Conversation No. 502-1

Date: May 20, 1971
Time: Unknown between 7:21 am and 8:05 am
Location: Oval Office

The President dictated a memorandum to Dean G. Acheson.

Memo to Acheson
- President's administration
- World War II
- [Unintelligible]
- "Present at the Creation"
- National appreciation

Conversation No. 502-2

Date: May 20, 1971
Time: Unknown between 8:05 am and 8:14 am
Location: Oval Office

Unknown persons met

[Unintelligible]

The unknown persons left at an unknown time before 8:14 am.

Conversation No. 502-3

Date: May 20, 1971
Time: 8:16 am - 8:19 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with George W. Ball.

[See Conversation No. 3-78]
Date: May 20, 1971
Time: Unknown between 8:19 am and 8:32 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez [?].

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
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[Duration: 4s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Sanchez [?] left at an unknown time before 8:32 am.

Date: May 20, 1971
Time: 8:32 am - unknown before 8:38 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

President's schedule
-Cabinet meeting, May 20, 1971
-Size
-Raymond K. Price, Jr.
-Table
-Seating
[Unintelligible]

[First name unknown] Brown's attendance

[Unintelligible]

President's letter to Dean G. Acheson

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 8:38 am.

Date: May 20, 1971
Time: 8:38 am - 9:02 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

President’s telephone call to George W. Ball
   -Kissinger’s call to Ball

President's letter to Dean G. Acheson
   -Substance of letter

Kissinger's call to Ball and John J. McCloy
   -Drafting of letters
      -Lauris Norstad

Administration's position a week ago

President's telephone call to Ball
   -Ball's views
      -Kissinger
      -Senate
      -White House relations with State Department
      -State Department

State Department
   -Clark MacGregor
-William P. Rogers
-John N. Irwin, II
-U. Alexis Johnson
-Relations with White House
-Kissinger's relationship with State Department officials
-MacGregor
-Kissinger’s meeting with State Department officials
-State Department
-Position on negotiations

Congressional affairs
-Kissinger's conversations with Charles McC. Mathias
-Mathias’ views on his amendment
-Hubert H. Humphrey
-Jacob K. Javits
-Co-sponsors
-Kissinger's view of Mathias amendment
-Humphrey's vote
-Edmund S. Muskie's vote
-Final votes
-Edward M. (“Ted”) Kennedy's vote
-President's successes
-Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT] agreement
-Backing of "establishment"
-Ball
-Cyrus R. Vance
-Acheson
-McCloy
-McGeorge Bundy
-Rogers' strategy for dealing with Congress
-Implications for the White House
-MacGregor
-Rogers
-Michael J. (“Mike”) Mansfield

President's upcoming meetings
-President's remarks
-Kissinger's instructions on secrecy
-Cabinet
-Leaks
SALT agreement announcement, May 20, 1971
- Cabinet meeting
- Meeting of legislative leaders
- President's announcement remarks
  - Soviet position on offensive and defensive weapons
  - US position on offensive and defensive weapons
  - Soviets public position and statements
- President's SALT initiative
- Involvement of Moscow and Washington
- Television
  - Playback in Moscow
- Language
  - Agreement, understanding
  - Grammar
- Negotiations
- Treaty
- US and Soviet Union relations
  - Future
  - Goals
  - Prospects for other negotiations
- Next round of negotiations
- Rewording of remarks
- Future US and Soviet Union relations
- Notification of Kissinger's staff
  - Staff reaction
- Reaction of White House staff
  - Price
  - William L. Safire
- Reaction of Kissinger's staff to SALT announcement agreement

Congressional affairs
- President's call to Senator John C. Stennis
  - Stennis
    - Leadership
  - Kissinger's conversation with Javits
    - Stennis' position on Mathias amendment
    - Kissinger's call to Stennis
    - Stennis' views

SALT agreement announcement, May 20, 1971
- President's announcement remarks
  - Exact wording
Conv. No. 502-6 (cont.)

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- Level of negotiations
- Extent of efforts
- Expression of commitment
  Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
- Reaction of Kissinger’s staff

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 8:38 am.

Cabinet meeting
  - President’s invitation to Rose Mary Woods

Bull left at an unknown time before 9:02 am.

An unknown woman [Marjorie P. Acker?] entered at an unknown time after 8:38 am.

Woods
  - Location

The unknown woman [Acker?] left at an unknown time before 9:02 am.

Melvin R. Laird

Elliot L. Richardson

The President and Kissinger left at 9:02 am.

