Conversation No. 494-1

Date: May 8, 1971
Time: Unknown between 9:16 am and 10:05 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Harry S. Truman's birthday
   -A telegram from President

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:05 am.

Conversation No. 494-2

Date: May 8, 1971
Time: Unknown between 9:16 am and 10:05 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule
   -Forthcoming meeting
      -Ronald L. Ziegler
   -Length
   -Press coverage
      -Photographers, reporters
   -Length

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:05 am.
Date: May 8, 1971
Time: 10:15 am - 10:32 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Walter E. Washington, Jerry V. Wilson, Hugh McClellan Exton, Roland Merrill Gleszer, Charles Southward, and John W. Dean.

Greetings

Washington, D.C. demonstrations
-Current situation

Ronald L. Ziegler and members of the press entered at 10:20 am.

[Camera noise]

Philadelphia and other cities

Ziegler, et al., left at 10:23 am.

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President's appreciation for work

Washington, et al., left at 10:32 am.

Conversation No. 494-4

Date: May 8, 1971
Time: 10:33 am - 1:12 pm
Location: Oval Office

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

President's schedule
- Previous meeting
- Dinner, May 7, 1971
  - Glen Campbell
  - Johnny Cash
- May 8, 1971
  - John D. Ehrlichman

Public opinion polls
- Time of completion
- Time of release
- Opinion Research Corporation [ORC]
  - Narrative report
  - White House cover sheet
  - Content
- Distribution of Congressional leaders
  - Gerald R. Ford
- Another poll
  - Possible results
- White House cover sheet
  - US withdrawal from Vietnam
  - George H. Gallup
- Checks on figures
  - Haldeman's work
- Questions
- Wording

"Salute to Agriculture"

- Coverage
  - News Summary
  - Lawrence F. ("Larry") O'Brien
  - Lyndon K. ("Mort") Allin
  - Thomas E. ("Tom") Jarriel
  - President's appearance at Agriculture Department
  - Farmers' complaints
  - Reasons

- Cost
  - Release of figures
  - Manufacturers
  - Agriculture Department exhibit

- John C. Whitaker
  - Need for public relations coordinator
  - Agriculture Department staff

- Cost
  - Public opinion
  - O'Brien

- Dinner, May 7, 1971
  - Farmers and wives
    - Press coverage of numbers
  - Farm leaders and editors
  - Previous farm dinners
  - Effort involved

- Coverage
  - News summary
  - Television, written press

- Planning and coverage
  - A film for distribution
  - Farm publications

- Dinner, May 7, 1971
  - Number of farmers present
    - Coverage
      - Compared with labor dinners
  - Head of grain The National Grange
  - Head of the American Farm Bureau Federation
  - Head of farmers' organizations and unions
  - Coverage
    - Possible White House response
Business Council meeting
   -Coverage
     -White House staff
     -A statement on inflation
     -Ronald L. Ziegler and staff
     -George P. Shultz, Paul W. McCracken, Peter M. Flanigan, Peter G. Peterson
     -President's record on business
   -John B. Connally
   -Flanigan, Peterson
   -President's future meetings
   -White House counter efforts
     -Flanigan
       -"Gideon's Army"

"Salute to Agriculture"
   -Dinner attendees, May 7, 1971
     -California farmers
       -Bruce Gibbon
         -Position in 1960 election
         -Rose Mary Woods
         -Position in 1960 and 1968 elections
         -[Ray J.?] Arbuthnot
         -[Forename unknown] Cox (?)
         -Gibbon
     -Future attendees at social functions
       -Criteria
       -Gibbon
       -Government subsidies

Cotton subsidy program
   -California dealers
   -Southern senators and California senators
   -Future action by President

"Salute to Agriculture"
   -Dinner attendees, May 7, 1971
     -California farmers
     -Gibbon
       -Woods
       -Possible contribution to President
       -Woods
- Seating
- Seating at President's table
- Gibbon's philosophy
- John N. Mitchell
  - A youth's question concerning D.C. demonstrations
  - Mitchell's response
- Seating for President's table
- Youth

Public relations
- Agricultural programs
  - Value
- An unknown man
  - Statement about agricultural exhibit
  - Possible response by Robert J. Dole
- Perception of President

White House correspondents dinner, May 8, 1971
- Award to Max Frankel
- Ziegler
  - President's attendance
    - Time of arrival
  - Possible photograph
  - An award to President

Bull entered at an unknown time after 10:33 am.

