Conversation No. 548-1

Date: July 27, 1971
Time: 2:20 pm - 2:25 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

Schedule
- Spiro T. Agnew's return from trip
- William P. Rogers
- Henry A. Kissinger

Butterfield left at 2:25 pm.

Conversation No. 548-2

Date: July 27, 1971
Time: Unknown between 2:25 pm and 2:29 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown person.

Meeting with Henry A. Kissinger

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 2:29 pm.

Conversation No. 548-3

Date: July 27, 1971
Time: 2:29 pm - 3:05 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

Henry A. Kissinger's schedule
-Workload

Vietnam negotiations
- Meeting in Paris, July 26, 1971
- Le Duc Tho
  - Moscow
  - Hanoi
- The Soviet Union
  - Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
  - Kama River Project
    - Mack Trucks, Inc.
    - Dresser Corporation
- Status
- US stance

US foreign policy
- Hugh S. Sidey's article
- Recent developments
  - The People's Republic of China [PRC]

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- The PRC
  - Questions
  - Handling

- Senators
- Ronald L. Ziegler, William P. Rogers
- State Department
- Timing of United Nations [UN] membership issue
  - Presidents
  - Rogers

US foreign policy
- Taiwan, The Republic of China [ROC]
  - James C.H. Shen
  - Taiwan’s actions
  - The President’s record
  - The President, Kissinger
  - US relations with the ROC
    - The United Nations [UN]
  - Mao Tse-Tung
    - Chiang Kai-Shek
    - Chou En-lai
  - Kissinger's report to the President on the PRC trip

The President’s schedule
- Forthcoming press conference
  - Type of Presidential statements
    - Press reaction
      - John F. Kennedy's press conferences
    - Scope of comment on the PRC

Dean G. Acheson

Forthcoming press conference
- Taiwan issue
  - UN membership
    - The PRC
    - Wording

Acheson
- The President's foreign policy
- Support for the President
  - Democrats
Domestic issues
- The middle-class
- Labor unions
  - Wage demands
- Economic concerns
  - Inflation

Foreign policy
- Acheson
- Summit
  - The PRC meeting
  - Difference from other Summit meetings
    - The Soviet Union
  - The President’s role
  - Channels of communication
  - George C. Marshall
    - Chou En-lai
    - Age
- The PRC initiative
  - Letters to Heads of State
    - Prime Minister of Australia
    - Cabinet
    - Content
    - Agha Muhommad Yahya Khan
    - Eisaku Sato
    - Georges J.R. Pompidou
    - Edward R.G. Heath
    - Kissinger briefing
  - Timing of Summit trip to the PRC
- Budget meetings

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5
[National Security]
[Duration: 37s]

SCHEDULE

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

-Kissinger’s forthcoming trip
- Weather
- Timing of announcement
- US-Soviet Union Summit
- Japan
- The President’s schedule
- Foreign travel

[The President talked with Marlow W. Cook between 2:49 pm and 2:51 pm]

[Conversation No. 548-3A]

[See Conversation No. 7-9]

[End of telephone conversation]

US foreign relations
- US-Soviet Union Summit
- Timing of meeting
- PRC
- Timing of trip
- Vietnam negotiations
- Edgar P. Snow
- Dissemination
- Chou En-lai
- Role of newspapers in the PRC
- US press
- Vietnam negotiations
  - North Vietnamese
    - William J. Porter
      - Hanoi radio
- Vietnam negotiations
- Kissinger's meeting with Le Duc Tho

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6
[National Security]
[Duration: 3s]

COUNTRY

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6

-Kissinger's trip
- Perceptions
- Press coverage
- Proposals
  - Nguyen Van Thieu
  - US troop withdrawal
- Military action
  - Laos, Cambodia
- Kissinger's meeting
  - Transcripts

Foreign policy
- Poll
  - Haldeman’s analysis
  - Shifts in support by people
- Blue collar, grade-school level educated
- White collar, college-education

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7
[Personal Returnable] [Duration: 42s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7

Pentagon Papers
- *New York Times* publication
- Daniel Ellsberg
  - Timing of legal action
    - John N. Mitchell
  - Vietnam negotiations

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 2:29 pm.

The President's schedule

Bull left at an unknown time before 3:05 pm.

Pentagon Papers
- Ellsberg
  - Extent of possible forthcoming information
  - Vietnam war settlement

Leaks
- Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty [SALT] negotiations
  - Source of leak

Acheson
- Edward M. (“Ted”) Kennedy
  - John F. Kennedy's letter
    - Cuban missile crisis
PRC initiative
  - Ambassador’s comments
  - World opinion
  - Nelson A. Rockefeller

Forthcoming foreign policy developments
  - Paris Peace Talks
  - PRC trip

Kissinger left at 3:05 pm.

Date: July 27, 1971
Time: 3:06 pm - 3:10 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Edward B. ("Pete") Biester, Jr., James E. Wood, Joseph D. Ceader, and Alton B. Chamberlain; the White House photographer and Stephen B. Bull were present at the beginning of the meeting.

Introductions

Presentation of Bucks County, Pennsylvania tourist guide
  - Photograph

Presidential gifts

Unknown person

Biester et al. left at 3:10 pm.
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown person.

