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Tape Subject Log
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Conversation No. 450-26

Date: February 16, 1971
Time: Unknown between 6:56 am and 8:58 am
Location: Unknown

Unknown people met

[It appears that a meeting already in progress in a room near the Oval Office was recorded by the Oval Office recording system]

Corporation for Public Broadcasting
-Cost of living increase
-Congressional committees

Recording was cut off at an unknown time before 8:58 am

Conversation No. 450-1

Date: February 16, 1971
Time: Unknown between 7:56 am and 8:58 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield

White House taping system
-Operation
-Purpose
-Cabinet Room
-Butterfield
-Operation
-Monitoring
-Knowledge of system
-H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
-The President
-Secret Service

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 8:58 am

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Conversation No. 450-2

Date: February 16, 1971
Time: Unknown between 7:56 am and 8:58 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man

Schedule

- Melvin R. Laird
- Cabinet meeting

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 8:58 am

Conversation No. 450-3

Date: February 16, 1971
Time: 8:58 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator

Call to Mrs. B. Everett Jordan

Conversation No. 450-4

Date: February 16, 1971
Time: Unknown between 8:58 am and 9:17 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man

Schedule

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 9:17 am

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Conversation No. 450-5

Date: February 16, 1971
Time: 9:17 am - 9:19 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Mrs. B. Everett Jordan

B. Everett Jordan
-Health

Conversation No. 450-6

Date: February 16, 1971
Time: Unknown between 9:19 am and 9:35 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man [Stephen B. Bull?]

Schedule
-Lieutenant General Vernon A. Walters
-William P. Rogers
-George W. Wilson

The unknown man [Bull?] left at an unknown time before 9:35 am

Conversation No. 450-7

Date: February 16, 1971
Time: Unknown between 9:19 am and 9:35 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man [Stephen B. Bull?]

Schedule

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The unknown man [Bull?] left at an unknown time before 9:35 am

Conversation No. 450-8

Date: February 16, 1971
Time: 9:35 am - 10:10 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Lieutenant General Vernon A. Walters

Greetings

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[National Security]
[Duration: 29m 30s]

SPAIN

Marjorie P. Acker entered at 9:45 am

Acker left at 10:00 am

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

- Lam Son
 - Walters' view
 - Ho Chi Minh Trail
 - South Vietnamese Army
- Background
- Bombing

- Walters' future
 - Possible assignments

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- White House
- Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
 - Richard M. Helms
- Army
- CIA

[General conversation]

Walters left at 10:10 am

Conversation No. 450-9

Date: February 16, 1971
Time: Unknown between 10:10 am and 10:28 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown woman

Schedule

The unknown woman left at an unknown time before 10:28 am

Conversation No. 450-10

Date: February 16, 1971
Time: 10:28 am - 10:49 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman; an unknown man [Alexander P. Butterfield?] was present at the beginning of the meeting

- Previous Cabinet meeting
 - Melvin R. Laird
 - Briefing
 - Duration
 - Compared to Henry A. Kissinger

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- William P. Rogers
- Butterfield
 - Role
 - Instructions for future
- Length of meeting
 - Carl Wallace
- John B. Connally
- Length of meeting Conv. No. 450-8 (cont.)
 - Problems
- Number of people at meeting
 - Reduction
 - William L. Safire
 - Raymond K. Price, Jr.
 - Rank of attendees
 - Elliot L. Richardson
 - Attendance of subordinate
 - Robert J. Brown
 - Kenneth R. Cole, Jr.
 - Role in future scheduling
 - Impact
 - George P. Shultz
 - Caspar W. (“Cap”) Weinberger
 - George H. W. Bush
 - John D. Ehrlichman
 - Cole
 - Need for reduction
 - Problems
 - Key staff participation
 - Future meetings
 - Compared to other staff meetings
 - National Security Council [NSC] meetings
 - Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
 - Price
 - Safire
 - Ronald L. Ziegler
 - Speech writers
 - John K. Andrews, Jr. [?]
 - Dr. Edward E. David, Jr.
 - Peter G. Peterson
 - Richard M. Helms
 - Robert J. Dole
 - Paul W. McCracken

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- Clark MacGregor
 - William E. Timmons
- Herbert G. Klein
 - Safire
- Weinberger
 - Budget
- Key White House staff
 - Instructions for future meetings
 - Attendance
- Agnew
- Limitations
- Bush

Conv. No. 450-10 (cont.)