President's schedule
- Ziegler

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:53 am.

White House Correspondents' dinner
- An award for President
  - A torch by a silversmith
    - American Revolution
      - John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and Richard Nixon quotations
- John P. Sutherland
- President's attendance
- Award to Frankel

Ziegler entered at 10:53 am.
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[End of transcript]
-Ziegler
-President's attendance
-Timing
- -Frankel, Clapper Memorial Award
- -Ziegler's role

Ziegler left at 11:00 am.

Clapper
- -Political philosophy

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[End of transcript]

Public relations
- -Foreign policy accomplishments
- -John B. Connally's advice
- -Cancer program
- -Value
- -National Institutes of Health [NIH], Department of Health, Education, and Welfare [HEW]
- -Possible action
- -Domestic Council
- - -Kenneth R. Cole, Jr.
- - -Edward L. Morgan
- - -Position
- - -Work
- - -Compared with Herbert G. Klein's office
- -Narcotics program
- - -Egil ("Bud") Krogh, Jr.
- - -Morgan
- - -Mitchell
- -Melvin R. Laird
- - -William P. Rogers
- - -Government reorganization
- - -Morgan
- -Health program
- - -Elliot L. Richardson
- Cole
- Haldeman's efforts
- Cole
- Importance for domestic programs
  - Ehrlichman and Domestic Council
    - Efforts
      - Significance
    - Tax program
      - 1972 election issue
- Foreign policy
  - 1972 election
  - Accomplishments
  - Congress
- Domestic programs
  - Cole and staff
    - Efforts
  - Importance
  - Ehrlichman
    - Seminars at Camp David
- Issues in 1972 election
  - Economy and Vietnam war
- Ehrlichman's staff work
  - New American Revolutions
  - Importance
  - President's accomplishments
  - Public perception

White House Correspondents dinner
  - Award to President
    - New American Revolution
      - Clayton Fritchey's column

Public relations
  - Cancer program
  - Cole's work
  - Cole, Morgan
    - Division of labor
  - President's role
    - Christmas event[?]

1972 campaign
  - Rationale for federal grants
-Peter M. Flanigan
-Casar W. (“Cap”) Weinberger
-Federal budget compared with Kennedy family's money
-Deficits
-Inflation and unemployment

Ehrlichman's seminars
- Cole
- 1972 legislative programs
- President's program for second term

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 32s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

White House staff organization
- Ehrlichman
- George P. Shultz
- Henry A. Kissinger
- Ehrlichman
  - Staff
    - Morgan, Whitaker

Public relations
- Connally
  - Department of the Treasury
  - Work
  - Unemployment statistics
    - Networks, newspapers
    - White House efforts
    - Future
    - President's San Clemente press conference
      - Klein
-Business Council
-Inflation
-Flanigan, Shultz
-White House staff
-Cancer program
-Cole
-Presidents responsibility, HEW responsibility
-President's role in decision making
-Kissinger's, Shultz's, and Ehrlichman's papers
-Pressures

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[End of transcript]

"Salute to Agriculture"
-Dinner
-Glen Campbell's band
-Appearance
-Campbell's statements
-Support for the President

Press
-An unknown man
-Unknown women

"Salute to Agriculture"
-Response of farmers and farm organizations
-Department of Agriculture
-Long-term benefit
-Press
-Compared with labor press

Presidential appearances
-Importance
-Connally

Economy
-A May 8, 1971 New York Times article
-Predictions by President, McCracken, Shultz, Connally

Arms Control
-Edmund S. Muskie
  -Effect of possible Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT] treaty
-Democrats
-Effect of a SALT treaty
  -President's, Haldeman's, Kissinger’s, and Alexander M. Haig's views
-Public opinion
  -Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
  -War
  -John F. Kennedy's test ban treaty
-Clifford P. Case
  -Proposal concerning testing
  -Testing
-SALT treaty
  -William P. Rogers
  -President
  -USSR
  -Rogers, Gerard C. Smith
  -Congressional Leaders
  -Announcement

