Conversation No. 428-1

Date: April 12, 1973
Time: Unknown between 1:19 pm and 1:20 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown person.

Acknowledgement

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 1:20 pm.

Conversation No. 428-2

Date: April 12, 1973
Time: 1:20 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 44-152]

Conversation No. 428-3

Date: April 12, 1973
Time: 1:20 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown man.
The unknown man left at 1:20 pm.

Date: April 12, 1973
Time: 1:20 pm - 1:21 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Stephen B. Bull.

[See Conversation No. 44-153]

Date: April 12, 1973
Time: Unknown between 1:21 pm and 2:23 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown person.

President’s schedule [?]

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 2:23 pm.
Conversation No. 428-6

Date: April 12, 1973
Time: Unknown between 1:21 pm and 2:23 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

Weather
-Snow

Sanchez left before 2:23 pm.

Conversation No. 428-7

Date: April 12, 1973
Time: Unknown between 1:21 pm and 2:23 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

Request for call
Date: April 12, 1973
Time: Unknown between 1:21 pm and 2:23 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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Refreshment

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Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:23 pm.

Date: April 12, 1973
Time: 2:23 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Ronald L. Ziegler.

[See Conversation No. 44-155]
Date: April 12, 1973  
Time: Between 2:25 pm and 2:27 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building  

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.  

President’s schedule  

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President’s schedule  
-Congressional reception  
  -Set-up  
  -Speakers  
  -Gerald R. Ford, Hugh Scott, Joe D. Waggonner, Jr., John McClellan  
  -White House Press Room  
  -Remarks  
  -Format and arrangement
Conversation No. 428-10 (cont’d)

- Recording
  - Release of segments
  - Ronald L. Ziegler

Bull left at 2:27 pm.

Conversation No. 428-11

Date: April 12, 1973
Time: 2:27 pm - 2:28 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Julie Nixon Eisenhower.

[See Conversation No. 44-156]

Conversation No. 428-12

Date: April 12, 1973
Time: 2:30 pm - 3:45 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with John D. Ehrlichman.

Watergate
  - Public handling of issue
    - Ronald L. Ziegler
    - H.R. (“Bob”) Haldeman statement
  - Comments on White House response to Watergate
    - Donald H. Segretti
    - Need for special prosecutor
  - President’s statement
    - John N. Mitchell
Conversation No. 428-12 (cont’d)

-Ehrlichman’s conversation with Ziegler
  -John W. Dean, III
  -Ervin Committee
    -Executive session
-Ehrlichman’s conversation with William E. Brock, III
  -Call to Ehrlichman at the request of Howard H. Baker, Jr.
  -Ervin Committee
  -Effect of televising the hearings
  -Brock’s desire to help the President
    -George H. W. Bush
-Letters to Ehrlichman and Haldeman
  -Charles Thome
-Marvin L. Esch
  -Release of statement on intelligence gathering
-G. Gordon Liddy’s reports on intelligence gathering
  -Memorandums to the White House
  -Sally H. Harmony
  -White House recipient Gordon C. Strachan
  -Format
  -Disposition
  -Strachan’s memo to Haldeman
-Grand jury
  -Earl J. Silbert’s November 1972 call to Strachan concerning $350,000
  -Strachan’s testimony April 11, 1973 concerning $350,000
    -Frederick C. LaRue
    -W. Richard Howard
    -$22,000 Strachan delivered to William J. Baroody, Jr. for advertising
    -LaRue’s possible testimony
      -$328,000 balance
      -Strachan’s conversation with Ehrlichman
      -Silbert
      -Strachan’s conversation with Haldeman
-Strachan’s conversations with Ehrlichman
-Delivery of Liddy’s reports
  -Strachan
  -Charles W. Colson
-Haldeman
-Recipient of political information
  -Possible news report
  -Harmony’s possible testimony on reports of bugging
    -Jeb Stuart Magruder
-Unknown person’s conversation with President
-Liddy’s statement about documents
  -Mitchell
  -Magruder and the White House
-Conversation with President concerning Strachan
-Magruder
-Harmony
  -Possible activities
  -Liddy
-Possible statement by White House
-Intelligence-gathering reports
  -Ziegler
  -Leonard Garment
  -Timing of White House acquisition of knowledge
    -Dean’s disclosures
-Dean report
-Statement by Haldeman
-Possible resignation by Dean
-Status of preparation
-Contents
  -Liddy reports
  -Strachan, Haldeman
  -Campaign intelligence
    -George S. McGovern
    -Edmund S. Muskie
    -Disposal
-Dean
-Competency
-Mitchell
  -Involvement
    -Committee to Re-elect the President [CRP]
      -Clark MacGregor
-Dean
-Ziegler
-Possible resignation
  -Executive privilege
    -Limits to application
    -Colson
-Testimony
-Possible statement by White House
  -Effects
    -Focus of investigation on Mitchell
    -Haldeman
-Bryce Harlow’s conversation with Ehrlichman
  -Opinion of Lowell P. Weicker, Jr.
  -Robert J. Dole
  -Quid pro quo
    -Instructions for William E. Timmons
      -1958 campaign
      -Pennsylvania
      -Oklahoma
      -Roy L. Ash
      -Elliot L. Richardson
      -Kansas

