Date:  August 4, 1971  
Time:  11:38 am - 12:27 pm  
Location:  Oval Office

The President held a press conference.

[See Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard M. Nixon, 1971, pp. 849-861]

[The press conference is in progress when the recording begins]

[General conversation]

Kenya
  -[Charles W. Bailey’s trip]
  -President’s previous trip [?]
  -Possible future trip
    -Automobile tour
      -Wildlife
    -Tanzania
  -Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon
    -Julie Nixon Eisenhower and Tricia Nixon Cox

Unknown journalist
  -By-line
    -Wall Street Journal

Baseball
  -Unknown player
  -Game at Yankee Stadium
    -World Series
      -Elston Howard

The press conference ended at 12:27 pm.
Date: August 4, 1971
Time: Unknown between 12:27 pm and 1:43 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield and Ronald L. Ziegler.

Press conference
- Economy

Busing
- Ziegler recent press conference

Press conference
- Economy
  - Unemployment
    - Compared to early 1960's
  - Arthur F. Burns
- Busing statement
  - August 3, 1971
- Spiro T. Agnew
- Economy
- People's Republic of China [PRC]
- Length of conference

President's schedule
- Action papers

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 1:43 pm.

- Economy
  - Significance as issue
  - Wage and price freeze
- Foreign issues
  - PRC and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
  - Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
  - Berlin
  - Vietnam
    - Forthcoming press conference
      - Ziegler’s possible comments
      - Negotiations
Conv. No. 554-2 (cont.)

-Critics
  -Seven points
  -Le Duc Tho

-Economy
  -Wage increases

Instructions for Ziegler
  -Forthcoming press conference
  -Wage increases

Jobs legislation
  -Congress
    -Clark MacGregor’s office
    -Need to stay in session

Ziegler left at an unknown time before 1:43 pm.

Conversation No. 554-3

Date: August 4, 1971
Time: Unknown between 12:27 pm and 1:43 pm
Location: Oval Office

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

President's schedule

News conference
  -Analysis of questions
    -Economy
    -People's Republic of China [PRC]
    -Vietnam
    -Pakistan
    -Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
    -Conservative revolt
    -Busing
    -Benefit of infrequent news conferences
    -Spiro T. Agnew
-Economy
  -Arthur F. Burns
  -President's defense
  -Pay increase

-PRC

[Pause]

Margaret Chase Smith
-Conversation with Haldeman
  -Smith’s schedule
  -Possible meeting with the President
- President's schedule
  -Possible trip to Bangor, Maine
  -Conflict with Smith’s schedule
- Haldeman’s call

President's schedule
  -Meeting with ambassador Henry J. Tasca
    -Henry A. Kissinger
    -Trip to New York

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Economy
  -Need to present administration position
    -Farm magazine editors
    -Opinion makers
    -William L. Safire
Kissinger entered at an unknown time after 12:27 pm.

Press conference
- Andrei A. Gromyko
  - Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
    - Conversation with Kissinger
    - Reference
  - Meeting with the President
    - Possible summit
  - Kissinger’s concern
    - Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
  - Gromyko

US foreign relations
- Forthcoming meetings
  - Timing
    - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] compared to PRC
  - Gromyko
    - Talks with the President
    - Invitation
  - USSR
    - Possible pressure
      - PRC
  - USSR
    - Bilateral agreement
      - PRC
  - Suggested letter
    - Leonid I. Brezhnev

Press conference questions
- Pentagon Papers
- Agnew
- Conservative revolt
- United Nations [UN] vote
- Vietnam
- News bulletins
  - PRC
    - Forthcoming trip by President
      - Relationship to Vietnam
  - Economy
    - Wage and price board
-Inflation
-PRC
  -Trip
  -Vietnam war
-Vietnam war
  -Negotiations
-PRC
  -Trip
  -Detente
-Vietnam
  -Casualties
  -Impact of Cambodia, Laos operations
-Economy
  -Vietnam