Ehrlichman and Shultz
-Dedication

Rogers
-Trip
  -Work
  -Kissinger
  -President's foreign policy objectives
  -Rogers' foreign policy efforts
    -Press coverage
-Middle East
-Future

Foreign policy
-Rogers’ efforts
-Kissinger
-President policy
-Backgrounders
  -Precedent
-Appearances on television, radio  
-Appearances before editors  
-President's previous press conference  
   -Chicago Daily News editorial  
   -President's April 7, 1971 speech  
   -Points  

White House staff  
-Recognition of needs  
-Planning  
   -Importance  
   -Cole, Edwin L. Harper  
   -Ehrlichman  

Public relations  
-Morgan, Krogh, Ehrlichman, and Cole  
-Defined  
-President's trip to Gateway East  
-President's trip to San Clemente  
   -An event  
-Richard Nixon Beach  
-Gateway East trip  
   -Cole's and Haldeman's conversation  
   -Naming of park  
      -President, Mrs. Nixon, Tricia Nixon Cox, David Eisenhower  
      -Freedom Park  
   -Naming of public buildings  
      -Mayors  
      -"Sam Jones"  
      -Huey Long  
   -Naming of park  
      -Eisenhower Park  

Ziegler entered at 11:35 am.  

President's schedule  
-Gateway East  
   -Ziegler's announcement  
-Attendees  
   -Senate and House Interior Committees  
   -Mayors  
   -Helicopter
-Press
  -Importance
  -Mayors, governors, Secretary of the Interior, press, senators, Interior Committee
    -Jacob K. Javits
    -Rogers C.B. Morton
    -Kenneth A. Gibson
    -Whitaker, Dwight L. Chapin, Ehrlichman
      Conv. No. 494-4 (cont.)
-Interior Committee senators
  -Role in legislation
  -Whitaker

Ziegler left at an unknown time before 11:35 am.

Legislation
  -Staff response
  -Revenue sharing
    -A forthcoming meeting
      -Wilbur D. Mills
      -Ehrlichman, Shultz, and Connally
    -Connally's approach
      -Mills
    -Supersonic transport [SST]

President's schedule
  -Florida trip
  -Lyndon B. Johnson Library
    -Trip
      -Republican tour of Air Force One, ride in helicopter
        -Value
        -An unknown man

[The President talked with Ehrlichman at an unknown time between 11:00 am and 11:35 am]

[Conversation No. 494-4A]
  -Revenue sharing meeting

[End of telephone conversation]

Ziegler entered at 11:35 am.
- Gateway East
  - Attendees
    - Senators, committees
    - John V. Lindsay
    - Nelson A. Rockefeller
    - William T. Cahill
    - Lindsay
    - Announcement by Ziegler
    - Morton
    - Lindsay
    - Announcement
      - Lindsay, governors

Ziegler left at 11:36 am.

Lindsay
  - Possible attendance at Gateway East event
    - Lindsay's work

Ronald W. Reagan
  - Press coverage of tax program
    - Possible source
    - State and national level
    - Student reporter

Ehrlichman entered at 11:37 am.

  - Lesson for election year
  - State income tax office
    - Student reporter
    - State office source
      - Reagan staff

Presidential appointments
  - John S. Nolan
    - Department of the Treasury
      - Leaks to press
      - Connally

Revenue sharing
  - Mills
    - Meetings with Shultz
-Wire story
-Forthcoming speech to Tennessee legislature
  -White House response
-Connally's, Shultz's positions
-Ford
  -Work in Congress
-Mills’ plan
  -Cities
  -States
  -Block grants
  -Shultz’s perception
-Mills
  -Shultz's meetings
  -Possible action
  -Ehrlichman's talks with Shultz
    -Morgan
    -Rockefeller, Reagan
-May 10, 1971 meeting
  -President, Connally, Shultz, Clark MacGregor and Ehrlichman
-Connally
  -Ehrlichman's forthcoming talk
  -Position
-Mills
  -Shultz's and Connally's views
  -Possible endorsement
    -Shultz
    -Content

Ziegler entered at 11:43 am.

