Conversation No. 465-1

Date:  March 10, 1971
Time:  Unknown between 9:25 am and 9:33 am
Location:  Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield [?]

President’s schedule
-William L. Safire meeting

Butterfield [?] left at an unknown time before 9:33 am

Conversation No. 465-2

Date:  March 10, 1971
Time:  9:33 am - 9:45 am
Location:  Oval Office

The President met with William L. Safire

Draft of President’s forthcoming speech on law enforcement
-Length of draft
-President’s revisions
- Wording
  - Warren E. Burger
  - John N. Mitchell
- Wording
- Reform of judicial system
- Priority
- Patrick J. Buchanan
- Wording
- Respect for law
- Radicals
- Lawyers
- Police
- Leonard Garment and Egil (“Bud”) Krogh, Jr.
- Legal services reference
  - Office of Economic Opportunity
Conv. No. 465-2 (cont.)

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Tape Subject Log
(rev. 9/08)

- Delivery of final draft
- Burger’s remarks
- Burger’s review
- Williamsburg
  - President’s previous speech

Interviews with President
  - Cyrus L. (“Cy”) Sulzberger
  - Stewart J. O. Alsop
  - New York Times and Sulzberger
  - James B. (“Scotty”) Reston

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at 9:45 am

President’s schedule
  - Ceremony for Revenue Sharing for Rural Community Development
  - Signing ceremony
  - Television appearance
    - Mark I. Goode
  - Handshakes and photographs
    - Oliver F. (“Ollie”) Atkins
  - Signing ceremony
    - Message to Congress
    - Talking paper

Butterfield left at 9:45 am

President’s previous interview with Sulzberger
  - Possible review by President

Safire left at 9:45 am

Conv. No. 465-3

Date: March 10, 1971
Time: 9:50 am - 9:51 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Mark I. Goode
Meeting with farm leaders
   - A signing ceremony
   - Roosevelt Room
   - Alexander P. Butterfield
   - Camera locations
   - Pen distribution
      - Stephen B. Bull

Goode left at 9:51 am

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Conversation No. 465-4

Date: March 10, 1971
Time: 9:51 am - 10:01 am
Location: Oval Office


[General conversation]

President’s message on Revenue Sharing for Rural Community Development
   - Briefing
   - Length
   - White House theater

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 9:51 am

   - Press briefing

White House tour

Rural problems
   - Priority for Nixon administration
   - President’s message to Congress
-Signing ceremony
-Briefing
Scott, et al. left at 9:56 am; unknown men remained

-A bill in Congress
-Position on revenue sharing
-Administration efforts
-Minority groups
-Reorganization

The President and the unknown men left at 10:01 am

Date: March 10, 1971
Time: Unknown between 10:06 am and 10:13 am
Location: Oval Office

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

President’s schedule
-Peter M. Flanigan

The unknown person [Bull?] left at an unknown time before 10:13 am

Date: March 10, 1971
Time: 10:13 am - 10:23 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Peter M. Flanigan
Textile trade negotiations with Japan
- President’s conversation with John N. Mitchell, March 9, 1971
- Concessions
- Wilbur D. Mills
- Flanigan’s conversation with Mitchell, March 9, 1971
- Mills’ efforts
  - Effect on negotiations
  - President’s position
- A letter to Eisaku Sato
- Possible Presidential statement
  - Textile legislation
    - Possible action
- Mills
  - Wording
  - Conversation with Peter G. Peterson
  - President’s message
- Draft
- Review
  - Mitchell
- John B. Connally
  - Tone
  - Administration position
- Textile legislation
  - Timing
- George P. Shultz and Peterson
  - Possible action
  - Congress
  - Administration
- Administration’s position
  - President’s view
- Japan
- Peterson
- Flanigan’s conversation with Japanese ambassador
  - Mills’ role
  - President’s position
    - Trade requirements
  - Mills
- Mills
  - Steel compared with textiles
- Textile industry position
  - Public relations efforts
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Tape Subject Log
(rev. 9/08)

