Conversation No. 485-1

Date: April 21, 1971
Time: Unknown between 3:08 pm and 3:14 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

The President's schedule
  - Meeting

Bull left at an unknown time before 3:14 pm

Conversation No. 485-2

Date: April 21, 1971
Time: 3:14 pm - 3:51 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with George P. Shultz, Paul W. McCracken, Peter M. Flanigan, John C. Whitaker, and William E. Kriegsman

[General conversation]

Economy
  - Outlook
  - Quarter
    - Figures
    - Administration's economic policy
      - "Breakthrough"
      - Inflation
      - Future course

Energy message [Special message to Congress on Energy Resources, June 4, 1971]
  - Breeder reactor

Breeder reactor
  - Public relations
  - President's position
- Chet Holifield
- Environmentalists
- Press
- Budget
- Government reorganizations

Government reorganization
  - Holifield

Breeder reactor
  - Costs
  - Budget
  - Program
  - Excitement

Energy
  - Energy message
  - Natural gas
    - Pricing
  - Oil import policy
  - Natural gas
    - Deregulation
      - Federal Power Commission [FPC]
  - FPC
    - John N. Nassikas
  - Pricing
  - Legislation
  - Harris bill
  - Credit
  - Fuel shortage
    - Gas
  - Breeder reactor
    - Energy message
    - Administration's possible policy
    - Holifield
    - Development timing
      - Ten years
  - Costs
  - Science
-Oil import policy
  -Flanigan
  -John G. Tower
  -John B. Connally

Government reorganization
  -Department of Natural Resources [DNR]  
    -Holifield
      -Atomic Energy Commission [AEC] and DNR
  -Possible administration strategy
    -Breeder reactor
      -Holifield

Energy
  -Continental shelf
    -Environmentalists
      -Oil
      -North Slope
      -Technology
        -Drilling
  -Oil shale
    -Shultz
    -Costs
    -Technology
  -Oil and oil shale
    -Canada
      -Level of US imports
      -Negotiations
        -US position
        -Pipeline
        -Stalemate
        -State Department
          -Philip H. Trezise
          -McCracken
          -George A. Lincoln
        -Pipeline
          -North Slope
        -Negotiations
          -Trezise
      -US position
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[National Security]
[Duration: _1m 25s_]

CANADA

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

-Great Lakes
-Costs
-Environmentalists

Earth Day participants
- John V. Lindsay
- “Flower children”
- Environmentalists

Breeder reactor
- Number
- Contractors
- Experts
  - Views
- Prototype
- Building
  - Time required
- Prototype
- Number
- Contractors
- General Electric [GE], Westinghouse, [North American Rockwell]
- Confidence and competition
- Expense
- Private industry
- Federal Government
- Pre-prototypes
- Uncertainties
- Contractors
-North American Rockwell
-GE
-California
-Building
-Schedule
-California
-AEC
-AEC
-Possible problem
-Contractors
-GE and Westinghouse
-North American Rockwell
-Competence
-GE and North American Rockwell
-Building
-California
-Unemployment
-Engineers
-Scientists and engineers
-Possible announcement

The President's schedule
-California
-Western White House

Government reorganization
-Shultz
-Possible conversation with Holifield
-Wilbur D. Mills
-H. Allen Smith

Removal of Donald E. McLarnan
-Thomas S. Kleppe
-Smith
-Possible action
-Frank T. Bow
-McLarnan
-Henry Salvatori
-F. Donald Nixon
-Smith
-Competence
-Smith
-Ronald W. Reagan
  -Shultz
  -Reagan's view

Energy message
  -Timing
  -Holifield
    -Long Beach
  -Timing
  -Announcement
  -Breeder reactor
    -Santa Barbara
    -Continental shelf

Energy
  -Canadian negotiations
    -President's possible role
      -Pace
      -Deadline
    -Peter G. Peterson
      -Council on International Economic Policy [CIEP]
  -Oil imports
  -US domestic producers
  -Henry L. Bellmon
  -Tower
  -Frank N. Ikard
    -American Petroleum Institute [API]

