Conversation No. 552-1

Date: July 30, 1971
Time: Unknown between 9:54 am and 10:23 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1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

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 10:23 am.

Conversation No. 552-2

Date: July 30, 1971
Time: Unknown between 9:54 am and 10:23 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 7-37]
Date: July 30, 1971
Time: 10:23 am - 12:30 pm
Location: Oval Office

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

The President's schedule
  - John N. Mitchell
  - Emil (“Bus”) Mosbacher, Jr.
  - California trip
    - Ronald W. Reagan's planned speech
    - Cancellation
    - The President's proposed trip to the Bohemian Grove
    - Encampments
    - Mitchell, John B. Connally

Henry A. Kissinger entered at 10:25 am.

The US-People's Republic of China [PRC] initiative
  - Message from Harvard University
    - East Asian Center

Haldeman talked to an unknown person at an unknown time after 10:25 am.

Request

[End of conversation]

  - Kissinger
    - Texas A&M

Presidential letter to Soviet Union Cosmonaut's daughter
  - Public release
    - Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
    - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
    - Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
  - Haig
    - Handling
US-Soviet Union relations
   -Andrei A. Gromyko
   -Leonid I. Brezhnev contact with the President
     -Channel
     -Action
     -Leaks
   -Anti-ballistic missiles [ABM]

[The President talked with Louis Harris between 10:27 am and 10:34 am]

[Conversation No. 552-3A]

[See Conversation No. 7-38]

Presidential letter to Soviet Union Cosmonaut’s daughter
   -Dobrynin
   -Public release
   -Source

[The above portion of the office conversation between Kissinger and Haldeman took place simultaneously with telephone Conversation No. 552-3A]

[End of telephone conversation]

Poll
   -Re-issue
   -Frank Leonard
     -Nelson A. Rockefeller
       -Management of staff

Foreign policy
   -Photograph
     -The President
     -Role
     -Kissinger
     -Hugh S. Sidey

Vietnam War
   -Le Duc Tho
     -Conversation with French foreign minister
     -Maurice Schumann
     -North Vietnamese
-Dobrynin
-Chances of settlement
-Kissinger’s conversation with Dobrynin
   -Nguyen Van Thieu
-Proposals
-Situation

The PRC initiative
   -Letter from Harvard University student
   -Francois De Ticornot De Rose

Letter
   -Release
   -Source
   -Raymond K. Price, Jr.
   -Form

Spiro T. Agnew
   -John D. Ehrlichman's attitude
   -Staff relations
      -John A. Scali
      -Ehrlichman

US foreign aid
   -The President’s conversation with Otto E. Passman
   -Post-World War II period
      -Amount
         -Military aid
         -Economic assistance

US foreign policy
   -Kissinger's conversation with James L. Buckley
   -Conservatives
      -Shift in support for the President
         -Effect
            -1972
   -Buckley's possible meeting with the President
   -Kissinger’s conversation with William F. Buckley, Jr.
      -The President
   -New York Conservative Party
      -Presidential endorsement
   -Administration relations with Conservatives
Nixon Presidential Materials Staff

Tape Subject Log
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-Kissinger, Mitchell
-New York
-J. Daniel Mahoney
-Issues
-The PRC
-National defense
-Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
-William Buckley
-Kissinger’s forthcoming meeting with James Burnham
-Meeting
-National Review
-[Frank S.?] Meyer
-North Vietnam’s reaction to the PRC initiative
-Soviet Union’s reaction to the PRC imitative
-Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
-Summit
-Schedule
-William P. Rogers
-Emperor Hirohito
-Meeting with the President
-Anchorage, Alaska
-Arrangements
-Effect
-Coordination with Rogers
-Agnew
-State Department

Conservatives
-Relations with the President
-James Buckley
-John Birch Society
-1962 California activities
-The President's record
-Cambodia, Laos
-Patrick J. Buchanan
-National Review
-Activities
-Young Americans for Freedom [YAFs]
The President’s schedule
- The President’s proposed September 27, 1971 meeting with Hirohito in Alaska
  - Emilio Garrastazu Medici’s visit
- Scheduling
  - Logistics
- Arrangements for foreign visits