-Administration
-Mills

Anti-ballistic Missiles [ABM] treaty
-Ronald L. Ziegler
-A statement on Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
-James C. Fletcher
-Meeting with President
-Position
-Ziegler clarification
-President’s position
-Daniel L. Schorr
-Meeting with Fletcher and university presidents
-President’s position
-Ziegler’s meeting with Fletcher
-Clarification of comments
-Schorr
-Fletcher

William J. Casey
-Senate confirmation
-Committee
-Full Senate
-William Proxmire
-A federal judge’s testimony
-John G. Tower

Flanigan left at 10:23 am

Conversation No. 465-7

Date: March 10, 1971
Time: Unknown between 10:23 am and 10:42 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

President’s schedule
-Raymond K. Price, Jr. and Noel C. Koch

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:42 am
Date: March 10, 1971  
Time: 10:42 am - 1:15 pm  
Location: Oval Office  

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

President’s schedule  
- George P. Shultz  

President’s interview with Cyrus L. (“Cy”) Sulzberger  
- William P. Rogers’ calls to President and Haldeman  

A National Security Council [NSC] meeting, March 10, 1971  
- Cancellation  
- Henry A. Kissinger  
- Rogers  
- Kissinger  

Raymond K. Price, Jr. and Noel C. Koch entered at 10:43 am  

Greetings  

President’s schedule  
- April 22 event  
- Josip Broz Tito  
  - Forthcoming Head of State visit  
  - General Nguyen Van Thieu  

President’s forthcoming speech in Newport, Rhode Island  
- Graduation exercises for Naval Officer Candidate School  
  - [Dwight] David Eisenhower, II  
- Revisions  
  - Vietnam War  
- Length  
- Subject  
  - Graduating class  
  - Eisenhower’s class standing  

President’s forthcoming speech in Newport, Rhode Island  
- Attitudes toward military service
-Navy
  -Vietnam War
    -Military situation
      -Effect on attitudes
      -Vietnamization
        -Naval situation
    -President’s recollections
      -Value
    -President’s comments
      -Years of service
        -Wording
          -Value
  -Revisions
    -Vietnam War
      -President’s policy
    -Audience
      -Graduating class at Newport compared with the country at large
        -Effect on speech content
    -Youth’s attitude toward military
      -Value
    -Audience
      -Graduating class at Newport compared with draftees and enlistees
        -Volunteer army

Military
  -Value to graduating class at Newport
    - Compared with President’s military unit
    - Compared with enlisted men
  -Value to blacks, poor whites

President’s forthcoming speech in Newport, Rhode Island
  -Next draft
    -Revisions
    -Audience
      -Country
      -Graduating class
    -Similarity to Sulzberger interview
      -Distribution
      -Accuracy
    -Audience
    -Similarity to Sulzberger interview
      -Audience
President’s schedule
-Williamsburg
-Delivery of Newport speech

President’s forthcoming speech in Newport, Rhode Island
-Revisions
  -Vietnam War
  -Military service
    -Sacrifices of young Americans
      -President’s view
  -US foreign policy
    -Military action
  -US defense capacity
    -Henry M. (“Scoop”) Jackson
      -Wording
    -Administration policy
-Tone
-Expected response
  -Compared with President’s Williamsburg speech
    -Judicial system reform
  -Vietnam War
    -Rogers’ previous comments to Veterans of Foreign Wars
-Headlines
-Possible television coverage

Price’s office
-Workload
-Foreign policy
  -State Department
    -Letters to heads of state
      -Kissinger’s office’s work
Correspondence
- Importance
- Difficulty
- Administration handling
  - State Department

Price and Koch left at 11:05 am

President’s forthcoming speech in Newport, Rhode Island
- Sulzberger interview
  - Koch

New York Times
- Sulzberger’s story
  - Press
  - Influence
    - Ronald L. Ziegler
    - Herbert G. Klein
    - News people

President’s forthcoming speech in Newport, Rhode Island
- Coverage
  - Compared with Sulzberger interview

Kissinger and Rogers
- Relations

James C. Fletcher story
- Daniel L. Schorr’s story
- President’s meeting with Peter M. Flanigan
- Meeting with President
- President’s position on Anti-ballistic Missiles [ABM]
- Ziegler
- Attendance at a luncheon
  - Schorr
  - Date
- Schorr
  - Department of Health, Education, and Welfare [HEW]
    - Robert H. Finch