Files

- President
- Haldeman
- Content
 - Tape records
 - Use

White House taping system

- Knowledge of

The unknown man [Butterfield?] left at an unknown time before 10:49 am; Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 10:28 am

Schedule

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:49 am

Medal of Honor ceremony

Press conferences

- Preparation
 - Staff responsibilities
- Frequency
 - Television press conferences
 - Advantages and disadvantages
- Questions

European trip

- Robert H. Finch and Donald H. Rumsfeld

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- Wives
- List of attendees
- Travel arrangements
 - Air Force planes
 - Use by Ehrlichman and Shultz
 - Agnew
 - Use
- Wives of party
- President's policy
 - Haldeman

Conv. No. 450-10 (cont.)

Schedule

- Patrick J. Buchanan
- Haldeman
- Leonard Garment [?]
- Content of State of World message [?]
 - Congress
 - Timmons
- Walter Scheel
- Staff meeting tomorrow
 - Ehrlichman
 - Shultz
- State of World message
 - Arrangements
 - Timing
- Weekly schedule
 - Events
 - Quadriad meeting
- News summaries
 - Delivery to President
 - Weekends
- Newport, Rhode Island event

Haldeman left at 10:49 am

Conversation No. 450-11

Date: February 16, 1971

Time: 10:49 am - 11:03 am

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Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger

Dinner for Jean Monnet

-Telegram from the President

-Impact

-Kissinger's schedule

Conv. No. 450-10 (cont.)

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[National Security]

[Duration: 3m 49s]

CIENFUEGOS

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

The President's meeting with Lieutenant General Vernon A. Walters

-Kissinger follow-up

-President's instructions

-Robert C. Hill

-Message from the President to General Francisco Franco

-Walters' report back to the President

President's press conference on February 17, 1971

-Vietnam

-North Vietnamese troops

-Location and number

-Cienfuegos

-Anti-ballistic missiles

-Safeguard

-Melvin R. Laird announcement

-President's decision

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Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]

- Multiple Independently-Targeted Reentry Vehicle [MIRV]
 - SS-9
 - Intelligence estimates
- Technology
 - Effect on United States-Soviet negotiations
 - New Soviet efforts
- SS-9 slowdown
 - Kissinger's belief
 - Public comments by the President
- United States' arms control position
 - Public comments by the President
 - Anti-ballistic Missile [ABM]
 - Arms limitation
 - Offensive/defensive weapons link
 - Future SALT negotiations
 - Vienna
 - Kissinger's recommendation

Conv. No. 450-11 (cont.)

Schedule

- Press conference
- Foreign policy report to Congress
 - Kissinger

Vietnam

- Troop activities
 - Lam Son operation
 - South Vietnamese Army
 - Enemy resistance
 - Artillery
 - Press accounts

Kissinger left at 11:03 am

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Conversation No. 450-12

Date: February 16, 1971
Time: Unknown between 11:03 am and 11:04 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man [Stephen B. Bull?]

Conv. No. 450-11 (cont.)

Schedule

- Barber shop
- George P. Shultz

The President and the unknown man [Bull?] left at 11:04 am

Conversation No. 450-13

Date: February 16, 1971
Time: Unknown between 11:04 am and 11:24 am
Location: Oval Office

Unknown people [Secret Service] met

The President's location

The unknown people [Secret Service] left at an unknown time before 11:24 am

Conversation No. 450-14

Date: February 16, 1971
Time: Unknown after 11:24 am until 12:12 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with John D. Ehrlichman and George P. Shultz
[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

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Monetary policy

- Balance of payments problems
 - American Enterprise Institute statement
- Past crises
 - News summaries
 - Henry A. Kissinger role
 - Foreign policy
 - International monetary system
 - President's view
 - Price of gold
- Need for competent handling
 - Peter G. Peterson
 - Role
 - International monetary policy
 - White House position
 - Quotas
 - Peterson
 - Committees
 - William P. Rogers
 - Shultz
 - Peter M. Flanigan's role
 - Lockheed
 - Rolls Royce
 - John B. Connally
 - Role
 - David Packard
 - Laotian Special Action group
 - Kissinger
- Council of Economic Advisors
 - Peterson's role
 - Connally
 - Shultz
 - Troika
 - Access to the President
- Quadriad
 - [Forename unknown] Parker
 - Peterson
 - Paul A. Volcker

Conv. No. 450-12 (cont.)

Budget preparations

- 1972 State of the Union message
 - Preparation

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- Departments and agencies
- Ehrlichman
- Timing
- Tax reform
 - Connally
- Shultz's efforts
- Defense budget
 - Possible problem
 - Additional funding
- United States-Soviet Union relations
- Timing
 - Effect on Vietnam withdrawal

Conv. No. 450-14 (cont.)