President's schedule
  -Gateway East
    -Lindsay, Rockefeller, Cahill, Morton
    -Gibson
    -Ziegler’s role

Ziegler left at 11:45 am.

Revenue sharing
  -Mills
    -Possible meeting with Shultz and Connally
    -Possible meeting with President
- John W. Byrnes
  - Position
    - Shultz, Ehrlichman
- Ford
  - Position
- Attendance at May 10, 1971 meeting
  - President, Ford
  - Byrnes

President's schedule
- Gateway East
  - Departure time
- Revenue sharing meeting
  - Time
- Gateway East
  - President's role
- Revenue sharing meeting
  - Time
  - Importance
  - Mills
    - Shultz, Connally, Ford, MacGregor, Ehrlichman
  - Time
- Gateway East
  - Departure time
- Revenue sharing meeting
  - President's role
  - Mills
  - Time
  - Mills
- Mills
  - Tennessee speech
  - Aspirations
  - Position in Democratic Party
  - Compared with Carl B. Albert
    - Possible strength as Speaker of the House of Representatives

Albert
- Ehrlichman’s actions
- Habits
- Mrs. Albert
- Ford
- Habits
- Vice President Spiro T. Agnew  
- Role as Speaker  
- Les Arends  

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[End of transcript]

[The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 11:45 am and 11:49 am]

[Conversation No. 494-4B]

[See Conversation No. 2-124]

[End of telephone conversation]

Supersonic Transport [SST]
- Upcoming vote in Congress
- White House efforts
- News Summary
- Ford
- George Meany

[The President talked with John N. Mitchell between 11:49 am and 11:51 am]

[Conversation No. 494-4C]

[See Conversation No. 2-125]

[End of telephone conversation]

Revenue Sharing
- Meeting
- Mills

[The above portion of the office conversation took place simultaneously with the telephone conversation]
President's schedule
   - Revenue sharing meeting
     - Time

SST
   - Ford
     - President's possible meetings with Congressmen
       - Richard H. Poff
       - H. Allen Smith
         - Lockheed
         - A Small Business Administration [SBA] official
     - Ford
       - Efforts

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6
[Privacy]
[Duration: 9s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6
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- Compared with other Congressional leaders
- Upcoming House vote
  - Opposition
  - Possible vote changes
    - Ford
    - White House efforts
    - Meany
      - Lockheed
    - Lockheed
      - Warren G. (“Maggie”) Magnuson and Henry M. (“Scoop”) Jackson
        - MacGregor
- Senate
- House and Senate conference committee
- Cancellation costs
  - Transportation appropriation
- Frank T. Bow
  - Airlines

- Upcoming House vote
  - Possible vote changes
    - Poff

- Senate
  - Possible vote changes
    - David H. Gambrell, Alan Cranston and John V. Tunney

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[End of transcript]

Press
- Dan Rather
  - Ehrlichman's backgrounder on demonstrations
    - Effect
    - Lyndon B. Johnson

- Future backgrounders
  - Ziegler

- Richard S. Salant

- Future treatment
  - Ziegler

- Robert Roth
  - Ehrlichman's backgrounder
    - Effect

- Rather
  - White House relations
    - Ehrlichman meetings in past
      - Salant

- White House relations

- White House relations

- American Broadcasting Company [ABC]
  - Harry Reasoner
  - Coverage
    - National Broadcasting Company [NBC]
    - Ratings
    - Types of audiences
- *Life*
  - Audience appeal

- *Readers’ Digest*
  - Audience appeal

- *Life*
  - A scandal article on Virgin Islands
    - Disposition
    - Hubert H. Humphrey, Democratic leaders
    - Ralph [?] Paewonsky
    - Morris or Stewart Udall
    - Possible White House contact with reporter

- Ehrlichman's backgrounders
  - Ziegler
  - Wire service reporters, John Terrell of the *Baltimore Sun*, Herbert E. Kaplow, Thomas E. (“Tom”) Jarriel, an unnamed Metromedia reporter

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[End of transcript]

The President left at an unknown time after 11:51 am.

Taping system
  - Ehrlichman’s knowledge

Ehrlichman's schedule[?]