President’s appearance in Des Moines, March 1, 1971
- Republican Congressional leadership meeting
-President’s reception
  -Demonstrations
-Republican Congressional leadership meeting
-News coverage
  -Washington Post and news magazines
  -Statements from a White House staffer

President’s trip to Williamsburg
  -Ziegler
  -Logistics
    -Airport, helipad, Williamsburg Inn and Conference Center
    -Possible demonstration at the College of William and Mary

President’s public appearances
  -Demonstrators
    -Laos (Lam Son) issue
    -Forthcoming Presidential election
    -Texas
    -Albuquerque
    -Utah
    -Nevada
    -California
    -North Dakota
    -Reason
    -Lyndon B. Johnson’s experience
    -Ziegler and Jeb Stuart Magruder

-Des Moines
  -Demonstrations
    -Press coverage
  -Cabinet dinner
    -Jack R. Miller
    -Clifford M. Hardin
  -Des Moines Register
    -White House responses
      -Miller
      -News magazines
  -Counter-demonstrations
    -Williamsburg
    -Newport, Rhode Island

-President’s popularity
  -John B. Connally’s statement
Press
   -Newsweek story
      -President’s demeanor at previous press conference
         -Possible White House response
            -Letters
      -Ziegler
      -Donald Oberdorfer, Jr.
   -News magazines
      -Laos operation (Lam Son) coverage
   -President’s possible future television appearances
      -A film
      -March 22, 1971
      -“One-on-one” interview
   -Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
      -Barbara Walters
      -“Today” show taping, March 11, 1971
         -Distribution
            -Timing
   -Conditions
      -Length
      -Editing
      -Length
   -Schedule
      -Ladies of the press interview
      -Yellow Oval Room and Red Room
-Walters
  -”Today” show taping
    -Conditions
    -Questions
    -Kissinger
    -Interview subjects
  -Schedule
  -”Today” show

-Interview with ladies of the press
  -Distribution
  -Content
  -Time
  -Walters

-Walters’ interview
  -Length
  -Content

-Howard K. Smith interview
  -Compared with Walters’ interview
  -Time

-Walters’ interview
  -Content
    -Role of women
    -Thelma C. (Ryan) (“Pat”) Nixon, daughters

-Haldeman’s interview for Washington Monthly magazine
  -A letter from Matt Storm [?]
    -Possible action
  -Magazine

-Price’s attitude
  -Experience with press
  -Editorial writers
  -Work at White House

-Relations with administration
  -Daniel P. (“Pat”) Moynihan
  -James Keogh
  -Moynihan
  -Newsweek

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at 11:20 am

Camp David
  -Cabinet requests
  -President’s schedule
-Cabinet requests
  -John A. Volpe
- Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
  -Call from Butterfield
  -Gridiron Dinner
  -Grandchildren
-White House staff
-Cabinet members
  -Volpe
-Calls by Butterfield
-Richard M. Helms
-Facilities
-Volpe
  -Senior staff at Department of Transportation
-Use
- President’s use
- Staff
- Commerce Department picnic
- File on use
- Agnew
- John N. and Martha (Beall) Mitchell
- File on use
  - Major General James D. (“Don”) Hughes
  - Butterfield’s Cabinet list
-Volpe
-Elliot L. Richardson
-Volpe
  - Donald H. Rumsfeld
-Use
  - President
  - Others
  - Florida
-Offer
  -Volpe
  - Gridiron dinner
-Connally
-Agnew
-Use during week
  - Departmental conferences
-Agnew
  - Butterfield’s call
President’s schedule
- Florida

The President left at an unknown time after 11:20 am

Volpe
- A dinner, March 9, 1971
- Camp David
- A dinner
- Calls
- Camp David

The President entered at an unknown time before 11:36 am

President’s schedule
- Kissinger

Butterfield left at 11:36 am

Volpe

President’s dinner, March 9, 1971
- Agnew’s demeanor

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 8s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8

Volpe
- Possible meeting with President
- John D. Ehrlichman
- Possible meeting with President
President’s dinner, March 9, 1971

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 9
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 1m ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 9

President’s schedule
  -Meetings with Cabinet officers
  -Connally
  -Approach to textiles
    -Shultz