Vietnam War
  -Negotiations
  -North Vietnam
-Hanoi's statements
  -PRC
    -US
    -Le Duc Tho
-PRC’s statements
  -US military withdrawal
  -Kissinger's visit to Peking
    -Nguyen Van Thieu

PRC
  -Possible purchases from US
    -Boeing 707's and 727's
    -Analysis
      -Long-term expectations
  -Announcement
    -Timing
  -Forthcoming trip by President
    -Relationship
  -[Forename unknown] Burger [sp?]
  -Size
  -Prisoners
    -Edward M. Kennedy's statement
    -Possible release
- Timing
  - President’s trip
- Kennedy’s statement
- Chou En-lai
- Kennedy
  - Possible administration response
  - Public pressure

Kennedy
  - Pakistan
  - Refugees
  - PRC
  - United Nations [UN]

PRC
  - Forthcoming trips
  - Working group
  - Timing
  - President's press conference answers
- Vietnam War
  - Importance as issue
  - Press conference
    - Seven points
    - President’s handling
- Kissinger's actions
  - Press
    - Scrutiny

Vietnam negotiations
  - Press
    - Speculation
      - Dobrynin

Democrats
  - 1972 election
    - Statement of principles

Pakistan
  - William P. Rogers
  - State Department
  - UN meeting
-Publicity
-As spokesman
-Television image
  -Press conference
  -Cameras
  -William H. Carruthers
-Glasses
-Lighting

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

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

Rogers
-PRC
  -Businessman’s reception
  -Administration
  -State Department
  -Pakistan

President's schedule
  -Henry J. Tasca
  -John B. Connally

Tasca
-State Department
-Capitol Hill

Press conference
  -Vietnam negotiations
  -Seven points
  -Helen Thomas
- **New York Times**
- Established channels

Soviet summit
- Timing
- Relationship to PRC trip
- Timing

Middle East
- PRC
- Chou En-lai
  - Foreign policy briefing, May 1971
  - USSR

**Kissinger left at an unknown time before 1:43 pm.**

President's schedule
- Tasca
  - Schedule
    - Foreign Affairs Committee
  - George P. Shultz

Cabinet meeting
- Alexander P. Butterfield
  - Blue-collar workers
- Connally
  - Economy
- Agnew
- Connally
- George W. Romney
- John A. Volpe
- Maurice H. Stans
- Shultz
- Duration

President's schedule
- Connally
  - Forthcoming meeting
  - Shultz

Economy
Conv. No. 554-3 (cont.)

-President's schedule
  -National Business Council for Consumer Affairs
    -Meeting, August 5, 1971
      -Location
        -Indian Treaty Room
    -Commerce Department, Consumer League, Federal Trade Commission [FTC],
      Food and Drug Administration [FDA], Anti-trust division of Justice
      Department
  -Participants
    -Donald S. Perkins
      -Jewel Companies, Inc.
    -Robert J. Keith
      -Pillsbury Company
    -Archibald McG. Foster
      -Ted Bate and Company
    -J. J. Riccardo
      -Chrysler Corporation
    -Edgar H. Lotspeich
      -Proctor and Gamble Company
    -Justin W. Dart
    -Grant G. Simmons, Jr.
    -Barron Hilton
    -Hobart D. ("Hobe") Lewis
    -Thornton F. Bradshaw
      -Atlantic-Richfield Corporation
    -V. J. Skutt
    -Stuart D. Watson
      -Dow Corporation
    -Donald Hall
    -Robert O. Aders
- President's participation
  - Press coverage
  - Working paper
    - Positives on economy
    - Press coverage

- Bill signing
  - Appalachian Regional Commission
    - Economic Development Act extension
  - Jennings Randolph, John Sherman Cooper, Howard H. Baker, Jr.
    - Lockheed bill

- Baker
  - Political matters
    - John N. Mitchell

- Defense budget
  - Kissinger’s recommendations
    - Joint Chiefs of Staff [JCS], National Security Council [NSC], service secretaries meetings

- Kissinger
  - JCS

- Prime Minister of Malaysia, Tun Haji Abdul Razak bin Dato’ Hussain
  - Office call
  - Forthcoming trip, October 1971
    - Canada
    - UN General Assembly
      - Speech
    - Rogers
      - Luncheon
      - President’s role
    - Meet and greet

- Office press conferences
  - Frequency
  - Connally
  - Frequency
  - Preparation
  - Television
  - Depth of answers

- Use of time
  - Forthcoming meetings
    - Cabinet meeting
    - Romney
    - James L. Buckley
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Conv. No. 554-3 (cont.)