Public Works projects

- Public relations
 - Administration efforts
 - Editorials
 - Letters
- Budgetary problems
 - Funding
 - John C. Whitaker study
 - Allocation of resources

[General conversation]

Ehrlichman and Shultz left at 12:12 pm

Conversation No. 450-15

Date: February 16, 1971

Time: Unknown between 12:12 pm and 12:13 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

Schedule

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:13 pm

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Conversation No. 450-16

Date: February 16, 1971 [?]
Time: Unknown between 12:12 pm and 12:13 pm [?]
Location: Oval Office

Conv. No. 450-14 (cont.)

The President met with an unknown woman

Gift list

- Kenneth M. Crosby
- Robert H. Abplanalp

The unknown woman left at an unknown time before 12:13 pm

Conversation No. 450-17

Date: February 16, 1971 [?]
Time: 12:13 pm - 12:16 pm [?]
Location: Oval Office

The President met with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman

- Unknown person from California
- John D. Ehrlichman
 - Schedule

The President and Haldeman left at 12:16 pm

Conversation No. 450-18

Date: February 16, 1971 [?]
Time: Unknown between 12:16 pm and 11:59 pm [?]
Location: Oval Office

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Unknown people [Secret Service] met

The President's location

The unknown people [Secret Service] left at an unknown time before 11:59 pm

Conv. No. 450-16 (cont.)

Conversation No. 450-19

Date: February 17, 1971

Time: Unknown between 12:00 am and 4:04 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler

Forthcoming press conference

-Timing

Ziegler left at an unknown time before 4:04 pm

Conversation No. 450-20

Date: February 17, 1971

Time: 4:04 pm - 4:51 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with unknown members of the press

[General conversation]

-Set-up

[A transcript of the following portion of this conversation appears in Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard M. Nixon, 1971, pp. 158-169]

[End of transcribed portion]

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Format of press conference

- Suggestions
- Future press conferences
 - Ronald L. Ziegler
 - Location
 - Networks

Anecdote

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

White House intern

- Educational background

The unknown members of the press left at 4:51 pm

Conversation No. 450-21

Date: February 17, 1971

Time: 4:52 pm - 5:24 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Walter Scheel, William P. Rogers, and Henry A. Kissinger; the White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting

Introductions

Refreshments

Europe

- President's position
- Questions regarding Europe
 - President's previous press conference
- Foreign policy report to Congress
 - Rogers role
 - Melvin R. Laird's role
- Rogers negotiations
 - East/West relations
 - Middle East

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- Other areas of concern
 - Compared to Europe
 - President's press conference
 - Southeast Asia

Germany

- US-German relations
 - Germany-Eastern Europe relations
 - US position
- National Security Council [NSC] meetings
 - Content
- Berlin negotiations
 - Bonn/Moscow negotiations
 - Forthcoming German elections
 - Berlin problem
 - Status
 - German position
 - Western allies
 - Soviet Union
 - Position on Berlin
 - Status
 - German position
 - Goals
 - Concessions
 - Berlin's situation
 - Isolation
 - President's view
 - Efforts
 - German position
 - Western allies
 - Warsaw Pact

Conv. No. 450-20 (cont.)

Gifts

Scheel left at 5:19 pm

Scheel's comments

- Follow-up discussion
 - German policies
 - German political situation

Rogers left at 5:22 pm

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- Berlin negotiations
 - Soviet tactics
 - President's view

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
 [Privacy]
 [Duration: 6s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

- President's press conference
 - The President's handling
 - Vietnam
 - President's comments
 - Cuban question
 - Kissinger's view

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
 [National Security]
 [Duration: 8s]

CUBA

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

- Television use
 - Effect on positions
 - Paris negotiations

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- Vietnam
 - Prisoners of War [POWs]
- Laos
- American press

Kissinger left at 5:24 pm

Conversation No. 450-22

Date: February 17, 1971
 Time: 5:25 pm - 5:26 pm
 Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler

- Previous press conference
 - Laos
 - Integration
 - North Vietnam

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

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Ziegler left at 5:26 pm

Conversation No. 450-23

Date: February 17, 1971

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Time: 5:26 pm - 5:53 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with John D. Ehrlichman and Daniel J. Evans; the White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting

Supersonic Transport [SST]