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 10
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 2m 40s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 10

Connally’s [?] schedule
  -Gridiron Dinner
  -Camp David
  -Gridiron Dinner
    -President’s possible attendance
President’s appearances since 1970 elections
   - Press conferences, interviews, State of the Union address, speeches
   - Public relations
   - President’s popularity
     - News summary reports
       - Financial editors
         - Paul W. McCracken
         - Arthur F. Burns
     - Stock market, March 9, 1971
       - Gains
       - Bernard J. (“Bunny”) Lasker
   - Polls
     - Televised interviews with the President
       - Timing
     - George H. Gallup results
     - White House polls
       - Youth in sample
   - 1970 polls
     - Presidential approval ratings
     - Economic factors
     - Vietnam War
       - Laotian operation (Lam Son)
       - Cambodian operation
   - Compared with third year of John F. Kennedy’s administration
     - Polls
   - Use of President’s time
     - Public relations
     - Patrick J. Buchanan
     - Magruder
White House staff
- Connally’s view
- Role
  - Responsibilities
  - Workload
- Background
- Public relations concerns
  - Moynihan and Connally
  - Finch and Rumsfeld
- Connally and Moynihan
- Finch and Rumsfeld

An article in *Fortune*
- Administration cycles
  - Nixon administration compared with [Thomas] Woodrow Wilson administration
  - Franklin D. Roosevelt administration
  - Abraham Lincoln administration
  - Nixon and Wilson administrations
  - Social welfare cycle
    - Roosevelt
  - Nixon and Wilson administrations
- New cycle
  - Democratic Party
  - Republican Party
  - Coalition of Republicans and Southern Democrats
- Author [Forename unknown] Wrightley [?]
- Catalyst
  - Liberal Republicans
    - Ripon Society
- Rumsfeld
  - Peer judgement

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: _30s_]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3
Volpe and Agnew
-Personnel

Public relations
-White House staff
-Importance
-President’s Des Moines appearance, March 1, 1971
-Press coverage
  -White House Press Office response
  -Ziegler
-Effect
-Washington Post’s reporting
  -Demonstrators
  -Hardhats, farmers, and students
-Press coverage
  -Possible results
-Opposition to President
-Farming states
  -Need for White House response
-1964 election
  -Barry M. Goldwater
-Sources
-Supporters
  -Farmers, property owners, suburbanites, blacks
-Ziegler
  -Oberdorfer, Washington Post, and Newsweek
-Influence
  -John F. Osborne comparison
-President’s forthcoming interview with Walters
-Question on Mrs. Nixon and daughters
  -President’s responses
  -Richard A. Moore
  -[Forename unknown] Jesselman’s [?] article
-Delivery of information
  -President’s return from Williamsburg

President’s forthcoming speech in Newport, Rhode Island
-Work with Price

Kissinger entered at 12:00 pm
President’s interview with Sulzberger in *New York Times*
  -Joseph W. Alsop’s call to Kissinger

President’s previous meeting with Price
  -Influence of *New York Times*

President’s forthcoming speech in Newport, Rhode Island
  -Kissinger’s review
  -Tone
  -Similarity to Sulzberger interview
  -Meeting with Price and Koch
  -President’s March 7, 1971 call to Koch

An unknown man [Stephen B. Bull?] entered at an unknown time after 12:00 pm

Request for Ziegler

The unknown man [Bull?] left at an unknown time before 12:05 pm

President’s forthcoming speech in Newport, Rhode Island
  -Koch’s draft
  -Similarity to Sulzberger interview in *New York Times*
    -*New York Times* influence
    -Price
  -Audience
    -Television and newspaper representatives

Ziegler entered at 12:05 pm

ABM
  -Fletcher story
    -White House response
    -Influence on nomination as National Aeronautics and Space Administration [NASA] director
    -White House response
      -Ziegler’s previous press briefing
      -CBS
    -Meeting with President
    -Ziegler’s meeting with Fletcher
  -President’s position
-Fletcher
  -Meeting with Ziegler
  -Meeting with President
  -Position on ABM
  -Confirmation testimony
  -Position on ABM
  -Nomination
-Schorr
-White House response to Fletcher story
  -Williamsburg
  -Ziegler’s handling
-Importance
  -Soviet Union
  -Congress
-Soviet weaponry
  -Capability
-Fletcher story
  -Importance
  -Ziegler’s meeting with Fletcher
  -Charles W. Colson
  -Ziegler’s handling at press briefing
-White House response to Fletcher story
  -Call to CBS
  -President’s meeting with Fletcher
  -President’s position