Dr. Kenneth W. Riland
  -Indictment
    -Work for White House
    -Press coverage
      -Henry A. Kissinger, Rose Mary Woods
      -Nelson A. Rockefeller, Warren E. Burger, Mitchell
  -Replacement
  -Replacement as osteopath

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Riland
- Visits to White House
  - Rose Mary Woods
  - Gen. Walter R. Tkach’s role as intermediary
- Rockefeller
  - Support for Riland
- Tax withholding
- Navy payments

Treasury Department
- General Counsel
  - Lee H. Henkel, Jr.

Herbert Stein’s paper on the economy
- Arthur F. Burns
- Pierre Rinfret
- Congressional action
  - 60 day extension
  - Prices

Watergate
- White House reaction
  - Ehrlichman, Haldeman, Ziegler, Richard A. Moore meeting
  - Ziegler’s plan
Conversation No. 428-12 (cont’d)

-Ziegler to meet with Ehrlichman
-White House Correspondents Association dinner, April 14, 1973
-H[orace] Chapman (“Chappie”) Rose meeting with Garment
-Rose’s earlier assistance with Peter M. Flanigan
-Garment to accompany Ervin Committee witnesses
   -Samuel J. Ervin, Jr.
   -Baker
-Patrick J. Buchanan’s research on Democrats’ campaign irregularities
   -Kenneth L. Khachigian
   -Tod R. Hullin
   -Murray M. Chotiner
   -Colson
   -Ehrlichman
   -Harlow
-Weicker
   -Harlow
   -Relations with Ervin Committee
-Dean
   -Proposed leave of absence
-Fred F. Fielding
-Garment
   -Role in White House investigation
   -Effect on Ervin Committee staff
   -Report to Ervin and Baker
-Dean
   -Possible statement requesting leave of absence
     -Pay
     -Bruce A. Kehrli
     -Alternative source
   -Possible resignation
   -Report to President
     -Need for investigations by credible person
-Haldeman
   -Segretti
   -Bugging
   -Dean’s request for funds for burglars
Possible testimony by Dean
- Reporting to Haldeman
- Possible statement by Haldeman
  - Political intelligence gathering
- Advance knowledge of Liddy’s planning
  - Mitchell involvement
  - Ehrlichman’s questioning of Haldeman
- Possible cross-examination of Dean
- Possible testimony by Dean
  - Dean’s response to Liddy’s plan
  - Inaction
  - Compared to President
- Need for publicity campaign building up Haldeman
  - Moore
  - Haldeman’s children
  - *Washington Post* and *Chicago Tribune*
  - Interviews
  - Visits to Ervin Committee members
    - Weicker
- Compared to Ehrlichman
- Compared to Sherman Adams and Dwight D. Eisenhower
  - Watergate’s effect on President
- Seriousness of charges against Haldeman
  - Possible request for leave of absence
- Possible lawsuit
- Possible resignation
- Target of President’s opponents
  - Haldeman, President
- Counterattack
- Work assignments
- Possible request for leave of absence
  - Popular concern about Watergate
  - Effect
    - Barry M. Goldwater
    - Weicker’s response
- Compared to Adams and Eisenhower
  - Henry Styles Bridges and other Republicans
Effect of prolonged White House struggle
Possible public relations effort by Haldeman
Effect of possible leave of absence
   - Effect on Presidency
   - Other concerns such as the economy and the forthcoming US-Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] summit
   - Effect on Ervin Committee
Ervin’s views on Presidency
   - Weicker
   - Ehrlichman to meet with Ziegler
      - Focus of news coverage
   - Future news reports on Watergate
Strachan
   - Harmony
   - Inaccurate testimony concerning $350,000
   - Possible statement to Earl J. Silbert for correction of testimony
Mitchell
   - Possible leave of absence
   - Haldeman, Dean

Ehrlichman left at 3:45 p.m.