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[National Security]
[Duration: 15s]

CANADA

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

-US domestic producers
-Possible reaction
-Oil imports
-Shortages
  -Effect on prices

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4
[Duration: 29s]

CANADA

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

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-Flanigan's Possible Conversations with domestic producers
  -Oil companies
  -API
  -Bellmon
-Dr. Walter J. Mead
  -Princeton University
-Texas independent oil producers
-Tariffs

Energy message
  -Time spent preparing
  -Oil shale
  -Shortages
    -"Brown-outs"
  -Short-term measures
  -Possible Canadian agreement

Federal Power Commission [FPC]
  -President's conversation with John L. McClellan
    -Arkansas Valley
    -Natural gas
    -Clark MacGregor
-Management
-Chairman and commissioners
Conv. No. 485-2 (cont.)

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-Gas

Breeder reactor
-Number
-Holifield
-Negotiations
-Construction
  -California
  -Timetable
    -1980

Canadian negotiations
  -Henry A. Kissinger

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3
[National Security]
[Duration: 30s]

CANADA

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

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Energy message
  -Breeder reactor
    -Holifield
    -Importance
    -Fusion
    -Fusion
      -Risk to breeder program
      -Possible breakthrough
        -Howard H. Baker, Jr.
  -Semi-breeder
    -Admiral Hyman G. Rickover
    -Navy
    -Dr. Edward Teller
    -Rickover
- Economic competitiveness
- Usefulness

Gifts
- Tie pins
- Shultz

McCracken, Flanigan, Whitaker, and Kriegsman left at 3:46 pm

Removal of McLarnan
- Difficulties
- Competence
- Smith
- Kleppe
  - Schedule
  - Anthony G. Chase
- Smith
  - Vote on Supersonic Transport [SST]
- Reason for removal
- California
- Smith's call to Breeden[sp?] [Forename unknown]
- Bureaucrats
- Rules Committee
- Possible transfer
- President's California constituents
  - Complaints to Small Business Administration [SBA]
  - Earthquake
- Smith

The President's schedule
- Meeting with 4-H Club leaders

Schedule
- Productivity Commission meeting, April 30, 1971
  - Conference
  - Composition
    - Labor, management, government
  - Subjects
  - Forum
The President's schedule
   - April 30, 1971 meeting of Productivity Commission
     - Location
       - Roosevelt Room
     - Shultz's possible conversation with Haldeman

The President and Shultz left at 3:51 pm

Conv. No. 485-2 (cont.)

Date:  April 21, 1971
Time:  Unknown between 3:51 pm and 4:16 pm
Location:  Oval Office

Unknown people met

   President’s location
     - East Room
     - Other unknown activity

The unknown persons left at an unknown time before 4:16 pm

Conversation No. 485-3

Date:  April 21, 1971
Time:  4:18 pm - 6:13 pm
Location:  Oval Office

The President met with H.R. (“Bob”) Haldeman and John N. Mitchell at 4:18 pm

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[End of transcript]

Black Panther meeting
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 6m 35s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Campaign practices and finances
- Rita E. Hauser
  - Infiltration
    - Paul N. (“Pete”) McCloskey, Jr.
  - Activities in 1968
    - Nelson Rockefeller
  - Infiltration
    - Common Cause
- Money
  - Herbert V. Kalmbach
    - Cash
    - Bank deposits
    - Pledges
    - Role
    - Richard G. Kleindienst

Ronald L. Ziegler entered at 4:31 pm

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[End of transcript]
The President's previous meeting with Graham B. Steenhoven

Steenhoven
- Meeting with the press
- Remarks
  - Position at Chrysler Corporation
- Meeting with the President

Economy
- Consumer Price Index [CPI]
- Upcoming briefing

Ziegler left at 4:38 pm

- George P. Shultz
- Paul W. McCracken
- Rise
- Quarter
  - Compared with 1970
- Evaluation
- Critics
- Confidence
- Weather
- Retail sales
  - Easter
  - Home furnishings
- Automobiles
- Housing starts
  - Importance
- Retail sales
  - Inventories