-Farm magazine editors
-Reception for supporters
   -Carl B. Albert
   -Girls Nation
   -Rudolph A. Peterson
   -Environmental report
-Office press conference
   -News stories
-Office press conference
   -Economy
   -Blue-collar workers
      -Herbert E. Kaplow
   -Burns
      -Request to see the President
      -Transcript
         -William L. Safire
         -Peter G. Peterson
         -Safire
         -Peter Peterson
            -Bohemian Grove
      -Peter Peterson
      -Compared to Safire

Personnel
   -Clifford M. Hardin
      -Future plans
      -Rogers
   -Henry L. Bellmon
      -Bryce N. Harlow
      -Agriculture Department
   -Louie B. Nunn
      -Mitchell
      -Harlow's reaction
         -Farm credentials
            -Farm vote

President's schedule
   -Connally
   -Peter Peterson

Haldeman talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 12:27 pm and 1:43 pm.
[Conversation No.  554-3A]

[See Conversation No. 7-59]

[End of telephone conversation]

President's schedule
  -Nunn
  -[Grand Teton National Park] ceremony
  -Speech preparation
  -Washington, DC
    -Activity
  -Participation in park ceremony
    -Rogers C. B. Morton
    -[Illinois] State Fair
  -Defense budget
  -Meetings
    -NSC and JCS

Haldeman talked with Connally at an unknown time between 12:27 pm and 1:43 pm.

[Conversation No. 554-3B]

[See Conversation No. 7-60]

[End of telephone conversation]

President's schedule
  -Connally
  -Signing activity
  -New Hampshire and Maine
  -New York
    -Veterans of Foreign Wars [VFW]
  -California
    -Yorba Linda
  -Park ceremony
  -Illinois and Ohio
  -Illinois State Fair
    -Park
  -Dallas
-Speechwriting
-Illinois State Fair
  -Abraham Lincoln
  -Importance
  -Timing
  -Park
-Governor [Richard B. Ogilvie]
-Remarks
  -Greetings
-Park
-Activity
-Forthcoming meeting

Haldeman left at an unknown time before 1:43 pm.

Conversation No. 554-4

Date: August 4, 1971
Time: Unknown between 12:27 pm and 1:43 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Request for Ronald L. Ziegler and Charles W. Colson

Bull left at an unknown time before 1:43 pm.

Conversation No. 554-5

Date: August 4, 1971
Time: 1:43 pm - 1:55 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.
Forthcoming press conference
  -Economy
  -Legislation
    -Clark MacGregor, William E. Timmons, John D. Ehrlichman
    -George H. Mahon
    -Congressional recess
  -Teenage employment
  -Timing of comments

Office press conference
  -News reports
    -Wage and price board
    -Associated Press [AP]
    -Arthur F. Burns
  -Press reaction
    -Herbert E. Kaplow
  -Frequency
  -Preparation
    -Compared to televised press conferences
      -Control of questions
        -Helen Thomas
  -Frequency
  -Length
  -Press reaction
    -Clifford Evans
      -Appreciation for press conference
    -Charles W. Bailey, II
      -Africa trip
    -Jude Walinsky [sp?]
  -Use of television
    -Oval Office setting
    -Public speaking
      -Iowa
  -Timing
  -Frequency
  -Press expectations
    -People’s Republic of China [PRC] announcement

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at an unknown time after 1:43 pm.

Meeting with John B. Connally
Butterfield left at an unknown time before 1:55 pm.