Mitchell
- Handling
- News summary

The PRC initiative
- Reaction
  - Liberals
  - Clayton Fritchey
  - W. Averell Harriman
    - Executive privilege
      - Previous Laotian negotiations
    - The President
      - Chou En-lai
    - Memorandum on Le Duc Tho
    - Reaction to secret negotiations
  - Fritchey
    - Philadelphia Bulletin item
    - Responsibility for the PRC initiative
      - State Department
      - Marshall Green
        - Handling of the President's foreign trip
        - Briefing books

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7
[National Security]
[Duration: 1m 23s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7
- Kissinger's staff
  - Contact with the press
  - Philadelphia Bulletin
  - Pentagon Papers
- Max Lerner
- Conservatives
  - Handling

Vietnam War
  - Le Duc Tho
  - Settlement

The PRC initiative
  - George Meany's reaction
  - Hardhats
    - Attitude towards the President
    - Charles W. Colson
  - Conservatives
  - News coverage
    - Kissinger's trip to Pakistan
    - Kissinger's secret trip to Peking
    - Paris Talks
  - Dobrynin
  - Le Duc Tho

Agnew
  - Foreign trip
  - Press coverage
  - Agenda
  - Greece
  - Request for future trip
  - Arrangements
    - Korea, Europe, Arab countries, Greece
  - Theme
    - Golf
      - Portugal, Spain
  - Duration
  - Press perception
    - Agnew's role
      - Morocco, Spain, Portugal
      - Congo, Kenya
-Iran

-Handling
  -American communities
  -Kissinger’s staff
  -Press conferences
  -Events
    -Compared to Kissinger, William P. Rogers

-PRESS coverage

-Future trips
  -Iran
  -Greece

-Iran
  -Forthcoming celebration
  -Iranian’s reaction

-Greece
  -Agnew’s ethnicity

Iran

-Forthcoming celebration

-US attendance
  -Lyndon B. Johnson
    -Agnew
      -Compared to Theodore (‘‘Teddy’’) Roosevelt
      -Kissinger’s opinion
      -Health
      -Logistics

-Agnew
  -Johnson

Agnew

-Compared to President’s handling of foreign trips while Vice President
  -Attitude
  -Comment about Africans
  -Reaction
  -Forthcoming conversation with Ehrlichman
  -Conversation with Kissinger
  -Murray M. Chotiner meeting with the President
  -PRC initiative
    -Source of story
      -Scali
    -Preparation of memorandum
  -Agnew’s request to visit PRC, Taiwan
- Staff
- Public relations
- Public image
- Relations with the President's staff

White House staff
- Restrictions on comment
  - Agnew
  - Affect

Agnew
- Memorandum on the PRC story
  - Scali
- Relationship with the President
  - Kissinger's comment to Agnew
  - Kissinger's opinion

PRC-Soviet Union relations
- Agnew’s opinion
  - Conservatives
- Actions
  - Human Events
- Intelligence reports
- Buchanan’s view
- Conservative view of Communists
  - The President
  - James Buckley

The President's 1967 speech
- Bohemian Grove
  - ABM

Kissinger left at 11:20 pm.

Agnew
- Handling
  - Scali
  - Haldeman, Ehrlichman

The Bohemian Grove
- Presidential visit
  - Walter Baird
- Ronald L. Ziegler's conversation with Walter Trohan
  - Wire services
    - United Press International [UPI]
  - Grove members
  - Reaction
  - Effect of press attention
  - Members activities
  - Effect of cancellation
  - Ziegler, Richard Moore
  - Members reaction
    - Baird
  - Transportation
  - Arrangements
  - Trohan
  - Cancellation of trip
    - Effect
  - Compared to the Gridiron

The President's schedule
  - Gridiron
  - White House Correspondent's dinner

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

[Haldeman talked with an unknown person [Ziegler?] at an unknown time between 11:20 am and 12:20 pm]

[Conversation No. 552-3B]

  Moore
  - Proposed Presidential visit to the Bohemian Grove
  - Reaction

[End of telephone conversation]

The President entered at an unknown time after 11:20 am.

