
- Bipartisan Congressional leaders meeting
- Kissinger
- Roosevelt Room
- Board of directors
  - National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia
- Swearing-in of Cabinet
  - Kissinger
  - Bipartisan Congressional leaders meeting
  - Press conference
- Vietnam settlement
  - National Day of Prayer
  - Cease-fire
  - Press coverage
  - Possible speech by President
  - Proclamation
  - Crowd
  - Ceremony at air base
Haldeman left at 2:16 pm.

Conversation No. 405-12

Date: January 25, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 2:16 pm and 3:31 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building  

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.  

Delivery to Raymond K. Price, Jr.  
-Unnamed secretary  

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 3:31 pm.

Conversation No. 405-13

Date: January 25, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 2:16 pm and 3:31 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building  

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.
Conversation No. 405-13 (cont’d)

Delivery of President's speech

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 3:31 pm.

Conversation No. 405-14

Date: January 25, 1973
Time: Unknown between 2:16 pm and 3:31 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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President's speech

-Final draft

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 3:31 pm.

Conversation No. 405-15

Date: January 25, 1973
Time: Unknown between 2:16 pm and 3:31 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown person.
Delivery

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 3:31 pm.

Conversation No. 405-16

Date: January 25, 1973
Time: 3:31 pm - 4:33 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Charles W. Colson and H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman.

President's schedule

Vietnam settlement
- Cease-fire announcement
- Congressional resolution
  - Frank F. Church
  - Gerald R. Ford
  - Phrasing
  - Vote
  - Content
  - Church
  - Content
- Hawks

Press relations
- November 3, 1969 speech
- Potential stories
- Ronald L. Ziegler
- Television [TV]
- John F. Kennedy
  - Lyndon B. Johnson
- James C. Hagerty's work
  - Dwight D. Eisenhower administration
- Ziegler
- Personal qualities of President's leadership
  - Courage, steadfastness
  - Editorials
Leadership
  - Kennedy
    - Health
    - Public opinion
  - President’s image
    - Personal qualities
      - Public opinion
    - Vietnam negotiations [?]
  - Important decisions
  - Daniel P. (“Pat”) Moynihan
  - John B. Connally
  - George P. Shultz and Spiro T. Agnew
  - Purpose
  - Public perception
  - People’s Republic of China [PRC]
  - May 8, 1972 decision and Cambodia decision
  - Second term
    - Middle East crisis
  - Accomplishments
    - Trips to PRC and Soviet Union
    - Economy
    - End of Vietnam War
  - Kennedy
    - Image
      - Cuban Missile Crisis
      - Kennedy's actions
        - Soviet Union
        - Book
      - Manufactured crises
        - Myth-making
      - Haldeman’s view

Press relations
  - Colson’s report
    - Church
      - Organization
  - Watergate
    - Focus
Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 3:31 pm.

President's speech
  -Delivery of draft
  -Delay

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 4:33 pm.

Campus disturbances
  -Firings [?]
  -Vietnam War
  -Columbia University
    -Jews [?]
  -University of California Los Angeles [UCLA]
  -Student attitudes
  -Teaching
  -1972 election victory
  -PRC trip, Chou En-lai
  -Democrats, Republicans
    -1968
  -Republican President
  -Students
    -Misdirection

Vietnam settlement
  -Bombing
    -Henry A. Kissinger
    -Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Press relations
  -“Today”
    -Melvin R. Laird

Public relations [PR]
  -William P. Rogers
  -Henry M. (“Scoop”) Jackson
  -Republicans, Democrats
  -Peter J. Brennan and hardhats
  -Rogers
Democratic candidates
- Press relations
- Johnson
- Joseph W. Alsop

President's possible press conferences
- Rogers
- Press requests
  - President's role in Vietnam settlement
  - Haig
- New York Times
  - Kissinger's role in Vietnam settlement

Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 3:31 pm.

Delivery of draft of President's speech

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 4:33 pm.

Vietnam settlement
- Kissinger's role
- President's role
  - Subtlety
  - Johnson

Previous evening's event [?]

Congressional relations
- Letters
  - Announcement
  - Modifications
  - William E. Timmons
Conversation No. 405-16 (cont’d)

- President's supporters
  - Charles H. Percy
  - William B. Saxbe
- President's thanks to supporters
  - Personal letters
    - Timmons
- Reactions
- Republican Party

President's opposition
- Attitudes
  - Hatred
- Democratic Party
  - Hubert H. Humphrey
  - Clark M. Clifford

Federal Communications Commission [FCC]

Press relations

Vietnam settlement
- TV
  - Announcement
  - Press relations [?]
  - Kissinger
  - Briefings [?]
  - John A. Scali
- Wire service reports
- PR strategy
- TV
  - Editorial comments
    - Effect
      - May 8, 1972 decision [?]
  - Press relations [?]
  - Haig
  - 1973 Inauguration
  - “Bug out”
    - “Doves”
  - Public opinion
  - President’s speech
Johnson’s funeral
- Minister's message
- Johnson’s staffers
  - President's relations
  - Marvin Watson
  - George Christian
- Kennedy

1973 Inauguration
- Johnson’s death

Vietnam settlement
- Signing
  - Rogers
  - Returning armed service members
  - Publicity
  - Crowd
  - Prisoners of War [POWs]
- President’s schedule
  - Signing
  - Presidential proclamation
- Frank Stanton
  - Schedule
  - American Red Cross [?]
  - Colson’s contact
- President’s schedule
  - Radio speech

Colson left at 4:33 pm.

President's schedule
- Meeting
  - Budget
    - John D. Ehrlichman
  - Haldeman's role
  - Executive privilege
  - John W. Dean's possible attendance
  - Rogers
Haldeman left at 4:33 pm.