Press conference
  -Timing

Butterfield entered at 1:50 pm.

Meeting with Charles W. Colson

Butterfield left at 1:52 pm.

Press conference
  -Subjects
  -Timing
  -Subjects
    -Specificity or generality
    -Speeches
      -California
    -Timing
    -Location

President’s schedule
  -Colson

Ziegler left at 1:55 pm.

Date:  August 4, 1971
Time:  1:55 pm - 2:18 pm
Location:  Oval Office

The President met with Charles W. Colson.

Press conference
  -Economy
The President talked with the White House operator at 1:55 pm.

[Conversation No. 554-6A]

[See Conversation No. 7-61]

[End of telephone conversation]

Press conference
-Economy
-John B. Connally
-Industry
-Wage and price settlements
-Secretary of Labor [James D. Hodgson]
-Reports
-Political aspect
-Connally meeting with Colson
-Unemployment rate
-Figure
-H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
-Dan Rather

The President talked with John C. Stennis between 1:56 pm and 1:59 pm.

[Conversation No. 554-6B]

[See Conversation No. 7-62]

[End of telephone conversation]

Letter
-President's instructions
-Clark MacGregor
-Dictation

Economy
-Unemployment rate
-Press conference
-Current figure compared to 1961-63
-Rather
-Possible reporting
- Assessment of figures
  - Current rate compared to April - July 1971
  - Married men
  - Veterans
- Economic expansion
  - Colson forthcoming call to Frank Stanton of Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
    - Rather's estimates
- John W. Chancellor
  - People's Republic of China [PRC] trip
  - Attitude toward administration
- American Broadcasting Corporation [ABC]
  - John A. Scali
- Press relations
  - President's previous meeting with business editors
  - Paul W. McCracken, George P. Shultz, Connally
  - Media bias
    - *Time, Newsweek, New York Times* editors
  - William L. Safire
  - Unknown person
  - McCracken
  - Maurice H. Stans
  - Hodgson
- 1970 election
  - Peter M. Flanigan
- Spiro T. Agnew, Stans, Hodgson, Flanigan, Shultz, Connally
  - Nationwide tour
    - Meetings with business leaders
    - Editorials boards
    - Television
    - Press coverage
    - Shultz
      - *Time*
    - Networks
      - Creation of editorial board
- Psychological impact
  - Leading indicators
    - Consumer Price Index [CPI]
    - Retail sales, gross national product [GNP], housing starts, inventory,
inflation, unemployment
-CPI
-Compared to previous administration
 -John F. Kennedy
 -Dwight D. Eisenhower
 -Unemployment
 -Louis P. Harris
 -Work on issues poll
 -Talk with Lawrence F. O'Brien, Jr.
  -1972 election
   -Economy as political issue
   -Peace issue

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 1:59 pm.

Unknown item for Colson

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:18 pm.

-Gordon L. Allott's comments
  -Rather
 -Charles Percy
  -Illinois
 -Impressions
  -Compared to reality
   -Unemployment
   -Vietnam
    -Casualties
 -Press conference
  -Wage and price guidelines
   -Board
    -Business community’s views
 -Stock market
  -President's confidence
 -Press relations
-Forthcoming meeting
  -Connally
  -Flanigan

Pentagon Papers
-Forthcoming Senate hearings
  -Appropriation
  -Possible political impact
-Interviews
  -W[illiam] Averell Harriman, Roger Hilsman, McGeorge Bundy
  -Timing of release
  -Vietnam elections
-Unknown man
-Political aspect
-Sensitivity
  -Vietnam elections
  -Henry A. Kissinger
-Subject
  -Ngo Dinh Diem
  -Coup
-Kennedy administration officials

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 1m 17s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

Colson left at 2:18 pm.

Date: August 4, 1971

Conversation No. 554-7
Time: 2:19 pm - 2:55 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with John B. Connally.

Connally’s schedule
- Forthcoming trip

President’s schedule
- Trips
  - Workload
    - H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman

Unknown reading material
- Cartoon [?]