Campaign financing
- Kalmbach
  - Role
  - Fund raising
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 39s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

Ray C. Bliss
- Possible appointment
- Ambassador
- Part-time commission

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 1m]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

Schedule
- 4-H Club leaders
- Tour of Rose Garden
- White House visitors
  - Mitchell and Elliot L. Richardson arrival at work
  - Executive Office Building [EOB]
- 4-H Club leaders
- Rose Garden
- View of the President's office
  - Glass
The President's schedule, April 21, 1971

Thelma C. (Ryan) ("Pat") Nixon's schedule
-Visitors to White House

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 6m 39s]

MANOLO SANCHEZ ENTERED AT AN UNKNOWN TIME AFTER 4:38 PM

SANCHEZ LEFT AT AN UNKNOWN TIME BEFORE 4:59 PM

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

-Busing

Supreme Court decision on school busing
-The South
-Newspaper editorials
-Washington Post
-Rebuff of Attorney General and President
-New York Times
-Harry S. Dent
-Mailings
-Warren E. Burger
-Mitchell's conversation with Southern Congressmen and Senators, April 20, 1971
-Reaction
-Burger
-Supreme Court
-Abraham A. Ribicoff’s amendment
-Democrat Presidential candidates
-Absence from vote
-Ribicoff’s amendment
-Byrd
-Hubert H. Humphrey
-Birch Bayh
-Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy
-Edmund S. Muskie
-George S. McGovern
-Vote for
  -Bayh, Humphrey, Kennedy, McGovern, Muskie
-Defeat
  -Vote

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 3m 10s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

Charles H. Percy
-Support of the President's Vietnam policy
  -Discussion with veterans
  -Withdrawal of troops
  -Ending war
  -Instruction for Haldeman
    -Telephone to express President’s appreciation
Unknown person
   - Right
      - Adolf Hitler
   - Father
      - Arthur S. Flemming

Arthur S. Fleming
   - Relations with John W. Gardner
   - New Republic
   - Dent
   - Conference on aging

James A. Rhodes
   - Assignment
   - Educational commission
   - Vocational education
   - Department of Health, Education, and Welfare [HEW]
- Vocational training
  - Frederic V. Malek

William B. Saxbe
- Appearance on "Today" show, April 21, 1971
  - Views on McCloskey
- Mitchell
  - Meeting with Saxbe
- Richard G. Kleindienst
  - Judgeship
    - Appointments
- Television appearance
  - Son in Vietnam
  - Defense of the President
  - Ardath Louise Saxbe's view
  - Views on McCloskey

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 4:38 pm and 4:59 pm

[Conversation No. 485-4A]

[See Conversation No. 2-24]

[End of telephone conversation]

Saxbe
- Compared with Robert A. Taft, Jr.
  - Appearance on "Today" show

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 1m 27s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8
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The President talked with Saxbe between 4:59 pm and 5:02 pm

[Conversation No. 485-4B]

[See Conversation No. 2-25]

[End of telephone conversation] Conv. No. 485-4 (cont.)

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 10
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 1 m 22 s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 10

Louie B. Nunn
  -Welfare reform
  -Letter from the President
  -Ambassadorial appointments
    -John Hay (“Jock”) Whitney
      -Spain
      -Age
    -Spain
    -Robert C. Hill
      -Political aspirations
        -Whitney
    -Mitchell’s schedule
    -Trip to Kentucky
      -Martha Mitchell
      -Whitney

Whitney
  -Ambassadorial appointment
    -Qualifications
      -Spanish language
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 12
[National Security]
[Duration: _37s_]  Conv. No. 485-4 (cont.)