Conversation No. 502-7

Date: May 20, 1971
Time: 9:49 am - 10:03 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with William P. Rogers; the conversation was in progress when the recording began.
Rogers left and Henry A. Kissinger and Ronald L. Ziegler entered at 9:54 am.

President's schedule

Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT] agreement announcement  
- President's statement at 12:00 noon  
- Foreign policy  
- Possibility of leaks

Ziegler left at 9:55 am.

- Rogers  
- President's meeting with Congressional leaders  
- Treaties  
  - Unknown person's position
- Soviet position on offensive weapons
  - Public statements
- Kissinger's advice
- Anti-ballistic Missile [ABM]
- President's talking points with Congressional leaders
- Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
  - Soviet Party Congress
  - Kissinger's advice
  - US strategy in dealing with Soviets
- Multiple Independently Targetable Reentry Vehicle [MIRV]
  - Effect on negotiations
  - Future possibilities
  - Gerard C. Smith
- US August 4 proposal
  - President's talking points with Congressional leaders
    - MIRV
    - Treaties
    - Negotiations
- George P. Shultz's meeting with Kissinger
  - Shultz's views on the President and SALT negotiations
- Donald H. Rumsfeld
  - President's talking points with Congressional leaders
    - Objectives
    - Negotiations
    - Effect on Europeans
- Rogers
- Smith

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 9:55 am.

- Rose Mary Woods’ location
- Melvin R. Laird
- Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
- Woods

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:03 am.

Kissinger left at 10:03 am.
Conversation No. 502-8

Date: May 20, 1971
Time: Unknown between 10:03 am and 10:09 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Rose Mary Woods and Marjorie P. Acker

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:09 am.

Conversation No. 502-9

Date: May 20, 1971
Time: 10:09 am - 10:12 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT] agreement announcement
- President's talking points with Congressional leaders
- Defensive weapons
- Role for Kissinger
- Credit for the agreement
  - Kissinger
  - Melvin R. Laird
  - Gerard C. Smith
  - President's initiative

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 10:09 am.

President's meeting with Congressional leaders
- Gerald R. Ford and Leslie C. Arends
- W. Averell Harriman
- President's instructions

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:12 am.
- J. William Fulbright
  - Views on Kissinger's relations with Congress
  - Congressional vote, May 19, 1971

SALT agreement announcement
- Smith
  - Multiple Independently Targetable Reentry Vehicle [MIRV]

President's talking points with Congressional leaders
- Effective presentation
  - Text of President's statement on May 20, 1971

Kissinger left at 10:12 am.

Conversation No. 502-10

Date: May 20, 1971
Time: Unknown between 11:10 am and 11:18 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown person.

[Unintelligible]

Typewriter

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 11:18 am.

Conversation No. 502-11

Date: May 20, 1971
Time: 11:18 am - 11:59 am
Location: Oval Office

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

Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT] agreement Congressional briefing
J. William Fulbright
  -Michael J. (“Mike”) Mansfield
  -Allen J. Ellender
  -F. Edward Hébert
  -Staff reaction
    -Henry A. Kissinger
  -Effect
  -Cabinet meeting
    -Reaction
    -Undersecretaries
  -White House staff
    -William L. Safire
  -John B. Connally's reaction
  -Treaty
  -Mansfield reaction
  -Yesterday's Congressional vote
  -William P. Rogers

Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT] agreement
  -Kissinger
  -Soviet public opinion
  -US public opinion
    -Soviet and American agreement
  -President's efforts

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at 11:26 am.

Evening cocktails with President and Mrs. Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon, May 20, 1971
  -Arms Control and Disarmament Agency [ACDA] staff
  -Rogers
  -Melvin R. Laird
  -National Security Council [NSC] members
    -Kissinger
    -Connally
  -Richard S. Schweiker
  -Other guests
  -Tricia Nixon
  -Julie Eisenhower
  -Mrs. Nixon
  -SALT delegation
  -Possible location
    -Truman Balcony
Conv. No. 502-11 (cont.)

Butterfield left at 11:31 am.

Press reaction to SALT agreement
-Questions
-Headlines
-Kissinger
-John A. Scali
-Kissinger's relations with press
-Style of press conferences
-Gallup poll ratings
-Ronald W. Reagan
-Spiro T. Agnew
-Nelson A. Rockefeller
-Reagan and Agnew

President's schedule
-Lyndon B. Johnson Library dedication, May 22, 1971
-Departure time
-Length of flight
-Upcoming visit of Malik Faisal ibn Abd al-Aziz al-Saud, King of Saudi Arabia
-Possible dinner
-Kennedy dinner
-Attendees
-Possible daytime event
-Arrival of Faisal and delegation
Kissinger entered at 11:34 am.