Conversation No. 428-13

Date: April 12, 1973
Time: Unknown between 3:45 pm and 3:57 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown man.

President’s schedule
   - Scenario for Congressional reception

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 3:57 pm.
Conversation No. 428-14

Date: April 12, 1973
Time: Unknown between 3:45 pm and 3:57 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

Brief case
- Oval Office

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 3:57 pm.

Conversation No. 428-15

Date: April 14, 1973
Time: Unknown between 8:44 am and 8:47 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

Carpenter [?]

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 8:47 am.

Conversation No. 428-16

Date: April 14, 1973
Time: 8:47 am
Location: Executive Office Building
The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 38-16]

Date: April 14, 1973
Time: 8:47 am - 8:49 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Stephen B. Bull.

[See Conversation No. 38-17]

Date: April 14, 1973
Time: 8:49 pm - 8:54 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 38-18]

Date: April 14, 1973
Time: 8:53 pm - 12:30 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with John D. Ehrlichman
Greetings

The President talked with Elliot L. Richardson between 8:54 am and 8:56 am.

[Conversation No. 428-19A]

[Begin telephone conversation]

[See Conversation No. 38-19]

[End telephone conversation]

Boston Navy Yard
-Edward W. Brooke’s actions on behalf of the facility
-Return from trip to Vietnam
-Voting record
-Peace
-Defense budget cuts

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 8:56 am.

President’s schedule
-Alexander M. Haig, Jr. and H. R. (‘’Bob’’) Haldeman

Bull left at an unknown time before 9:00 am.

Base closure issue
-Budget battle
-Length of debate
-Brooke
-1972 election
-Budget impact

Haldeman entered at 9:00 am.

[A transcript of the following portion of this conversation was initially prepared for the
Watergate Special Prosecution Force (WSPF) and can be found in Record Group (RG) 460, Box 173, pages 1-57 and 79-102 and in United States v. Mitchell, Exhibit 18. The Nixon Presidential Materials Staff reviewed the transcript and made changes as necessary. This transcript has been reviewed under the provisions of the Presidential Recordings and Materials Preservation Act of 1974 (PRMPA). The National Archives does not guarantee its accuracy.

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[End transcribed portion]

John N. Mitchell
-Relations with William P. Rogers
  -Mitchell’s view of Rogers
-Position on Cambodia and May 8, 1972 decision in Vietnam War
  -Rogers’s alleged position
-Reaction to Ehrlichman
  -Supreme Court nominations problems
    -Clement F. Haynsworth, Jr., G. Harrold Carswell
-Justice Department operations
  -Oversight

[Resume transcribed portion]

[End transcribed portion]

Watergate
-Independent commission
  -John Williams
  -Howard H. Baker, Jr.
-Congressional relations
  -May 9 dinner
Money issue
-Cambodia

Clark MacGregor
-Relationship with White House
-Attitude towards Watergate
-Press statements
  -Watergate
    -Effect on 1972 election
    -White House Congressional liaison job
      -MacGregor’s opinion of Bryce N. Harlow, William E. Timmons
      -President and Ehrlichman’s handling of Congress
      -MacGregor’s job performance prediction

Watergate
-Ervin Committee
  -Ronald L. Ziegler
  -White House cooperation
    -Cover-up
-Press relations
  -Carroll Kilpatrick [?]
    -Richard G. Kleindienst
    -Executive privilege
-Ervin Committee rules
  -Negotiations with White House
    -Executive session
    -Henry A. Kissinger
    -Committee’s independence
  -Possible lawsuit
    -[First name unknown] Lipschitz [?]
      -Samuel Dash
-Dash, Garment
-Test case
  -Motion to quash
  -Federal District Court
  -Delay of White House staff testimony
-John N. Mitchell
-Indictment
  -Charles W. Colson, David Shapiro
  -Donald H. Segretti
  -Press
  -Ervin Committee
    -Judge’s delay
-Ervin Committee
  -White House cooperation
    -Options
    -Mitchell’s indictment
    -White House staff testimony
    -Cover-up
    -Watergate break-in
-Segretti
  -Dwight L. Chapin
  -Haldeman’s statement
    -Kissinger
    -Mitchell, E. Howard Hunt, Jr. [?]
      -Grand Jury
      -Press coverage
      -Ehrlichman’s commitment to Samuel J. Ervin, Jr., Baker
-Mitchell’s indictment
  -Paul L. O’Brien
  -Earl J. Silbert
-Jeb Stuart Magruder
  -Mitchell
    -Sources of information
      -Shapiro
      -Dean
      -Silbert
-New York grand jury
  -Robert L. Vesco
  -Securities and Exchange Commission [SEC]
-Vesco’s campaign contribution
  -Maurice H. Stans
  -Mitchell
  -Harry L. Sears
Conversation No. 428-19 (cont’d)