President’s interviews
-Sulzberger
  -Use
-Stewart J. O. Alsop
-Richard (“Dick”) Wilson
-Sulzberger
  -Use
  -Possible review by President
  -Use
  -Possible reading by President
  -Possible comment by White House
  -Use
-Nature
-President’s policies of review and comment
  -Use
-President’s policies of review
Fletcher story
   - Ziegler’s response to CBS
     - Importance
   - Ziegler’s and Fletcher’s response
     - Flanigan
     - Fletcher
     - Accuracy
       - Meeting with President
     - Importance
     - White House response
       - Meeting with President

Ziegler left at 12:18 pm
   - Basis
   - Scientists

J. W. Alsop

Ziegler
   - Work
   - Response to Fletcher story

Haldeman left at 12:22 pm

President’s interview with Sulzberger
   - Possible J. W. Alsop column
     - Staff assistance
       - Kissinger and Ziegler
   - Content
   - J. W. Alsop’s view
   - Possible S. J. O. Alsop column
   - Other attendees
     - Compared with J. W. Alsop interview(s)
   - Content
     - Compared with other Presidents
   - J. W. Alsop
   - President’s reading
   - President’s purpose
     - *New York Times* coverage
       - John B. Oakes
       - James B. (“Scotty”) Reston
Forthcoming book by Rowland Evans and Robert D. Novak
  - Tone

Robert S. McNamara
  - Form of address
  - Possible postscript
  - Meetings with Kissinger
    - Importance
      - Support for Administration policy
    - Vietnam War
  - A dinner at Alsop’s house
    - Laos operation (Lam Son)

John [Surname unintelligible]

Rogers
  - Kissinger’s previous conversation
    - Cancellation of NSC meeting
  - Israel
  - Egypt
  - Soviet Union
  - A March 9, 1971 meeting
    - Helms
  - Position on Middle East
    - Suez Canal

Letters to heads of state
  - Postscripts
    - Indira Gandhi
  - Morocco

McNamara
  - Position at World Bank
    - Continued work
  - News reports
    - David M. Kennedy
  - Work
    - Term of service
      - Possible re-appointment
    - Support for Administration
    - [Forename unknown] Freeman
-President’s letter

Freeman
-Head of a British television channel
-Message for President

President’s previous interview with Sulzberger
-Reasons
-Sulzberger
-Sulzberger’s position at *New York Times*
-Oakes
-President’s purpose
-Reston
-Content
-President’s foreign policy
-J. W. Alsop’s response
-Southeast Asia
-Golda Meir
-Kissinger’s view

Forthcoming Evans and Novak book
-Kissinger’s interview, March 9, 1971
-President’s foreign policy
-Consistency
-President’s foreign policy report
-*Foreign Affairs* article
-Guam conference
-Ireland
-Kissinger’s interview
-President’s trips
-Meetings with heads of state
-Romania
-China policy
-Foreign policy compared with domestic policy
-Length
-Publication date

Laos operation (Lam Son)
-Withdrawal
-South Vietnamese position
-Timing
-Ellsworth F. Bunker
- General Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.
- Kissinger’s view
  - North Vietnamese
  - Military situation
  - Casualties
  - North Vietnamese supply routes
- Reasoning
  - Thieu
- Possible US position
- Abrams
  - Admiral Thomas H. Moorer
  - State Department
  - Melvin R. Laird
  - Moorer
- Military situation
  - Possible results
  - Effect on future supplies
- Laird
- Military situation
- Thieu
  - Forthcoming presidential election
- Army of the Republic of Vietnam [ARVN]
  - Capability
    - General Do Cao Tri’s death
    - Effectiveness
  - Compared with Austrian army in 1915
- North Vietnamese forces
  - Compared with Germans
- US support
- Negotiations with North Vietnam
- Possible meeting with the President
  - Moorer
  - Abrams’ assessment of situation
    - Laird
  - Abrams
  - Thieu’s position
    - Withdrawal of ARVN forces
- Military situation
  - Tchepone
- Moorer and Abrams
- North Vietnamese
- Withdrawal
-South Vietnamese
-Press coverage
-Thieu
-South Vietnamese forces
-President’s position
  -Possible effect on 1972 elections
-US forces
-Abrams’ assessment