Congress and SALT agreement
- Gerard C. Smith
  - Performance at Congressional leader's meeting
- Smith's and Kissinger's views on Congressional consultations regarding SALT
- Smith's schedule
- Meeting with Congressional leaders
- Unknown person
- President's meeting with Congressional leaders
  - Kissinger's attendance
  - Allen J. Ellender
  - J. William Fulbright
  - Michael J. (“Mike”) Mansfield
  - John G. Tower
  - Antiballistic Missile [ABM] efforts
- Kissinger's press briefing, May 20, 1971
  - Victor Riesel [?]
  - United Press International [UP]
- Television people
  - Unknown person
- Press

SALT agreement announcement, May 20, 1971
- Text of President's statement
- Kissinger's views

Kissinger left at 11:38 am.

- Pointers for President's delivery
  - Haldeman's views
  - Press
  - John D. Ehrlichman's views
- Importance of announcement
- Live television
Butterfield entered at 11:40 am.

SALT announcement, May 20, 1971
- President's statement for press
- Change of wording
- Rose Mary Woods
- Butterfield's views

Secretaries

White House internal operations
- President's shower
  - Hot water supply
- Repairs
  - Rex W. Scouten
- Lyndon B. Johnson
- Hot water supply
- White House plumbing
- Water

Butterfield left and Stephen B. Bull entered at 11:43 am.

SALT agreement announcement, May 20, 1971
- Location
  - Press room
- Equipment
  - Lights
  - Podium

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:47 am.

[The President talked with Gerald R. Ford between 11:50 am and 11:53 am]

[See Conversation No. 3-80]

[Conversation No. 502-11A]

Rose Mary Woods entered at 11:51 am.

[End of telephone conversation]
SALT agreement announcement [?]
  -Press
    -Ronald L. Ziegler

Woods left at 11:54 am.

Bull entered at an unknown time after 11:54 am.

President's meeting with Mark I. Goode

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:57 am.

Goode entered at 11:57 am.

SALT agreement announcement, May 20, 1971
  -Ziegler
  -White House Communications
    -Announcement
    -Cameras
    -Unknown person
    -Time till President goes before cameras

Goode left and Kissinger entered at 11:58 am.

Kissinger's briefing of press, May 20, 1971
  -Peter Lisagor
  -[Forename unknown] Sheldon
  -Frank Cormier
    -Soviet position
    -Text of President statement announcing SALT agreement
      -Change of wording

The President, Haldeman, and Kissinger left at 11:59 am.
The President met with H.R. (“Bob”) Haldeman.

President's announcement of Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT] agreement
-Haldeman’s assessments
  -Foreign policy statement
  -Effect on viewers
  -Press
    -Dan Rather
    -Herbert E. Kaplow
    -John W. Chancellor
    -Rather's comments
      -Surprise
      -Moscow
  -Time in Washington, D.C. and in Moscow
  -Drama
  -Evening news
  -Length of President's statement
  -SALT talks
  -Limitation of nuclear arms
  -Text of President's announcement, May 20, 1971
    -Introduction

Ronald L. Ziegler entered at 12:10 pm.

-Ziegler's views
  -Compared to Kissinger's earlier press briefing
  -Anti-ballistic missiles [ABM]
  -Rather's comments
    -President
    -Aleksei N. Kosygin
    -Leonid I. Brezhnev
  -Camera coverage
  -Wire service coverage
    -Kissinger's response

Kissinger entered at 12:27 pm.

-New Republic
  -U. Alexis Johnson [?] 
  -Marianne Means [?] 
    -Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo
  -Text of President's announcement, May 20, 1971
- Change of wording
- Soviet response
- Kissinger's earlier press briefing, May 20, 1971
- Chancellor's response
- Rather
- Marvin L. Kalb [?]
- Preliminaries to President's announcement
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO]
  - Paris
- Domestic policy
- Soviets
- President’s relations with the press
- Michael J. (“Mike”) Mansfield
- Charles W. Colson
  - President's instructions
  - Senate
- Soviets
- Strategy for pursuing negotiations with Soviets
  - Offensive
  - Defensive

President's briefing of Congressional leaders, May 20, 1971
- Senators
  - J. William Fulbright
  - Mansfield
  - Allen J. Ellender
  - Fulbright
    - Smoking habits
    - Reading
    - Newspaper
- Carl B. Albert's absence
  - Meeting with Capitol Architect
  - Informing the press
  - Spiro T. Agnew
  - Press
  - Veracity