-Edward C. Nixon
-Quid pro quo
-SEC violation
-Mitchell’s telephone call
-William P. Rogers

Grand juries
-Contractor Joel Klein [?]
-Contractor targeting
-Baltimore
-Washington, DC
-Spiro T. Agnew’s reaction
-Klein case
-Committee to Re-elect the President [CRP]
-Regional finance chairman
-Jews
-Agnew
-Stans
-Alleged cash contribution from Klein
-Delivery to Mitchell
-Alleged promise of government contract
-Alleged acceptance of money by Mitchell
-Comparison to 1968 Presidential campaign
-Howard Hughes
-Charles G. (“Bebe”) Rebozo’s role
-Attorney General, campaign manager
-Vesco case
-Agnew’s associate [first name unknown] Wolfe
-Role as aide dealing with financial matters
-Baltimore County Executive, governor of Maryland
-Cash contributions
-Maryland law
-Contractor contribution
-Charles McC. Mathias, Jr.

-Meetings
-Contractor targeting
-Wolfe’s notes
-George Beall
CONVERSATION NO. 428-19 (CONT’D)

- US Attorney
  - Interrogation of Wolfe
- J. Glenn Beall, Jr.
- Wolfe’s transfer of notes to his lawyer
  - Quotes about Agnew
  - George White
  - Call from Wolfe’s lawyer
- President’s opinion of governor’s role
  - Otto Kerner
  - Illinois
- William T. Cahill
- Agnew’s request to Haldeman
  - Call to Glenn Beall
    - George Beall
    - Indictments
    - Colson’s contact with George White
      - Outsider communication away from White House
- Agnew’s vulnerability
  - Beall’s possible action
    - Maryland politics
  - Prospects for 1976 presidential campaign
  - Vulnerability of Republican candidates
    - John B. Connally
      - Possible indictment

ERVIN COMMITTEE
- Lowell P. Weicker, Jr.
  - Vulnerability
    - Campaign contributions
      - $65,000 [?]
Weicker’s staff
Relations between the staffs
Cooperation
Possible call to Ervin by Ehrlichman
-Weicker’s investigation tactics
-White House’s response

[Resume transcribed portion]

The President talked with the White House operator during the transcribed portion.

[Conversation No. 428-19B]

[Begin telephone conversation]

[See Conversation No. 38-20]

[End telephone conversation]

The President talked with Stephen B. Bull between 10:49 am and 10:50 am during the transcribed portion.

[Conversation No. 428-19C]

[Begin telephone conversation]

[See Conversation No. 38-21]

[End telephone conversation]

Ehrlichman talked with John W. Dean, III at an unknown time between 10:50 am and 11:31 am during the transcribed portion.

[Conversation No. 428-19D]

[Begin telephone conversation]
President’s schedule
- White House Correspondents Dinner
  - Awards for Watergate reporting
    - Robert U. (“Bob”) Woodward and Carl Bernstein
      - President’s reaction
      - Press coverage
  - President’s remarks
    - Length
    - Timing
    - Event schedule
    - Gift presentation
    - Press relations
      - Watergate
      - Legislative - executive branch relations
        - Role of press
        - Stewardship obligation
      - Accuracy of reporting
        - Criticism of the executive branch
    - Events of 1972
      - People’s Republic of China [PRC]
      - USSR
      - Vietnam settlement
      - 1972 election
    - Accomplishments of presidency
    - Tons of future reporting
      - Substance

Haldeman left at 11:30 am.

Ehrlichman’s forthcoming meeting
  - Haldeman’s presence
Henry A. Kissinger and Haig entered at 11:31 am.