Vietnam
-Air strikes
-Results
-Weather
  -Effect
-Laos operation
-Abrams
-President’s position
-Possible results
-Timing of operation
-Abrams
-Timing of withdrawal
-Abrams’ forthcoming report
-Moorer
-Laird
  -General Robert E. Pursley
  -Statements

-ARVN
-Capability
-US military plans
  -General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
  -Laird
  -Abrams
  -Haig
-Cambodia
  -Fred Ladd [?]
  -Importance
-Laos operation
  -Importance
  -Possible results
  -Scenario
  -Possible withdrawal announcement
-Negotiations in Paris
- Le Duc Tho
- Possible US position
  - US troop withdrawal
  - Prisoners of War and Missing in Action (POW/MIA)
  - Cease fire
- US military plans
  - Withdrawal
  - American public opinion
    - Compared to Korean War
    - Possible effect on 1972 election
  - Withdrawal of US forces
    - Residual force
- Negotiations
  - Effect
  - US military plans

People’s Republic of China [PRC]
- A picture of Chou En-lai
- Soviet Union
- A speech by Chou En-lai on Vietnam War
  - Kissinger’s analysis
  - North Vietnam relations

Vietnam
- US military plans
  - Air strikes
    - Laird
    - Effects
  - Laos operation (Lam Son)
    - Military situation
      - North Vietnamese forces
      - Troop locations
      - Tchepone
        - Casualties
        - Military supplies
    - Air strikes
      - Effects
      - North Vietnamese supplies
  - Current ground location
- Negotiations
  - President’s meeting with Michael J. (‘‘Mike’’) Mansfield, March 10, 1971
    - US position
- Thieu
  - South Vietnamese election
- Laos Operation (Lam Son)
  - Possible effects
  - ARVN
  - Abrams
  - US influence
- ARVN
  - Effects
    - Public statements
      - Success of operations
- Thieu
  - Forthcoming South Vietnamese elections

Soviet Union
  - Possible summit
    - Soviet Union’s reply
      - Kissinger’s view
  - Foreign policy stance
   - Possible summit
     - US strategy
       - Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
       - Letter from the President to Aleksei N. Kosygin
         - Public statement
  - Party congress
    - Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
    - Leonid I. Brezhnev
    - Effect on possible summit
      - Timing of Party congress

Ziegler entered at 12:49 pm

  - Possible public statement by US

ABM
  - CBS story on Fletcher
    - Schorr
    - Retraction
    - President’s contact with Fletcher

Laos operation (Lam Son)
  - Moorer
Soviet Union
  - Dobrynin’s conversations with Kissinger
  - President’s position
    - Possible summit
  - Party congress
    - President’s previous conversation with Mansfield
  - Vienna negotiations
    - SALT
Kissinger left at 12:51 pm

ABM
  - CBS story
    - Importance of clarification
    - Ziegler’s statement
      - President’s position on ABM and SAFEGUARD
      - President’s meeting with Fletcher
    - President’s conversations
      - Fletcher
      - Others
        - President’s meeting with Fletcher in receiving line
    - White House response

The President left and Butterfield entered at an unknown time after 12:51 pm

A message for the President

Butterfield left and the President entered at an unknown time before 1:15 pm

ABM
  - CBS story
    - Schorr
    - Fletcher
    - Fletcher’s position
      - Forthcoming press briefing

Haldeman’s location
  - Maurice H. Stans

Press
  - White House relations
    - Ziegler’s briefings
    - Retraction of Fletcher story
-David Lawrence
-Ziegler’s retraction of Fletcher story
   -President’s view
-Lawrence’s column on critics
-Connally’s position
-Agnew
-CBS story on Fletcher
-President’s March 9, 1971 meeting with CBS executive