"Salute to Agriculture"
  - Coverage
  - Objectives

The President entered at an unknown time before 12:00 pm.

[Transcript #7: A transcript of the following portion of this conversation was prepared under court order from December 1978 through March 1979 for Special Access 8, *Ronald V. Dellums, et al. v. James M. Powell, et al.*, No. 71-2271. The National Archives and Records Administration produced this transcript. The National Archives does not guarantee its accuracy.]

[End of transcript]
Public opinion polls
- Washington, D.C. demonstrations
- Sample
- Gallup polls
- Questions
- Approval polls
  - Figures
  - Effect on public opinion of events
  - President's Vietnam policies
- End-the-war amendment in Congress, U.S. withdrawal from Vietnam
  - "No opinion" answers
  - Prisoners of War [POW's]
  - "No opinion" answers

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[End of transcript]

Civil rights
- Washington, D.C. demonstrations
- Wiretapping
  - Public opinion
  - J. Edgar Hoover and Federal Bureau of Investigations [FBI]
- White House handling
- Wiretapping
  - Other administrations
    - Robert F. Kennedy
    - Carl T. Rowan on WTOP
    - Unauthorized, authorized taps
    - Hoover
  - Nixon administration
    - Rowan's commentary
    - Unauthorized, authorized taps

Wiretapping
- National security taps
  - Unauthorized
  - Compared with Kennedy era
- Hoover[?]  
  - Congressional testimony

President's schedule
  - Revenue sharing meeting  
    - Time  
    - Ehrlichman's calls
  - Ford

Ehrlichman left at 12:42 pm.

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[End of transcript]

Public opinion polls
  - President's Vietnam policies
  - Questions

Cancer Institute announcements, May 11, 1971
  - Director
  - Responsibility
  - Sloan-Kettering Institute in New York City
  - Possible appearance by President, May 10, 1971
  - Logistics
    - Police, demonstrators in New York City
  - White House handling

Flanigan
  - Business group
    - "Gideon's Army"

Polls
  - End-the-war votes in Congress
  - Changes in public opinion
    - President's speech, press conference
  - Changes in public opinion
    - President's speech, press conference
  - POW's
    - Changes in public opinion
Al Capp

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[End of transcript]

Polls
- President's Vietnam policies
- Changes in public opinion
  - President's press conference
- "No opinion" answers
  - Gallup polls
  - White House polls
  - Shift
- A poll
  - Release

President's schedule
- Patrick J. Buchanan and Shelley A. Scarney wedding

Haldeman left at 1:12 pm.

Conversation No. 494-5

Date: May 8, 1971
Time: Unknown between 1:12 pm and 1:35 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown person.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 11s]
Conv. No. 494-4 (cont.)

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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The unknown person left at an unknown time before 1:35 pm. Conv. No. 494-4 (cont.)

Date: May 8, 1971
Time: 1:35 pm - unknown before 1:40 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

Papers for signature

Rose Mary Woods

[Unintelligible]

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 1:40 pm.

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Convo. No. 494-6

Date: May 8, 1971
Time: 1:50 pm - unknown before 1:55 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

H.R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 1:50 pm.
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 7s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Butterfield and the unknown man left at an unknown time before 1:55 pm.

Conversation No. 494-8

Date: May 8, 1971
Time: Unknown between 1:55 pm and 2:40 pm
Location: Oval Office

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

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[End of transcript]

Washington, D.C. demonstrations
- President's position

Leadership
- Agnew
- President's press conferences
  - Welfare issue
- President's Williamsburg speech
- President's Chamber of Commerce speech
Conv. No. 494-7 (cont.)

Press
- Charles W. Colson, Ronald L. Ziegler, John A. Scali and Haldeman meeting
  - Scali's position
- White House handling
  - Image of President
- President's opponents
  - Image of President

Leadership
- President's foreign and domestic accomplishments
- Press

Public opinion polls
- President's position vis-a-vis Edward M. (“Ted”) Kennedy on law and order
- Public opinion

Conv. No. 494-9

Date: May 8, 1971
Time: Unknown between 1:55 pm and 2:40 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

President's memorandum
- Delivery to H.R. (“Bob”) Haldeman

[Signing documents]

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 2:40 pm.