Presidential gift
-Reply

The unknown man left at 3:10 pm.

Conversation No. 548-6

Date: July 27, 1971
Time: 3:10 pm - 3:16 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Durward G. ("Doc") Hall, Mrs. Durward G. Hall, and Melanie Ellison; the White House photographer and Stephen B. Bull were present at the beginning of the meeting.

Introductions

Ellison
- Age
- Motion picture, Gone With the Wind
  - Melanie Hamilton Wilkes
  - Scarlett O'Hara

Missouri
- 150th year anniversary
  - Presentation of plaque
    - Governor's schedule
  - Mamie G.D. Eisenhower

Eisenhower dollar

Presidential autograph on photograph
- 1960 meeting
  - Homer Cletus (?)
**The President's Kansas City appearance**

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[Personal Returnable]  
[Duration: 45s]  
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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Presidential gifts

Hall et al. left at 3:16 pm.

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Date: July 27, 1971  
Time: 3:17 pm - 3:23 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with William J. (“Jack”) Edwards; the White House photographer and Stephen B. Bull were present at the beginning of the meeting.

The President's trip to Mobile, Alabama  
-Presentation  
-Photographs  
-Medal  
- -Franklin Mint  
- -Drawing

US foreign policy  
-US relations with the People's Republic of China [PRC]  
-Future of the world
Domestic issues
- Revenue sharing
- Governors
  - James E. (“Jimmy”) Carter
  - George C. Wallace
  - Schools
  - Cornelia Wallace

Edwards left and Bull reentered at 3:23 pm.

Schedule
- John G. Tower

Bull left at 3:23 pm.

Date: July 27, 1971
Time: 3:23 pm - 3:26 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with John G. Tower and Guy D. Newman; the White House photographer and Stephen B. Bull were present at the beginning of the meeting.

Introductions

Howard Payne University
  - George Washington Carver (?)  
  - Agricultural research

Presentation of medallion

Legislative action
- Cloture
  - Lockheed bailout
  - Guarantees
  - Forthcoming vote
  - Effect
Presidential gift

Tower and Newman left at 3:26 pm.

Date:  July 27, 1971
Time:  3:26 pm - 3:31 pm
Location:  Oval Office

The President met with Lowell P. Weicker, Jr., and Paul Calley; the White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

Introductions

Lithograph of "First Man on the Moon" stamp
   -National Aeronautics and Space Administration [NASA]
   -Apollo moon landing
   -Pictures
   -Autograph
      -Edwin E. ("Buzz") Aldrin, Neil A. Armstrong
   -Use of golf cart on the moon

Presidential gifts

US foreign policy
   -The People's Republic of China [PRC] initiative
      -The President's action
      -Effect

Calley
   -Background
      -Stanford, Connecticut
         -Anecdote
            -Unnamed lawyer

Weicker and Calley left and Stephen B. Bull entered at 3:31 pm.

Schedule
-Timing of Congressional Half Hour meetings
  -Otto E. Passman

Bull left at 3:31 pm.

Date: July 27, 1971
Time: 3:31 pm - 3:49 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Otto E. Passman and William E. Timmons; the White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

Greetings

Photograph
  -Arrangements

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[Duration: 1m 53s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Drug conference in Monroe, Louisiana
  -John E. Ingersoll
  -Invitation to the President to address conference
  -Site, attendees
  -Form of Presidential participation
    -Telephone call
  -William P. Rogers
- Turkey
  - Telephone call
  - Anti-drug abuse cause

Passman
  - Support for the President
    - Barry M. Goldwater
  - Vote on legislation
    - Republicans

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 50s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

Passman
  - Domestic issues
    - Issues for the President
    - Family Assistance Plan
    - Lockheed bailout
      - Supersonic transport [SST]
    - Office of Economic Opportunity [OEO]
  - Foreign policy
    - Henry A. Kissinger
    - Foreign assistance
      - Amount
      - International organizations
        - The President's previous July 27, 1971 conversation with John B. Connally
    - Cuts
      - Timmons
    - Security assistance
    - Overseas Private Investment Corporation [OPIC]
    - Peace Corps
- The People's Republic of China [PRC]
  - US initiative
  - Taiwan, The Republic of China [ROC]
  - Peter Chow (?)
    - Hong Kong
    - Meeting with Passman
  - The President's role
  - Public reaction
  - Foreign aid
    - Rogers
- Vietnam War
  - Settlement prospects
  - Prisoners of War [POWs]
  - Casualties
  - Troops
  - Status
  - F. Edward Hébert

Passman and Timmons left at 3:49 pm.

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Conversation No. 548-11

Date: July 27, 1971
Time: 3:49 pm - 4:37 pm
Location: Oval Office

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

Forthcoming meeting

William M. Magruder entered at 3:50 pm.