Economy
- Press conference
  - Connally’s assessment
  - Foreign policy
  - Wage and price policy
    - Arthur F. Burns and George P. Shultz
      - Pay increase
    - Burns
      - Monetary and fiscal policy
      - Agreement with the President

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 2:19 pm.

Shultz’s [?] arrival

Bull left at an unknown time before 2:55 pm.

- Duration
  - Left-wing theories
    - John Kenneth Galbraith
  - Performance or short-term
  - Need for enforcement procedures
  - Bureaucracy
  - Penalties
  - Secretary of Labor [James D. Hodgson]
- Negotiations
- National Commission on Productivity
  - Forthcoming meeting
- Enforcement
- Government action
  - Connally’s line
- National Commission on Productivity
- Cooperation with Congress
- Scope
  - Small and big business
- Enforcement
  - Wage and price board
- Need for action
- Business
- Negative impressions
  - News magazines
  - Wall Street
  - Consumer Price Index [CPI]
  - Leading indicators
    - Retail sales, silver standard, housing, construction, inventories
- Unemployment rate
  - Figures
  - Estimates
    - Burns
- Burns
  - Inflation
- International market action
  - Gold window
  - French action
    - Impact on exchange rates
      - Belgium, Netherlands
      - Swiss
  - Swiss proposal
    - Two rate system
    - Penalties
      - French business
    - Dollar speculation
- Dollar intake
  - Switzerland, Belgium, France
- French action
  - Valery Giscard D'estaing's recent speech
- Holding dollars
- Control on dollar speculation
- Stock market
- British
- Japanese
- France
  - West Germany
- Dutch, Belgians
  - Impact of policies on US
  - International Monetary Fund [IMF]
- Domestic economy
  - Psychological impression
    - Figures
    - Need for change
    - Prognosis
  - Connally’s meeting with Charles W. Colson, Peter M. Flanigan, Paul W. McCracken
  - Pessimism
- Congress and media
- Negative factors
  - International conditions
  - Dollar's standing
  - Steel settlement
- Pierre Rinfret's comments
  - Investment tax credit
    - Political strategy
  - Memoranda’s business
  - Wilbur D. Mills
- Critics
  - Interest rates
  - Inflation
- Money supply
  - Interest rates
  - Prime rate
  - Meeting
    - Connally and bankers
      - Lockheed
      - Bank of America
        - [Louis B. Lundborg]
    - Morgan guarantee
    - American Bankers Association
-Connally’s remarks
  -Interest rates
  -Investment bankers
    -Connally's remarks
-Turning point
-Change in attitude
-Need to face problems
  -Congress
  -International
  -Defense
  -Space
  -Demobilization
    -Employment
  -International
  -Japan
    -US automobile industry
      -Ford, Chevrolet, Plymouth
      -Datsun, Toyota
  -Germany
    -Volkswagen
  -Textiles
-President’s focus
  -Foreign affairs
  -Domestic affairs
    -Business community
-Connally's recommended response
  -Timing
    -Japanese businessmen’s meeting
      -Possible cancellation
        -David M. Kennedy’s view
      -Dinner with the President
    -Forthcoming IMF and World Bank
    -President's press conference
      -Connally’s statement
      -Burns
-Need to turn tide
  -Connally's stampede analogy
  -Lack of Congressional allies
  -Democratic Congress
-Unemployment during Democratic administration
  -Lack of publicity
- Placement of blame
  - Michael J. Mansfield's statement
    - 1960's conditions
  - Contact with Shultz

Reorganization
  - Burns
    - Federal Reserve Board [FRB]
      - Fear of takeover by Treasury Department
  - Ash Council
    - Office of Management and Budget [OMB]
      - Shultz
  - Shultz’s suggestion
    - Burns
      - Control banker

Shultz entered at an unknown time after 2:19 pm.