-Coverage of President’s trip to Des Moines, March 1, 1971
   -Cabinet dinner
   -Washington Post
   -Hardin
   -Agnew
   -Des Moines Register
   -Time, Newsweek, Washington Post, and networks
-President’s conversation with Haldeman regarding demonstrations
-Need for a response
-President’s public appearances
   -Williamsburg
      -College of William and Mary student demonstrators
      -1968 campaign appearance
      -President’s attitude toward demonstrators
      -President’s upcoming speeches
      -Ziegler’s conversation with Price
-Coverage of President’s trip to Des Moines
-Effect
   -Possible White House response
   -Newsweek, Time
   -Possible response
     -Congressmen
   -Networks
     -Herbert E. Kaplow
     -Dan Rather
-Haldeman’s staff meeting
   -Connally’s remarks
   -Connally
   -Ziegler’s remarks
     -Hardin, other Cabinet members
-White House handling of press
   -CBS story on Fletcher
   -President’s demeanor at previous press conference
     -Newsweek’s coverage
-Ziegler’s view
-Connally’s remarks at Haldeman’s staff meeting
  -President
  -Public relations efforts
-Johnson
  -Treatment of press
  -Compared with President’s demeanor
-Next press conference
-Camera location in Oval Office
-President’s interviews
-Sulzberger
  -Reasons for interview
    -Support for Administration
      -Foreign policy
  -Questions at Ziegler’s briefing
  -Acquaintance with President
  -Philosophy at New York Times regarding Vietnam
    -Oakes
    -Reston
-Previous meetings with the President
  -London
  -Paris
    -Vice Presidential years
  -Purpose
  -Influence of New York Times
  -Effect
    -Oakes and Reston
-Conditions
  -President’s review of transcripts
  -A 1968 post-election interview with James J. Kilpatrick, Jr.
  -Ziegler’s press briefing
    -Sulzberger
-Sulzberger
  -Note-taking
  -Ziegler’s press briefing
    -President’s statements regarding foreign policy
      -Vietnam War
      -US, Asia, Africa, Latin America
      -Effect at New York Times
        -Oakes and Reston
-President’s acquaintance
-Sulzberger
- J. W. Alsop
- Wilson
- Sulzberger
- Roscoe Drummond
- President’s interviews
- Use of quotes
- Backgrounders
- Contacts with President
  - Previous week’s press conference
  - Sulzberger interview
  - Upcoming Oval Office press conference
    - American Broadcasting Company [ABC] interview
  - Walters’ interview
- Moore’s philosophy
- Schorr’s story regarding Fletcher
  - Possible call from Ziegler
  - Richard S. Salant of CBS
- Supersonic transport [SST] story

Ziegler left at 1:15 pm

President’s schedule

The unknown man [Bull?] left at an unknown time before 1:37 pm
Conversation No. 465-10

Date: March 10, 1971
Time: Unknown between 1:15 pm and 1:37 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown person

- President’s schedule
  - Ronald L. Ziegler

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 1:37 pm

Conv. No. 465-8 (cont.)

Conversation No. 465-11

Date: March 10, 1971
Time: 1:37 pm - 1:40 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler

- [Dwight] David Eisenhower, II
  - Press release on class standing at Naval Officers Candidate School

James C. Fletcher
  - Conversation with Ziegler
  - Daniel L. Schorr story
  - Conversation with Ziegler
    - Position on Anti-ballistic Missiles [ABM]
      - President’s Science Advisory Committee
    - Retraction
      - Meeting with President
      - Position on ABM
        - Support for Administration policy

President’s Science Advisory Committee
  - Position on ABM
  - Influence

Fletcher story
  - President’s position

Ziegler left at 1:40 pm
Conversation No. 465-12

Date: March 10, 1971
Time: Unknown between 1:40 pm and 1:53 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

A letter
- Name of Central Treaty Organization [CENTO] Secretary General

Bull left at an unknown time before 1:53 pm

Conversation No. 465-13

Date: March 10, 1971
Time: Unknown between 1:40 pm and 1:53 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

A delivery

Bull left at an unknown time before 1:53 pm

Conversation No. 465-14

Date: March 10, 1971
Time: Unknown between 1:40 pm and 1:53 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

President’s correspondence
The President and Bull left at 1:53 pm