- President's position
- Impact on economy
- Importance
- Administration efforts

Hanford nuclear reactor

- Office of Management and Budget [OMB]
 - Funding
 - George P. Shultz
 - Status
 - Evans' meeting with Donald B. Rice
 - Evans' concerns
 - Seattle power supply
 - OMB decision
 - Evans' efforts
 - Funding
- Effect in Washington state
 - Funding
 - Evans' view
 - Employment
 - Future developments
- Administration efforts
 - Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger
 - Budget

Revenue sharing

- Administration's position
- Importance to people
- Importance to local and state government
- Problems
- Benefits
- Federal bureaucracy
- Increases in local debt
- Opposition by establishment
- Welfare reform

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- Effect
- Administration's efforts

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

[Personal Returnable]

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[Duration: 2m 9s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

Evans left at an unknown time before 5:53 pm

Health insurance

- Health maintenance organizations [HMO]
 - The Vice President's position
 - Edgar F. Kaiser
 - President's position
- Kaiser Permanente Plan
 - Focus

Appointments

- Law Enforcement Assistance Administration [LEAA]
 - Myles J. Ambrose
 - John N. Mitchell's view
 - Richard G. Kleindienst
 - John B. Connally
 - Jerris Leonard
- David Norman
- Peter M. Flanigan
 - Work effectiveness
 - Efforts
 - Role
 - William P. Rogers
- Michael Collins
 - Air and Space Museum
- Judgeship for unknown men

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- Wallace H. Johnson
- Thomas J. Dodd
- Kleindienst
- Dr. James R. Schlesinger
 - Rogers C. B. Morton's view
- Ambassadorial positions
 - Flanigan
 - John W. Rollins
 - Frank J. Shakespeare
 - Fred J. Russell
 - Qualifications

Conv. No. 450-23 (cont.)

Revenue sharing

- Administration efforts
 - Democrats
 - Hubert H. Humphrey
 - Conversation with Ehrlichman
 - Legislation
 - Possible conversation with President

Previous press conference

- Domestic policy

Revenue sharing

- Administration's position
- Clark R. Mollenhoff
- Public support

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 5:26 pm

Schedule

- Dr. W. Kenneth Riland
- Instructions
 - Henry A. Kissinger
 - Rose Mary Woods

Bull left at an unknown time before 5:53 pm

Farm policy

- Robert J. Dole
 - Efforts
- White House gala

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- Compared to White House Labor dinner
- Possible program
- Public relations
 - Film
- Hyde Park
 - Possible appointment
- Importance of farmers and farm vote
 - Dole
 - Support for President
- Staff assignment
 - John C. Whitaker
 - Dole

Conv. No. 450-23 (cont.)

Wage and price controls

- Shultz
- Cost of Living Council [COLC] action
- Herbert Stein
- Administration position
 - Wage controls
 - Construction
- John T. Dunlop
- George W. Romney
- James M. Hutton, III
- Businessmen

Schedule

Media

- Los Angeles Times*

Ehrlichman left at 5:53 pm

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Date: February 17, 1971
Time: 5:53 pm - 5:59 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Dwight L. Chapin

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Schedule

Signatures

Chapin left at 5:59 pm

Conversation No. 450-25

Date: February 17, 1971
Time: 6:20 pm - 6:32 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman

Schedule

- Arrangements for greeting foreign dignitary
- Locations
- The President's comments
- [Thomas] Woodrow Wilson Foundation speech

Robert J. Dole

Access to the President

- Henry A. Kissinger

Press conference

- Value
- Conduct
- Press
 - Clark R. Mollenhoff
 - Friends versus enemies
 - Kansas City Star*

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[Privacy]

[Duration: 1m 18s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Ronald L. Ziegler entered at 6:21 pm

White House gifts

- Type
- Robert H. Abplanalp
- Harry L. ("Bing") Crosby [?]
- Type
- Glasses
- Press
- Abplanalp
- List

Press conference

- Format
- Preparation
- Benefit
- Use of television
- Reporters' comments
- Follow-up
- Use of film
- Format
- Preparation
- Value

Schedule

- Woodrow Wilson Foundation
- Remarks by the President
- Preparation

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Press conference

- Coverage by media
- Thomas E. Jarriel
 - Air time
- Coverage by media
 - Length
 - Use of notes
 - Use of transcript
 - Format
 - News stories
 - Laos
 - Integration
 - Israel
 - Construction industry
- Format
 - Franklin D. Roosevelt
 - Benefits
 - Lyndon B. Johnson
 - Media perception
 - Peter Lisagor
 - Los Angeles Times* intern

Conv. No. 450-25 (cont.)

Haldeman and Ziegler left at 6:32 pm