Greetings

Supersonic Transport [SST]
  - US position
    - Comparison with previous attitude towards aviation research and development
    - Other countries
-US-Soviet Union space race
-Japan
-Federal Republic of Germany [FRG]
-Funding
-Timing of future efforts
-SST
-Concorde I
-High technology field
-Trade balance
-Other countries
-France
-Program
-Multi-national effort
-Aircraft
-US comparison
-Boeing, Lockheed, McDonnell-Douglas
-Subsidies
-Dassault Mercure
-Export market
-US high technology trade balance
-Past decade
-Concorde
-Dutch, Spanish, Swiss, Belgians, Italians, British, West Germans
-American industry
-L-1011
-Airbus
-Cyrus R. Smith, George [Surname unintelligible], Floyd D. Hall
-Lockheed, McDonnell-Douglas
-747 aircraft
-European action
-US aircraft needs
-Aviation executives
-Smith, Robert [Surname unintelligible]
-Government-industry relationship
-Industry, technology
-The Department of Defense
-Military needs
-B-52
-B-1, F-14
-Urban mass transit
-Boeing contracts
-Italy
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-Japan
-European perceptions
-US industry's attitude
-KLM
-Government-industry relationship
-Edward E. David, Jr., [Name unintelligible], Richard Cohen (?), [Forename unknown] Thomas
-Changes
-Tax incentives
-Cost of development and production
-SST
-Coordination with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration [NASA]
-Airbus
-Possible conversation with Peter G. Peterson, John B. Connally
-Balance of payments situation
-Budget meeting
-Research and development area
-Aviation expertise
-Sources
-NASA
-Problem in the space program
-Funding
-Congress
-National coordination of aviation and aerospace development
-Lockheed Corporation bailout
-Boeing, McDonnell-Douglas
-Spending priorities
-Social programs
-Airline management
-Transworld Airlines [TWA], Eastern Airlines
-Alan Cranston proposal
-KLM
-US national priorities
-Social programs
-William Proxmire
-Charles W. Colson’s project
-Funding effect on development
-Tax incentives
-Arthur F. Burns plan
-Anti-trust regulations
-Burns's plan
- Loan support
- International focus
- Proxmire
- Department of Transportation [DOT]
- NASA
- SST development
- Timing
  - Post-1972 election
- Eugene Black's report for President John F. Kennedy
- Black's possible role
  - Nelson A. Rockefeller
  - Henry A. Kissinger
- National priorities
  - Environment
  - SST
  - Social programs
  - Sources of funding
  - Media coverage
    - National Broadcasting Corporation [NBC]
    - Dick Cavett
    - New York Times
- SST development
  - Connection to jobs creation
    - George Meany, Peter J. Brennan, Frank S. Fitzsimmons, Leonard Woodcock

Economy
- Environment compared with jobs argument
- International cooperation
- Handling of resources
  - Compared with Japan
- Balance of payment situation
- International competition
  - Europe, the Soviet Union, Japan, the People's Republic of China [PRC]
  - Changes
    - Japanese competition
      - Radio production
      - US company
      - Philco
    - Japanese manufacture of goods for the US market
      - Automobile industry
      - Electronic and computer equipment
-Computers
   -Hong Kong
   -Plant operation
-Airplane production
   -McDonnell-Douglas
   -DC-9
     -Production of tail and wings in Canada
     -Production of panel in Italy
   -Lockheed
     -Rolls-Royce engine
   -DC-10 production by McDonnell-Douglas
     -Worldwide manufacture
   -L-1011
     -Canadian market share of production
     -Offset agreements
-Perception of possible development in high technology industry
-White House staff
   -Ehrlichman
-Economists
   -Paul W. McCracken, Connally's staff
   -Milton Friedman
     -Views
     -Exports
   -John Kenneth Galbraith
     -Views
     -Balance of payments
-International competition
-US State Department
-Harold S. Geneen
-Export tax advantage
-Notes for the President's Bohemian Grove appearance
-US competitive position in the world
-The President's Kansas City appearance, July 6, 1971
-Foreign trade practices
   -Comparison with the US
   -Subsidization
   -Value Added Tax [VAT]
   -Option

An unknown man [Stephen B. Bull?] entered at an unknown time after 3:49 pm.

Schedule
- Barber

The unknown man [Bull?] left at an unknown time before 4:37 pm.

- US tax proposals
  - Caspar W. (“Cap”) Weinberger
  - Real estate tax
  - Export subsidies
  - VAT
  - Jobs
  - Property tax relief
  - Federal tax increase
    - ”New NASA”

-Funding priorities
  - George P. Shultz
    - Office of Economic Opportunity [OEO]
      - Effect of cutbacks
        - Jobs impact
          - Community level
    - Veto
      - Manpower special revenue sharing
        - Community development revenue sharing
    - ACTION, Peace Corps
      - The President’s earlier conversation with Otto E. Passman
        - Foreign reaction to the Peace Corps

-Social programs
  - Outlook

-Magruder’s future role
  - Financial rewards of public service
  - Connally, Congress
    - Presentation to high-level economic group
      - Connally

-Friedman
  - Shultz
    - US competitive position in the world
      - Toilet paper

The President, Ehrlichman and Magruder left at 4:37 pm.
Date: July 27, 1971
Time: Unknown after 4:37 pm
Location: Oval Office

Unknown men (Secret Service) met.

[Unintelligible]

This recording was cut off at an unknown time after 4:37 pm.