President’s schedule
- Meeting

Ehrlichman left at 11:31 am.

President’s schedule
- News reports on alleged meeting with Kissinger

Kissinger’s actions

Vietnam and Southeast Asia
- Cambodia
  - Reports of enemy action
- Laos
  - Situation
  - Negotiation and withdrawal of forces
  - Violations of Vietnam settlement
- Vietnam settlement
  - Cambodia
  - Laos
  - South Vietnam

The President talked with Bull between 11:33 am and 11:34 am.

[Conversation No. 428-19E]

[See Conversation No. 38-25]

Vietnam settlement
- North Vietnam’s influence
  - Laos
Conversation No. 428-19 (cont’d)

- Cambodia
  - Support for possible action
    - Washington, DC
    - Canada
  - Military situation
    - Confidence of populace
    - Army of the Republic of Vietnam [ARVN]
      - Attitude
      - Readiness
      - Capabilities
        - Unrealistic expectations
  - Effectiveness
    - North Vietnam’s adherence
  - North Vietnam’s treatment of Prisoners of War [POWs]
    - Torture
  - Enforcement
    - Lack of authority
  - Possible military action
    - Air strikes
      - Frequency
    - Mining
      - Washington Special Actions Group (WSAG)
  - Reconnaissance flights
    - Rogers
    - Frequency
  - US military cooperation with Kissinger
    - WSAG
    - Proposals
  - Possible meeting with Rogers, Melvin R. Laird
  - December 1972 bombing decision
  - Possible military action
    - Congress
      - Timing of notification
      - President’s justification
        - Khe Sanh [?]
        - Violations of agreement
        - Cambodia
-Laos
-Timing of notification
-Public reaction
-Haig’s son
-Georgetown University
-Effect
-National interests
-Polls
-President’s credibility in foreign policy
-Peace movement
-[Arnold] Eric Sevareid
-North Vietnam’s violations
-Timing
-US response
-Avoidance
-Conflict between North Vietnam and South Vietnam
-Possible military action
-Protection of national interests
-WSAG meeting
-Possible reaction
-Comparison to Cambodia
-Richardson
-Durability
-Laos
-Return of Last POWs from North Vietnam
-Possible military action
-North Vietnam’s reaction
-Restart of war
-POWs
-Advocacy for US
-Event
-Henry Birl’s brother
-B-52s
-President’s meetings with POW leaders
-possible military actions
-North Vietnam
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Conversation No. 428-19 (cont’d)

-Joint Economic Commission
  -Delay
  -POWs
  -Arrogance
  -Economic aid
  -Haig’s meeting with Richardson

Ambassadorial Appointments
  -Cambodia
    -Emory C. Swank
      -Removal
    -William Kintner
      -Possible Congressional reaction
        -Military aide
        -Bombing
    -Gen. Richard G. Stilwell
      -Military aide
      -Kintner’s approval process
        -Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] background check
  -William Byroade
    -Thailand
  -Henry Kearns
    -Pakistan
  -Telephone Calls
    -Haldeman
    -Rogers
  -Kintner
  -Byroade
    -Thailand
  -Memorandum to Rogers
  -Byroade
    -Drinking
      -Kintner
  -Kearns
    -Pakistan
  -Foreign Service
    -US Ambassador to USSR
Recommendation
- William Porter
  - President’s commitment
- Byroade, Kintner
- Swank

Haig’s trip
  - *New York Times*

President’s schedule
  - White House Correspondents Dinner
    - President’s remarks

Haig left at 12:02 pm.

Press
  - White House Correspondents Dinner
    - President’s demeanor

Watergate
  - Advance information on Gallup Poll
    - Haldeman
    - Size of poll sample
    - Poll results
      - Effect of economy and inflation
      - Great Britain
        - Edward M. Heath
          - Opposition
          - Inflation
          - Economy
          - Election trends