SALT announcement
- Kissinger's calls on May 20, 1971
  - George Meany
    - Response
  - Lyndon B. Johnson
-Response
-Howard Stein
-Jack J. Dreyfuss, Jr. (?)
-John J. McCloy
-Response
-Nelson A. Rockefeller's views
-People's Republic of China [PRC]
-SALT
-Kissinger's earlier press briefing on SALT, May 20, 1971
-Press
-Compared to Kissinger's Vietnam press briefings
-ABM
-Offensive weapons
-Cameras
-Press
-Chinese
-Message
-Pakistani Ambassador
-Joseph S. Farland

[Unintelligible]

-Navy
-Farland
-Agha Muhommad Yahya Kahn
-Official communication
-John A. Scali
-Reaction to announcement
-Soviet reaction

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 12:27 pm.

Request for Scali

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 12:31 pm.

SALT announcement
-National Security Council [NSC] members
-Gerard C. Smith
  -Arms Control and Disarmament Agency [ACDA] staff
  -Photograph session in Oval Office
    -William P. Rogers
    -Melvin R. Laird

President's briefing of Congressional leaders on SALT, May 20, 1971
  -Smith's performance
  -Smith
    -Negotiating efforts with the Soviets
  -George H. Mahon, F. Edward Hébert and Robert F. Byrd's comments
  -Republicans
  -Fulbright

Scali entered at 12:31 pm.

Scali's briefing on SALT, May 20, 1971
  -Smith
  -Howard K. Smith
  -Smith
    -Johnson
  -SALT
  -US and Soviet Union positions
  -Negotiating strategy

SALT announcement
  -Press
  -Rather
  -United Press International [UPI]'s and Associated Press [AP]'s lead stories on
    President's SALT announcement, May 20, 1971
  -Timing
  -Coverage

President's previous Congressional briefing
  -Ellender, Hébert, Byrd, Mahon, John C. Stennis
  -Congressional response
    -ABM

Kissinger left at 12:36 pm.

[The President talked with Tricia Nixon between 12:36 pm and 12:39 pm]
Conv. No. 502-12 (cont.)

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[Scali and Haldeman can be heard in the background]

[See Conversation No. 3-83]

[Conversation No. 502-12A]

[End of telephone conversation]

President's SALT agreement announcement
-Chancellor
-Tricia Nixon's views on length of President's comments
-Drama
-Scali
-Chancellor
-Meeting with Kissinger

Scali's press briefing, May 20, 1971
-Kissinger's press briefing, May 20, 1971
-Senate
-Negotiations with Soviets
-Press
-Post World War II world
-Importance of SALT
-Historical perspective

Kissinger entered at an unknown time after 12:39 pm.

-US relations with Soviet Union and PRC
-Since World War II
-Means

Kissinger, Ziegler, and Scali left at 12:43 pm.

Soviets

President’s critics

PRC

Vietnam

Rose Mary Woods entered at 12:45 pm.
Letter to Acheson

President's SALT agreement announcement
- Length
- Drama
- Television
- Drama
- Length

Acheson letter

The President, Haldeman, and Woods left at 12:48 pm.

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Date: May 20, 1971
Time: Unknown between 1:42 pm and 1:44 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 3-84]

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Date: May 20, 1971
Time: 1:45 pm - 2:05 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

John A. Scali's [?] briefings
- Forthcoming meeting with [Arnold] Eric Severeid
- Howard K. Smith
- John W. Chancellor
- Major briefing at 12:45, May 20, 1971
Conv. No. 502-14 (cont.)

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-Open attendance
-Meeting at 2 o'clock, May 20, 1971
  -Sevareid
  -Smith
  -Chancellor
  -Marvin L. Kalb
  -Richard G. Valeriani
  -William A. Gill, Jr.
-Meeting at 4 o'clock, May 20, 1971
  -Max Frankel
  -Chalmers Roberts
  -William S. White
  -Roscoe Drummond
-Ziegler's views
  -Gerard C. Smith
  -Scali
  -Henry A. Kissinger's comments
  -Impact on press
  -Press

[The President talked with Justin W. Dart at an unknown time between 1:45 pm and 1:48 pm]

[See Conversation No. 3-85]

[Conversation No. 502-14A]

[End of telephone conversation]

Meeting with Kissinger

Ziegler left and H.R. ("Bob") Haldeman and Scali entered at 1:48 pm.

Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT] agreement announcement, May 20, 1971
  -Press response
  -J. Henry Smith
  -Television instant analysis
  -Daniel Seymour's reaction
    -Seymour's meeting with President several years ago
  -Staff
  -Television viewers response
  -Time of announcement in Washington, D.C. and Moscow
Personnel Management
- Scali [?]
  - George A. Lincoln [?]
  - National Security Council [NSC]
  - Responsibility

Kissinger entered at 1:52 pm.

SALT agreement
  - Soviet translation, US translation
  - Kissinger's phone call to Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
    - Treaty
    - Agreement
  - Dobrynin's press release
    - Text President read

President schedule
  - Future conversation with Scali

Scali left at an unknown time before 1:55 pm.

SALT agreement
  - Two o'clock briefing, May 20, 1971
  - US and Soviet text
  - Kissinger's call to Dobrynin
  - AP report from Moscow
    - Two stage procedure
      - Anti-ballistic missile [ABM] agreement
  - Letter
  - Television
  - Michael J. (“Mike”) Mansfield's statement
  - Soviet domestic radio
    - One and two stage procedures

Ziegler entered at 1:55 pm.

- Photographs
  - Oliver F. (“Ollie”) Atkins
  - Release to the public

Ziegler left at 1:57 pm.
- Dobrynin press release, May 20, 1971
  - US text of SALT agreement
- Kissinger's views of Soviets
  - SALT
  - Cambodia
  - Vietnam
  - President's views
    - State Department
- Upcoming Berlin meeting
  - D[avid] Kenneth Rush
- US and Soviet desires
- Unknown person's (Dobrynin?) views
- Kissinger’s talk with Ronald W. Reagan
- Unknown person (Dobrynin?)
- Mansfield's statement
- Treaty
- Administration's position
- Kissinger's calls to Dobrynin on May 19, 1971
- President's television announcement
  - Press interpretation
    - AP in Moscow
- Aleksei N. Kosygin's letter on SALT agreement
- Press inquiries on the SALT agreement
  - Kissinger’s response
- President's initiative on SALT
- Kissinger's role in SALT agreement
- Smith's role in SALT agreement
  - Vienna
  - Smith's views
  - Kissinger's views
    - Design of negotiations
- Credit for the SALT agreement
  - Smith
  - Vienna
  - Paul W. McCracken

Scali’s [?] schedule
  - Television

Kissinger left at 2:05 pm.
Conversation No. 502-15

Date: May 20, 1971
Time: Unknown between 2:05 pm and 2:08 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule
-3 o'clock meeting
  -George P. Shultz
  -John D. Ehrlichman

Bull left at an unknown time before 2:08 pm.

Conversation No. 502-16

Date: May 20, 1971
Time: Unknown between 2:05 pm and 2:08 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 3-86]

Conversation No. 502-17

Date: May 20, 1971
Time: 2:08 pm - 2:09 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule
  -French embassy
Bull left at an unknown time before 2:09 pm.

[The President talked with Leslie C. Arends between 2:08 pm and 2:09 pm]

[See Conversation No. 3-87]

[Conversation No. 502-17A]

Conv. No. 502-17 (cont.)

Date: May 20, 1971
Time: Unknown between 2:09 pm and 2:16 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown woman.

President’s schedule
- Charles W. Colson

The unknown woman left at an unknown time before 2:16 pm.

Conversation No. 502-18

Date: May 20, 1971
Time: Unknown between 2:09 pm and 2:46 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President dictated a memorandum to William P. Rogers.

Memorandum
- Rough draft
- Secret
  - Middle East

Charles W. Colson entered at 2:16 pm.

Conversation No. 502-19
Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT] agreement announcement

- Implications
- Administration's position
- President's political position
  - People's Republic of China [PRC]
  - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
- Soviets
- "Doves"

-Political opportunities
  - Hubert H. Humphrey's comments on February 1, 1971
  - Antiballistic missile [ABM], Multiple Independently Targetable Reentry Vehicles [MIRV]
  - SALT negotiations
  - Edmund S. Muskie's comments on SALT
  - Humphrey
- Democratic candidates position on SALT and ABM
  - Political implications
  - Humphrey
- Senators
  - Supporters
  - Critics
- President's credibility
- John A. Scali, press
  - John W. Chancellor's commentary, May 20, 1971
- President's political position
- Muskie
- Humphrey
- SALT negotiations
- Critics and commentators
- Public opinion
  - Mystique
  - Length of announcement
  - President's stature
  - Arms
  - PRC
  - Public image of the President
  - Peace
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO]
- Humphrey's comments
- "Doves"
- J. William Fulbright
Public affairs
- President's cabinet meeting on May 20, 1971
- Casualties in South Vietnam
- Franklin D. Roosevelt's 1941 freedom speech
  - War production
  - State of the country
  - Political impact