The Bohemian Grove
  - Presidential visit
    - Background to arrangements
      - Baird
      - Ziegler
-Press coverage
  -Wire services
The President's schedule
  -Advance press notice
  -Ziegler
  -Visit to baseball game
  -Perrino's Restaurant
    -The President's visit after the PRC announcement
  -News report on wine

Handling of response to issues
  -Buchanan
    -Attitude
  -John G. Tower, Peter H. Dominick
  -Haldeman, Colson, Ehrlichman
    -Reaction comparison
  -Clark MacGregor
    -Attitude
  -William E. Timmons

The Bohemian Grove
  -Attendance
  -The President's 1967 speech

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 15
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 4m 5s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 15

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Social activities
  -Attitude
    -Connally
    -The President
      -Individual contacts
-Receiving lines
  -Effectiveness
  -Colson

Bohemian Grove
  -Presidential visit cancellation
    -Baird
  -Issue of press coverage
    -Off-the-record tradition
    -Ziegler
  -Herbert C. Hoover
    -Visits to Grove
  -Press coverage
  -Activities
    -Compared to the Gridiron

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 16
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 26s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 16

-Speech
  -Work
  -The President's 1967 speech
    -John S. Davies
  -Creation
  -Model for speechwriters
  -Use of transitions
  -Topics
- Vietnam
- Spaceflight
- Use of draft speech

Bohemian Grove
- President's visit
- Cancellation
  - Effect on the press
  - Effect on the Grove

Connally
- Schedule
  - International Monetary Fund [IMF]
  - International economic situation
    - Paul A. Volcker

Bohemian Grove
- Replacement speaker
  - George H.W. Bush
- The President's cancellation
  - Moore, Mosbacher
  - Handling
  - Grove members
    - Baird
- California elite
  - Western White House social function
    - Arrangements
      - Compared to Johnson
- Response to cancellation
- Handling of cancellation
  - Press
    - Off-the-record tradition
      - Previous speeches by Rogers, Melvin R. Laird
      - The Gridiron
      - Off-the-record White House events
    - Baird, Trohan
    - Attitude
    - Press coverage

The Press
- Advance notice on the President's schedule
- UPI, CBS
- Arrangements on Grove speech coverage
  - The President's 1967 speech
  - Reaction
  - The President's position compared to Rogers, Laird

Bohemian Grove
  - Nixon as Vice President
  - Cancellation
    - Handling of notification
      - Haldeman, Baird
      - Off-the-record tradition
      - CBS, UPI
      - Ziegler

Social functions
  - Connally

Haldeman talked with an unknown person at an unknown time after 11:20 am.

Ziegler

[End of conversation]

- Attitude
- White House events
  - Sequoia, Camp David

Schedule
  - Thelma C. (Ryan) (“Pat”) Nixon

[The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 11:20 am and 12:09 pm]

[Conversation No. 522-3C]

[See Conversation No. 7-39]

[End of telephone conversation]

Schedule

[The President talked with Mrs. Nixon between 12:09 pm and 12:10 pm]
[Conversation No. 522-3D]

[See Conversation No. 7-40; one item has been withdrawn from the conversation]

[End of telephone conversation]
Ziegler entered at 12:10 pm.

Labor disputes
- Rail industry
  - Press reports
  - Paul W. McCracken
  - The President's July 30, 1971 meeting with union and management executives
- George P. Shultz
  - White House involvement
    - Presidential role
      - Compared to John F. Kennedy
      - John Robinson (?)
- Donald H. Rumsfeld
- Willie J. Usery, Charles Luna

Bohemian Grove
- President's trip
  - Press attitude
    - Off-the-record tradition
    - UPI, CBS
- Cancellation
- Comparison to the Gridiron
  - Off-the-record
- Tradition of off-the-record handling
  - Attendance
    - Hoover
    - Nixon as Vice President
    - Barry M. Goldwater
      - Ziegler's conversation with aide
        - Candidate position
    - The President
- Grove members
  - Effect of press coverage or leak

The President's schedule
- Iowa, Ohio trip
- California
-Timing of announcement
-Appropriations Committee event

Presidential letter to Soviet cosmonaut's daughter
-Release
  -Source
    -William L. Safire
  -Knowledge of letter
    -Rose Mary Woods, Haig
-Source
  -Safire, Price
-Timing of release
  -Apollo XV
-Recipient
  -Soviet Ambassador
-Circumstances
-Source
  -Herbert G. Klein
-Handling

Ziegler left at 12:20 pm.