President’s schedule
  - Forthcoming meetings
    - WSAG
    - National Security Council [NSC]
    - Congressional leaders
Watergate
- Mitchell’s handling of campaign director job
  - Martha Mitchell
- President’s instructions regarding knowledge of Watergate
  - President’s responsibility
- Need to seize initiative
- Haldeman
  - Veracity
  - Leonard Garment
  - Possible resignation
- Cooperation with grand jury
- Congress
  - Executive session
- Prognosis
- Haldeman’s position
- Forthcoming Congressional hearings
  - Revelations
- Mitchell and Magruder
- Comparison to Sherman Adams case
  - Bernard Goldfine
  - Adams’s position in White House compared to Haldeman, Ehrlichman, Kissinger
  - Dwight D. Eisenhower
- Mitchell, Magruder
- Lipshitz [?]
  - 1966 wiretapping conviction
    - Suspended sentence
- Kissinger’s award ceremony on April 13, 1973
  - Charles L. Bartlett
  - Kissinger’s comments
- Samuel Dash
- Civil liberties issue
  - Bartlett
    - Kennedy association
  - Watergate burglars
  - Communists
Conversation No. 428-19 (cont’d)

- McCarthyism
- Watergate burglars
  - Length of Hunt’s sentence
- Effect on President
  - Discounting of polls and press attacks
  - Emphasis on human factor
  - Men involved in case
    - Mitchell and Magruder
    - Break-in

Libya
- Reconnaissance flight
  - Mediterranean Sean

Kissinger’s speech to Associated Press [AP] editors
- Vietnam
- Europe
- Latin America
  - Public interest
- Vietnam
  - Background
    - President’s trips to PRC and USSR
- Changes in the world over the last quarter century
  - New assessments
  - Europe
  - USSR

Kissinger left at 12:30 pm.

Conversation No. 428-20

Date: April 14, 1973
Time: 12:53 pm - 12:54 pm
Location: Executive Office Building
The President talked with Stephen B. Bull.

[See Conversation No. 38-27]

Date: April 14, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:54 pm and 1:52 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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    President’s schedule
        - Lunch
        - Nap
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Sanchez left at an unknown time before 4:58 pm.

Date: April 14, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:54 pm and 4:58 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.
President’s schedule
- Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon’s Garden Tour
- Charles G. (“Bebe”) Rebozo’s conversation with John Hutton
  - Presbyterian minister
- Rebozo’s schedule

**Bull left at an unknown time before 4:58 pm.**

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**Conversation No. 428-23**

Date: April 14, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:54 pm and 4:58 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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Lunch
  - Tray

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Sanchez left at an unknown time 4:58 pm.
Date: April 14, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:54 pm and 4:58 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 4:58 pm.

Date: April 14, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:54 pm and 4:58 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown person.

President’s schedule
-William E. Timmons

Item in outbox

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 4:58 pm.
Conversation No. 428-26

Date: April 14, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:54 pm and 4:58 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person.

President’s schedule

Conversation No. 428-27

Date: April 14, 1973
Time: 4:58 pm - 4:59 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

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

[See Conversation No. 38-29]

Conversation No. 428-28

Date: April 14, 1973
Time: 5:15 pm - 6:45 p.m.
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman.
President’s schedule
   - White House Correspondents Dinner
   - Formal clothing
   - Preparation

Ehrlichman talked with an unknown person at 5:15 pm.

[Conversation No. 428-28A]

[Begin telephone conversation]

   Evening clothes
   - Delivery from home to White House

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Ronald L. Ziegler and Richard A. Moore

[End telephone conversation]

[A transcript of the following portion of this conversation was initially prepared for the Watergate Special Prosecution Force (WSPF) and can be found in Record Group (RG) 460, Box 174, pages 1-51 and in United States v. Mitchell, et al., Exhibit 20, pages 1-14, 40-42, and 49-52. The Nixon Presidential Materials Staff reviewed the transcript and made changes as necessary. This transcript has been reviewed under the provisions of the Presidential Recordings and Materials Preservation Act of 1974 (PRMPA). The National Archives does not guarantee its accuracy.]

[A transcript of the following portion of this conversation was also prepared Richard Nixon’s Special White House Counsel for Watergate Matters and submitted to the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives. This transcript can be found in Submission of Recorded Presidential Conversations (SRPC), pages 582-628 (1-47). Please refer to the RG 460]
[Begin transcribed portion]

John D. Ehrlichman talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 5:15 pm and 6:45 pm during the transcribed portion.

[Conversation No. 428-23B]

[Begin telephone conversation]

[See Conversation No. 38-30]

[End telephone conversation]

Ehrlichman talked with Richard Kleindienst at an unknown time between 5:15 pm and 6:45 pm during the transcribed portion.

[Conversation No. 428-28C]

[Begin telephone conversation]

[See Conversation No. 38-31]

[End telephone conversation]

[The President talked with Julie Nixon Eisenhower between 6:08 pm and 6:09 pm during the transcribed portion.