SALT agreement announcement
- Moscow
- Text of the SALT agreement
- Treaty
  - ABM
- Mood of the country
- Muskie's statement
- Humphrey
- Muskie
- Edward M. (“Ted”) Kennedy
- ABM
- Offensive weapons
- Colson's call to Thomas J. McIntyre
  - Vote on ABM

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 4m 34s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

-Michael J. (“Mike”) Mansfield
-John Sherman Cooper
-George D. Aiken
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ABM
- Opponents
- Political future
- Barry M. Goldwater's support
- Call from Clark MacGregor
- Colson’s earlier call to Jay Lovestone

Colson left at 2:46 pm.

Conv. No. 502-19 (cont.)

Conversation No. 502-20

Date: May 20, 1971
Time: 2:47 pm - 3:58 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with John D. Ehrlichman and George P. Shultz

Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT)
- President's SALT agreement
- Soviets
- Negotiations
- Strength
- President's SALT agreement television announcement
  - Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
    - Dan Rather's comments
      - Defensive
      - Offensive
      - Negotiations
    - Marvin L. Kalb's comments
      - Edmund S. Muskie's question
    - President's performance

US economy
- Collective bargaining
  - 1973
  - 1972
  - Longshoremen
  - General Electric [GE] Westinghouse
  - Peter G. Peterson's meeting with economic leaders
-Herbert G. Klein
-John B. Connally
-Maurice H. Stans
-Policy coordination
  -Connally
  -Council of Economic Advisors [CEA]
  -Domestic Council
  -Meeting of Connally, Paul W. McCracken, Peterson, Peter M. Flanigan, Shultz
    -Schedule
  -Stans
  -James D. Hodgson
  -Labor Department statistics
    -Prices
    -Employment level
  -Commerce Department statistics
  -Stans
  -Hodgson
  -Stans
  -Flanigan
  -Stans
  -McCracken
  -Connally's relationship with Arthur F. Burns
-Meeting of Quadriad, May 21, 1971
  -McCracken
  -Herbert Stein
  -Monetary policy and interest rates
-Burns’ statement in Congressional testimony, May 19, 1971
  -Interest rates and international monetary system
  -US dollar
  -Money speculation
  -Germans
    -German Mark
-International monetary conference
  -Ambassador from the Hague
  -Shultz’s view
-German Mark
-Lunch at French Embassy
  -Valery Giscard D’Estaing
  -Shultz, Connally, Burns, Flanigan
-Food
-Giscard D’Estaing's view on the German Mark
-Burns’ view on the German Mark
- German's Views on the German Mark
  - Parity
- Capital Flows
  - Giscard D'Estaing's views
- Giscard D'Estaing's views
  - Fiscal restraint
  - Economic stimulation

-Fiscal policy
  - Burns’ views
  - Implementation
  - Congressional spending
    - Politics
    - Republicans
    - 1972
    - Veto
  - Estimate of Fiscal 1971 deficit
    - $21 billion
  - Government expenditure
    - Full employment revenue bill
    - Treasury measurements of income
  - Estimate of Fiscal 1972 deficit
    - $18 billion
    - Full employment revenue
  - Fiscal policy stimulative power
  - Expansionary status of US economy

-State of the economy
  - Expansionary
  - Inflation
  - President's position
    - Antiballistic Missile [ABM] negotiations
    - SALT talks
  - Government budget
  - Burns
    - Social Security tax
  - Consumer Price Index [CPI] figure
    - Forthcoming announcement
    - Food prices
      - Percentage of CPI
  - Burns
    - Monetary policy and interest rates
  - Government budget
    - Shultz
-International monetary developments
  -Connally
  -Bankers meeting in Munich, Germany
  -US economic policy
    -Shultz’s view
    -Domestic priority
-Proposed Committee of Economic Policy
  -Stans
  -President's meetings with Hodgson and Stans
  -George W. Romney
  -John A. Volpe
  -Ehrlichman's meetings with Stans
  -Stans
    -Role in economic matters
-Meetings of the Quadriad
  -Burns’ views on membership in the Quadriad
  -Peterson
  -Connally, McCracken, Flanigan, Shultz
  -Burns
-Balance of payments statistics
  -Stans’ meeting with President
  -Russell B. Long's views on computation of Balance of Payments [BOP] statistics
  -Shultz's new system for computing BOP
    -Short and long-term movements
    -Stans
    -Long
    -Shultz's testimony on May 21, 1971 before International Committee
  -Stans’ letter to Shultz
    -Leaks
    -Stans’ meeting with President
    -President's approval
    -Long's reaction
-President's meeting with Stans
  -President's instructions
- Shultz's new system
  -Imports
  -Exports
    -Government subsidies
    -International trade
-Government subsidies
  -Previous meeting with President
- Shultz's views on subsidies
  - Market
- Henry Kearns
  - Budget
- La Pantha [sp?]
- Rolls Royce
- Lockheed
- Boeing