The President's schedule
-California
  -Timing, transportation
  -Mitchell, Connally

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 19
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 11s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 19

-California
-Possible activities
- Steel strike
- IMF
- Revision of schedule
  - Connally
  - Mitchell
- Camp David
- Forthcoming press conference
- Buchanan's staff
  - Preparation of briefing books
- Types of events
  - Photo opportunities
- Transportation
  - Camp David
  - Mrs. Nixon
  - Timing of departure
- Baird
  - Connally, Mitchell
- Cancellation of Bohemian Grove visit
  - Press coverage
    - Off-the-record tradition
  - Secret Service contingent
    - Size
    - Arrangements

Haldeman left at 12:30 pm.

Date: July 30, 1971
Time: 12:31 pm - 1:04 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods and Manolo Sanchez.
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 15s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

The President's schedule
  - Bohemian Grove
  - Walter Baird
  - Arrangements for visit
    - Secret Service
    - Confidentiality
      - Press coverage
        - Off-the-record tradition
  - Staff
  - Members
    - Conrad Hilton
      - Telephone call
  - Effect of confidentiality
  - Camp David
    - Thelma C. (Ryan) (“Pat”) Nixon
      - Invitation to Woods

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 5m 52s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
Conv. No. 552-4 (cont.)

NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF
Tape Subject Log
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-Trip to California
-Staff
  -Henry A. Kissinger, John D. Ehrlichman, George P. Shultz, Caspar W. Weinberger
  -H.R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
  -Alexander P. Butterfield
  -Woods

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 18m 47s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 10m 16s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

Pakistani Ambassador
  -Inscription on autographed photograph

Rose Mary Woods left at 1:04 pm.
Date: July 30, 1971
Time: 1:10 pm - 1:20 pm
Location: Oval Office

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

The Bohemian Grove
- Haldeman's conversation with Walter Baird
- Cancellation of the President's visit
  - Old members
  - Speech
  - Wording of announcement
  - Richard A. Moore
    - Discussion with Ronald L. Ziegler
    - Tax status
  - John N. Mitchell, John B. Connally

The President's letter to cosmonaut's daughter
- Release
  - Alexander P. Butterfield
  - Herbert G. Klein
    - William L. Safire
  - Effect
    - Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS] news report
- Klein
- Nature of letter
- Butterfield, Klein
- Rose Mary Woods
- Delivery
  - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
    - Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
- Klein's role
- Safire
- Walter Cronkite's report
- The Soviet Union
- Reaction
- Haig, Henry A. Kissinger
- Reaction
Conversation No. 552-5 (cont.)

Spiro T. Agnew
- John D. Ehrlichman
- Schedule
- The press
- Attitude

Apollo XV flight
- Time of landing on the moon
- James C. Fletcher
- Presidential call

The President and Haldeman left at 1:20 pm.

Conversation No. 522-6

Date: July 30, 1971
Time: Unknown after 1:20 pm
Location: Oval Office

Unknown people (Secret Service) met.

An unknown person (Secret Service?) talked with an unknown person at an unknown time after 1:20 pm.

[Conversation No. 522-6A]

The President’s schedule
- Executive Office Building [EOB]

[End of conversation]

[Pause]

An unknown person (Secret Service?) talked with an unknown person at an unknown time after 1:20 pm.

Conversation No. 522-6B]
The President’s location -EOB -White House

[End of conversation]

The President’s location -EOB

[Pause]

An unknown person talked with an unknown person at an unknown time after 1:20 pm.

[Conversation No. 522-6C]

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Agency Policy]
[Duration: 21s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[End of conversation]

[Pause]

An unknown person talked with an unknown person at an unknown time after 1:20 pm.

[Conversation No. 522-6D]
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[Agency Policy]
[Duration: 3s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

The President’s location
-East Wing
-EOB

[End of conversation]

An unknown person talked with an unknown person at an unknown time after 1:20 pm.

[Conversation No. 552-6E]

[Unintelligible]

The President’s location
-EOB

[Laughter]

[Telephone rings]

[End of conversation]

An unknown person talked with an unknown person at an unknown time after 1:20 pm.

[Conversation No. 552-6F]
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3
[Agency Policy]
[Duration: 3s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

Affirmative

[End of conversation]

[Pause]

[Telephone rings]

This recording was cut off at an unknown time after 1:20 pm.