[Conversation No. 428-28D]

[Begin telephone conversation]

[See Conversation No. 38-32]

[End telephone conversation]
Conversation No. 428-28 (cont’d)

[End transcribed portion]

Conversation No. 428-29

Date: April 14, 1973
Time: Unknown between 6:45 pm and 8:11 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

President’s schedule

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]
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Sanchez left at an unknown time before 8:11 pm.

Conversation No. 428-30

Date: April 14, 1973
Time: Unknown between 6:45 pm and 8:11 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown man.

President’s schedule
Conversation No. 428-30 (cont’d)

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 8:11 pm.

Conversation No. 428-31

Date: April 14, 1973
Time: Unknown between 6:45 pm and 8:11 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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Clothing
   - Tailoring

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]
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Sanchez left at an unknown time before 8:11 pm.

Conversation No. 428-32

Date: April 14, 1973
Time: Unknown after 6:45 pm and before 8:11 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.
Sanchez left at an unknown time before 8:11 pm.

Date: April 14, 1973
Time: Unknown between 6:45 pm and 8:11 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President dictated a memorandum for the file [?].
Conversation No. 428-34

Date: April 14, 1973
Time: Unknown between 6:45 pm and 8:11 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President dictated a memorandum to the file.

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[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

President’s schedule
- Camp David

Filing of dictation

Federal agent [?]

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]
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Conversation No. 428-35

Date: April 14, 1973
Time: Unknown between 6:45 pm and 8:11 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

Filing
- President’s private file

President’s schedule
The President and Sanchez left at an unknown time before 8:11 pm.

Conversation No. 428-36

Date: April 14, 1973
Time: Unknown between 1:12 pm and 2:22 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Richard G. Kleindienst.

Kleindienst’s arrival

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[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

President’s health

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]
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[A transcript of this portion of the conversation appears in Selected Recordings of Presidential Conversations (SRPC), 696-746.]

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Watergate
An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 1:12 pm.

Refreshment

An unknown person left at an unknown time before 2:22 pm/

Watergate
- Kleindienst’s meeting with Petersen, Silbert, and Titus
- Jeb Stuart Magruder
- John W. Dean, III
  - Negotiations
  - Lawyers
- Kleindienst’s access to President
  - Cabinet members
- Kleindienst’s call to John D. Ehrlichman
- Magruder
  - Grand jury
  - Guilty plea
  - Testimony
- President’s access to grand jury information
- Dean’s assignment
- Ehrlichman’s investigation
  - Magruder’s corroboration
  - Magruder’s credibility
    - John N. Mitchell
- Conversations with Mitchell
  - William P. Rogers
  - Ehrlichman
- Magruder, Dean
- Special prosecutor
- Dean’s possible testimony
  - Magruder’s possible testimony
-Gordon C. Strachan
-Implication of H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman and Ehrlichman
  -Legal proof
  -Allegations
  -Possible indictments
  -Silbert
  -Dean’s information
  -Strachan’s testimony
  -Mitchell
-Haldeman
  -Lack of evidence
  -Perceived involvement
-Meetings before June 17, 1972
  -Dean
  -Mitchell
-Obstruction of justice
  -Coaching of grand jury witnesses
  -Mitchell, Frederick C. LaRue, Robert C. Mardian, Dean
  -Magruder’s testimony
  -Suborning a witness for perjury
-Money for defendants
  -Ehrlichman
  -Motive
  -Berrigan brothers, Scottsboro case, Daniel Ellsberg
-Question of legality
  -Purchasing silence
  -Liddy’s conviction
  -Haldeman, Ehrlichman, Dean
-Press coverage
  -Haldeman, Ehrlichman
  -John J. Sirica
    -Secrecy of grand jury proceedings
-Mitchell
  -Prospective for indictment
    -Dean [?]
    -Magruder’s testimony
    -Strachan
Conversation No. 428-36 (cont’d)