Supersonic Transport [SST]
  - Status

John W. Bynes
  - Social Security

Nathaniel A. Owings
  - National Mall
  - Owing's presentation for President in 90 days

Manpower special revenue sharing
  - Trip to Birmingham, Alabama
  - Southern Congressmen
  - Byrnes [?]
  - Romney
    - Urban special revenue sharing
  - Hodgson
    - Manpower special revenue sharing
  - Stein
    - CEA
      - Hendrik S. Houthakker
      - Europe
  - White House strategy
    - President's meeting with press
  - Birmingham

Ronald W. Reagan
  - Edwin Meese III's conversation with John D. Ehrlichman
  - Reagan's position
    - White House's Legal Service's Bill and HR 1
  - Edwin Reinecke

HR 1
Vacancies in the Federal judiciary
- Former law partner of the President, named [Forename unknown] Liddig (?)
  - Unknown law firm
  - Rating by American Bar Association [ABA]
- Stanley N. Barnes
  - Rating by ABA
- Liddig (?)
  - Political allegiances
- Earl [Surname unknown]

Court of Military Appeals
- Albert W. Watson
- Two vacancies
- Blacks
- Robert E. Quinn
- William H. Darden
  - Frederick V. Malek
- Blacks
- Edward F. Brooke
  - Future appointments

Executive Departments
- Retirement of assistant secretaries and undersecretaries
- Political impact
- Recruiting replacements
- Political impact
  - Upcoming election
- Richard C. Van Dusen, Department of Housing and Urban Development [HUD]
- SST
  - William M. Magruder
    - Job offer with aerospace industry
      - Salary

Congressional relations
- Parks
- House Armed Services Committee
  - F. Edward Hébert
    - Camp Pendleton, California
    - Legislation
- Marine Corps
- Melvin R. Laird
- Arnold R. Weber's meeting with Hébert
- Laird in Louisiana
  - Hébert's reaction
- California
- H R 1
  - Byrnes
  - Republicans
  - Social Security
    - Aged
  - Meeting with Laird
    - Byrnes
- General revenue sharing
  - Byrnes
  - Laird
  - Chairman
    - Cities, states
    - Speech on May 20, 1971 in North Carolina legislature
      - Shultz's views
- Legislative leaders
- California democrat
- Romney
- State Department
- Wilbur D. Mills
- Suggested meeting between Ehrlichman and Laird
  - Byrnes
  - Cabinet meeting on May 20, 1971
  - Mills
- Social Security
  - Byrnes [?]
  - Apologies
  - Republicans
  - Aged
  - Unknown person
  - Office of Management and Budget [OMB]

Revenues
  - Treasury Department estimates
  - Full employment revenues
  - Gross National Product [GNP]
  - Expenditures for 1971
  - Caspar W. (“Cap”) Weinberger
  - 1971 deficit
  - Fiscal 1973
-Full employment revenues
- Fiscal 1973 budget
- Tax system
  - Tar raises
  - Property tax
  - Burden
  - Raises
- Secretary (Connally?)
- John N. Mitchell
- Political impact of changing tax system
- Need for Presidential decision
  - H.R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
    - President's schedule
- Child care
  - Unknown person's bill
- Health, Education, and Welfare [HEW]
  - Revenue Sharing financing
- Kevin P. Phillips' backing of unknown person's bill
  - OMB
  - Phillips' wife
    - Job with the Committee

Black Caucus

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 2:47 pm.

President's schedule
  - Meeting with Kissinger

Bull left at an unknown time before 3:43 pm.

Employment

Education

Housing

Black Caucus
  - President's record

Civil Rights Commission
  - Theodore S. Hesburgh
-June 14th, 1971 hearing on housing
  -Subpoenas of assistant secretaries
  -Samuel C. Jackson
  -Samuel J. Simmons
  -Statement prepared for the President

Haldeman entered at 3:15 pm.