SPAIN

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 12

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 27
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: _57s_]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 27
Mitchell's schedule
  - Whitney dinner
  - Dallas
  - Southern Methodist University [SMU] law school

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 13
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 17s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 13

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 28
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 31s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 28

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 14
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 6m 53s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 14
Investigation
  -Law Enforcement Assistance Administration [LEAA]
    -Florida
    -Possible indictment
    -Claude R. Kirk, Jr.
    -Kirk's staff
    -Minutes and reports
    -Jerris Leonard
    -Reubin O. Askew
  -Kirk
    -Residence
    -Business affairs
    -Law

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 15
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: _5m 31s_]
END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 15
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Middle East
  -Israel
    -Golda Meir
    -William P. Rogers's forthcoming trip
      -Possible effect on votes
        -Arabs
    -Rogers
    -Henry A. Kissinger
    -State Department
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 17
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 1m 26s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 17

-James L. Buckley

Buckley
-Speechwriter
-Speech
  -Special revenue sharing
  -Support for the President's Vietnam policy

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 18
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 5m 3s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 18

Common cause
  -Contributors
    -Howard Stein
    -Kissinger
    -John N. (“Jack”) Irwin, II
    -Mitchell’s list
    -Irwin
An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 5:02 pm

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 19
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 29s]  Conv. No. 485-4 (cont.)

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 19

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 6:13 pm

Common cause
-Contributors
  -Stein
  -Irwin
  -Arthur K. Watson
  -Irwin
    -Under secretary of State
    -Tenure
  -Irwin Miller
  -Lists of members
    -Internal Revenue Service [IRS]

Stein
  -Instructions for Kissinger
  -Call to Kissinger
  -President's speech on Southeast Asia, April 7, 1971
  -Stock market
    -Rise
    -Rogers

Raymond P. Safer
  -Appointment to bench
  -Circuit Court
  -Hugh Scott and Richard S. Schweiker
  -Pennsylvania
- Marijuana Commission
- Career
- Legal background
- Qualifications

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 20
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 2m 25s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 20

Treasury Department
- Democrats
- A.G. Becker
  - Assignment
  - Agricultural financing program
  - Humphrey
  - Dean Burch
  - Maurice H. Stans
  - Peter M. Flanigan
  - Charles E. Walker
  - John B. Connally

Instructions for Kissinger
- Call to Stein
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 21
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 14s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 21

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 22
[Privacy]
[Duration: 41s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 22

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 23
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 34s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 23

Case
- Clifford P. Case's remarks
- Support of the President's Laotian position
- Principles
New Jersey
- Department of Justice task force
- Democrats

Youth
- William E. Brock, III's plan
- Robert H. Finch
  - Recommendation for President
- William G. Milliken
  - Michigan legislature
  - Age of majority
  - 18-year olds
    - Right to vote
- Age of majority
  - Action by Vermont legislature
  - The President's position
  - George D. Aiken's proposal
- College students
- 18-21 year-old group
- Brock's plan
  - Forthcoming report

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 24
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 3m 31s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 24

Youth
- Brock's plan
  - Harvard University
  - University of Chicago
  - University of California in Los Angeles [UCLA]
- Texas A & M University
- Colleges
The President's meeting with Texas A & M choir
   -Support for the President

California
   -Yorba Linda college
     -Compare to Harvard University
     -Support for the President

Youth
   -4-H groups
   -Age of majority
     -Possible administration position
       -Endorsement
     -Legality
     -Possible reaction
       -Analogy
     -Possible future visits to People’s Republic of China [PRC]

Office of Emergency Preparedness [OEP]
   -Need for “salesman”
     -The President’s view
   -National Security Council [NSC]
     -Stockpiles
     -National security
     -Foreign policy
   -”Salesman” for the President
     -Speeches
   -George A. Lincoln
     -Oil quotas
     -Petroleum chemicals
     -Natural disasters
     -California earthquake
     -Texas drought
     -Resignation
       -Timing
   -Corporations
     -Stans
   -Qualifications for director
     -Foreign policy salesman
     -McGeorge Bundy
   -Darrell M. Trent
- Flanigan
- Prejudices
- Purpose of office
  - Political benefits
  - Donald H. Rumsfeld
- Directorship
  - Rumsfeld
    - Cabinet
    - NSC
- Lincoln
  - Performance
  - Authority
- Sensitivity