-Donald H. Segretti
  -Dwight L. Chapin’s testimony
  -Haldeman’s knowledge
-Kleindienst’s contact with Haldeman, Ehrlichman, Mitchell, LaRue
-Possible case against Charles W. Colson
  -Money for Liddy’s projects
  -Colson’s denial
  -Lie detector test
-Possible case against Ehrlichman and Haldeman
-Press coverage
-Special prosecutor
-Kleindienst’s association with Mitchell
  -Mardian, LaRue
-Special prosecutor
  -President’s opposition
-Dean
-Joseph T. Sneed’s take-over of investigation
-Suspicions of Silbert and Petersen
  -White House staff cooperation
  -Dean’s role
  -1972 election
-President’s knowledge
  -1972 campaign
  -President’s preoccupations
    -May 8, 1972 decision
    -1972 Moscow summit
    -December 1972 bombing
-Mitchell, Magruder
-Sneed’s take-over of investigation
  -Kleindienst’s opposition
  -President’s appointee
  -Partisan attacks
    -Sneed’s reaction
-Special prosecutor
  -Possible candidates
    -Warren E. Burger
    -Roger Goff [?]
Barnabus Sears
-Chicago
-Case involving killing of Blacks by police
  -Violation of civil rights
-Qualifications
-Motorola labor case
-Role
-Silbert, Petersen, Titus
-Mitchell
-Indictments
-President’s possible meeting with Titus and Silbert
-Special prosecutor
-Role
-Decision on indictments
-President’s consideration
-Sears
-President’s leadership in investigation
-Magruder, Dean, E. Howard Hunt, Jr.
-Evidence against Haldeman
  -Possible leave of absence
  -Indictment
-Evidence against Ehrlichman
  -Dean’s testimony
    -Documents from Hunt’s office
    -Directive to get Hunt out of the country
  -Obstruction of justice
    -Indictment
-Haldeman, Strachan [?]
-Dean
  -Hunt
  -Conditional statements
  -Negotiations with US Attorney
  -Immunity
  -Threat of jail
-Haldeman
-Strachan
-Reports about Liddy’s activities
-$350,000
  -Transfer from White House to LaRue
  -Reports about Liddy’s eavesdropping operation
-Ehrlichman
  -Documents from Hunt’s office
  -National security matters for White House
-President’s options
  -Leaves of absence
-Retention of Haldeman
  -Strachan testimony
  -President’s support
-Haldeman and Ehrlichman’s knowledge
  -Dean
  -Question of innocence
  -Press attacks
-Possible statement by Haldeman
  -$350,000
  -Strachan
  -Segretti
-Haldeman’s possible appearance before grand jury
-Ervin Committee
  -Haldeman
-Harry Stewart
  -US Attorney in San Diego
  -Kleindienst’s confirmation hearings
  -Obstruction of justice allegation
  -Leave of absence
-Sears
  -Chicago
-Right to fair trial
-Institutions of presidency and Justice Department
  -Public confidence
-Possible action on Haldeman and Ehrlichman
-Ehrlichman’s responsibility for investigation
  -Garment
    -Mitchell
-Ervin Committee investigator
Felony charge for bugging

Severity of charges
- 1972 election
- Obstruction of justice
- Suborning of witness
- Perjury
- Ehrlichman, Haldeman
- Mitchell, Magruder, Mardian, Dean, LaRue

Evidence against Mitchell
- Liddy, Magruder
- Hunt, Mrs. Hunt
  - Money
- Dean
- F. Lee Bailey

- Dean
  - Ehrlichman
    - Magruder
    - Documents from Hunt’s office
    - Directive to get Hunt out of the country

- Press coverage

Investigation
- Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]
- Kleindienst’s relationship with Mitchell
- Sneed
- Special prosecutor
- Perception of bias
- Sneed
  - Reliability
  - Credibility
    - Presidential appointment
- Special prosecutor
  - Effect on Justice Department
- Recusal of Kleindienst
  - Indictments
- Special prosecutor’s role
  - Silbert
  - Sneed
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-Negotiation with Ervin Committee
  -Executive privilege
  -Dean
  -Silbert
  -Fair trial for Mitchell
    -Leans
      -James W. McCord, Jr.
    -Quashing of indictments
      -Chicago Seven, Berrigan brothers, Ellsberg

-Motives
-Cubans
-Campaign under Mitchell
  -Martha Mitchell
  -Magruder
  -Haldeman
  -1972 trip to China
  -1972 Moscow summit
-[First name unknown] Lombard
  -Former Circuit Court judge
  -Burger
    -Sears
      -Special prosecutor
-Petersen
-Recusal of Kleindienst
  -Timing
  -Delegation to Petersen
    -Sneed
  -Ehrlichman, Magruder

This recording was cut off at an unknown time before 2:22 pm.