Dr. Bertram S. Brown
  -Firing
    -Reconsideration
      -Elliot L. Richardson
  -Brown
    -Richardson’s view
  -Richardson’s appointment request
  -John W. Dean, III
  -Egil G. (“Bud”) Krogh, Jr.
  -Malek
  -Position on narcotics
  -Dean
  -Krogh
  -Weber
  -Richardson
    -Health, Education, and Welfare [HEW]
  -Brown
    -Drug traffic
    -Marijuana
  -President's meeting with Arthur G. (“Art”) Linkletter on May 18, 1971

Ehrlichman and Shultz left at 3:43 pm.

[The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 3:15 pm and 3:44 pm]

[See Conversation No. 3-89]

[Conversation No. 502-20A]

[End of telephone conversation]

Donald H. Rumsfeld
  -Office of Economic Opportunity [OEO]
-Knowledge
-Knowledge of National Security Council [NSC]
-President's plan
-George A. Lincoln

Bull entered at an unknown time after 3:43 pm.

President's schedule
- Meeting with Kissinger
- President's appointment at 4 o'clock

Bull left at an unknown time before 3:46 pm.

[The President talked with Mrs. Lee, Weber's secretary, at an unknown time between 3:43 pm and 3:46 pm]

[See Conversation No. 3-90]

[Conversation No. 502-20B]

[End of telephone conversation]

Connally
- Treasury

Kissinger entered at 3:46 pm.

SALT agreement
- Soviet clarification statement
  - Soviet Embassy's press secretary
  - Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
  - Distribution

  - Kissinger's briefings
    - John W. Chancellor

President's schedule
- Haldeman’s call to Connally
  - Kissinger’s forthcoming meeting with Connally

Haldeman left at 3:48 pm.
SALT agreement announcement
-Headlines
-Understanding of SALT agreement
-Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
-Dan Rather and Kalb
-Kissinger's briefings
-Gerard C. Smith
-Kissinger’s phone calls
-McGeorge Bundy
-President's thoughts on Kissinger
-Bundy
-Reaction to announcement
-Offer of assistance
-Senate Foreign Relations Committee

Haldeman entered at 3:49 pm.

President's schedule
-Haldeman’s conversation with Connally
-Connally’s reaction

SALT agreement announcement
-Bundy's offer of help
-Senate Foreign Relations Committee
-J. William Fulbright
-Michael J. (“Mike”) Mansfield
-Harold E. Hughes
-George D. Aiken
-Democrats
-Hubert H. Humphrey
-Charles W. Colson
-Mindset
-President
-Mindset
-Colson's report on a Humphrey speech on Antiballistic Missiles [ABM], Multiple Independently Targetable Reentry Vehicle [MIRV] and arms talks
-Edmund S. Muskie
-Someone Kissinger sent to see Muskie
-Dean G. Acheson
-Kissinger's call

[The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 3:49 am and 3:53 pm]

Conv. No. 502-20 (cont.)

[See Conversation No. 3-91]

[Conversation No. 502-20C]

[End of telephone conversation]

SALT agreement announcement
-[Forename unknown] Kleiman of New York Times
-Kissinger's call
-Kleiman's comments

[The President talked with the White House operator at 3:53 pm]

[See Conversation No. 3-92]

[Conversation No. 502-20E]

[End of telephone conversation]

Rose Mary Woods entered at 3:53 pm.

Copy of President’s memo to Acheson, May 20, 1971

Woods left at 3:54 pm.

-Dobrynin's call to Kissinger
-Soviet press release
-Offer to call Senators

Statement President made to the Rules Committee
-Albert J. Beveridge
-[First name unknown] Marshall
-[First name unknown] Bowers ?
-Text of statement
- Partisanship
- 1898
- Patriotism

SALT agreement
  - William P. Rogers
  - Laird
  - Military
  - Kissinger's forthcoming call to Rogers
  - Rogers’ meeting with President
  - Photographs
  - U. Alexis Johnson's comments

Shultz

[The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 3:54 pm and 3:56 pm]

[See Conversation No. 3-93]

[Conversation No. 502-20F]

[End of telephone conversation]

Laird

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4
[Privacy]
[Duration: 14s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

[The President talked with Shultz between 3:56 pm and 3:57 pm]

[See Conversation No. 3-94]
[Conversation No. 502-20D]

[End of telephone conversation]

The President, Haldeman, and Kissinger left at 3:58 pm.

Conv. No. 502-20 (cont.)

Conversation No. 502-21

Date: May 20, 1971
Time: Unknown between 3:58 pm and 9:43 pm
Location: Oval Office

An unknown person talked with an unknown person.

[Unintelligible]

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 9:43 pm.