Clifford M. Hardin
- Replacement
- Performance
- Need for “salesman”
  - Farm country
- Job offer
  - Purdue University
- Dilemma
- President of Purdue
  - President's forthcoming attendance at retirement dinner, June 24, 1971
    - Dr. Frederick L. Hovde
- Possible candidate
- Performance
- Replacement
  - Timing
  - Announcement
  - Implementation
- Successor
- "Salesmen" in Cabinet
- Replacement
  - Bryce N. Harlow
    - Qualifications
    - Confirmation
    - Possible problem
- Qualifications for Secretary of Agriculture
- Successor
  - Harlow
  - Murray Spitzer
American Farm Bureau Federation [AFBF]
National Farmers Union [NFU]
Clarence D. Palmby
J. Philip Campbell
Southerner
Campbell
Unknown person
Californian
Ralph Bundy [?]
Age
Ronald W. Reagan
Unknown man
Harlow
Oklahoma
Qualifications
Harlow
Congress
Relationship with farm groups
Agricultural bills
Dwight D. Eisenhower's administration
Relations with farm groups
Lincoln
Replacement
Possible successor
OEP
Directorship
Importance
Cabinet
Kissinger, Rogers, and Melvin R. Laird
NSC
Oil problems
Corporations
Robert B. Anderson
Bert S. Cross
[David] Kenneth Rush
Rush
Possible reassignment
Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
-State Department
  -Rogers
  -Under secretary of State
-Value
-Possible reassignment

CIA
-Richard M. Helms
  -Tenure

Kissinger's dinner at Joseph W. Alsop's
  -Poll at table
  -Article by Alsop, April 21, 1971
    -Poll
      -Results
      -Vote
  -Marilyn B. ("Missy") Chandler
  -Attendees
    -Robert S. McNamara
    -Katharine L. Graham
    -Benjamin C. Bradlee
    -Stewart J.O. Alsop
    -Joseph W. Alsop
    -Alice Roosevelt Longworth

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 25
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: _39s_]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 25

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CIA
- Helms
  - Tenure
  - Graham
  - Bradlee
  - Kissinger

  - Reassignment
  - Marine Corps

-Vacancy
- Helms
- Military
- Mitchell’s conversation with Kissinger
- Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters
  - Role
  - Intelligence
- Cushman
  - Value
  - Qualifications
- Walters
  - Dedication to the President
  - Role
  - Reassignment

Rush
- Possible reassignment
- Berlin negotiation
  - Agreement
- Role
- Children
- Qualifications
- Connally

Connally
- Performance

Rush
- Possible reassignment
- Kissinger
  - Berlin negotiations
- Mitchell's meeting with Kissinger
CIA
- Walters
  - Possible assignment
  - Helms
  - Qualifications
  - Role
    - Assistance to White House

The President's schedule
- Dr. W. Kenneth Riland

Instruction for Mitchell
- Possible replacement for Hardin

[Transcript #3: A transcript of the following portion of the conversation was initially prepared for the Watergate Special Prosecution Force [WSPF] and can be found in Record Group [RG] 460. The Nixon Presidential Materials Staff has reviewed the transcript and has 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.]

[End of transcribed portion]

Anti-trust
- Television networks and other unknown suit
  - Mitchell's call from unknown person
  - Administration's position
  - Pentagon
  - Benefits
    - Motion picture industry
  - President's position
  - Timing
  - Consequences
    - Administration
      - Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
  - Politics
  - Possible public reaction
  - Timing
  - "Selling of the Pentagon"
  - Motion picture industry
    - Credit
The President, Mitchell, and Haldeman left at 6:13 pm

Conversation No. 485-5

Date: April 21, 1971
Time: Unknown between 6:13 pm and 6:37 pm
Location: Oval Office

Unknown people (Secret Service agents) entered

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Federal Statute]
[Duration: 3s]

[UNINTELLIGIBLE]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
The conversation was cut off at an unknown time before 6:37 pm