Edwin S. Cohen's meeting with Connally
  - Larry Woodruff and Mills
  - Proposed tax program
    - Tax code
      - Timing
    - Import tax
    - Investment tax credit
    - Shipping taxes
      - Liberian, Panamanian, Greek ships
    - Shipping tax
    - Standard deduction raise
    - Value-added tax
    - Property tax reduction
    - Depreciation on new plant equipment
    - Cohen’s response
      - Morale of division
    - Connally's response
    - Woodruff and Mills
      - Similarity of views to Administration’s
    - Cohen
      - Previous tax bill
    - Interest in preparing law
      - House Ways and Means Committee
Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 2:19 pm.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4
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[Duration: 17s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:55 pm.

-Busing
  -Dallas
    -John D. Ehrlichman
    -President's statement [on Austin case, August 3, 1971]
      -Dallas
        -Press coverage
      -Administration plan
      -Importance
      -Austin

-Economy
  -Connally
    -Pressures for action
      -Rinfret
      -Tax reform
    -Negative impressions
      -News media
-Reaction to President’s foreign policy initiatives
  -1972 election
-Partisan split
  -Foreign policy
    -People’s Republic of China [PRC] initiative
      -Democrats
-Psychological recession
  -Unemployment
  -Inflation
-Consumers
-Business community
  -Attitude
    -Inventories
-Publicists
  -Effects
-Administration response
  -Wage and price controls
  -Consumers
  -Negative attitude
    -Time, Newsweek, Dun's, Rinfret, Fortune

Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 2:19 pm.

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 9s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

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Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:55 pm.

Economy
  -Negative impressions
    -Business leaders and politicians
- Television
  - Dan Rather
  - Need to counteract
- Proposed administration actions
  - Timing
    - President’s press conference answers
      - Wage and price board
      - National Commission on Productivity
  - Timing
    - Holding action
    - Congress
      - Return from recess
  - Budget
    - Blue-collar workers
    - House Resolution [HR] 1
    - Symbolism
      - Fiscal restraint
- Import tax, excise tax, investment tax credit
- Investment tax credit
  - Percentage
  - Research and development
  - Budget
    - Space program cutbacks
      - Jobs
        - Manned space flights
          - Symbolism
        - Cost
        - Scientific value of flights
        - Manned space flights
      - H. R. 1
        - Russell B. Long
- Wage and price freeze
  - Import tax
    - Inflation
    - Enforcement
    - Comprehensiveness
  - Possible study
    - Possible leaks
      - Consequence
  - Recommendations
    - Jacob K. Javits and allies
- National Commission on Wages and Prices
- Wage and price board
  - Connally’s view
  - Shultz's view
    - Problem of removal of freeze
  - Guidelines
- Negative impressions
  - Wage and price freeze
    - Psychological effect
    - International
    - Stock Market
    - Newspapers
      - Chicago Tribune
    - Texas
    - Ohio
    - Iowa
- Shultz's meeting with Senators
  - Gordon L. Allott
    - Colorado unemployment rate
    - Budget deficit
- Administration’s response
  - Psychological terms
  - World War II analogy
  - Press
    - Ezra T. Benson
  - Symbolism
- Wage and price freeze
  - Impact
  - Duration
  - Wage and price board
  - Price increases
  - Timing
    - Connally's recommendations
      - Separate imposition on as part of package
        - Political aspect
      - President’s view
        - Reasons for delay
          - Thorough analysis
          - Avoiding precipitous action
          - Congress’ return
            - Connally’s recommendations
-Forthcoming meetings
  -Japanese visitors
  -Finance ministers and central bankers
  -Consultation with governments

-Closing gold window

-Confidentiality
  -Peter G. Peterson
  -The President, Connally, Shultz
  -H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
  -Line
  -Budget

-Controls
  -President's instructions to Shultz
    -Treasury, Commerce Departments and FRB
  -Equalization tax
    -Congress

-Division of responsibility
  -Office of Emergency Preparedness [OEP]
    -Contingency plans
    -Wage and price board

-Study proposal
  -Republican request
  -Testimony

-Administration
  -OEP
    -Bureaucracy
  -Treasury Department
    -Internal Revenue Service [IRS]
    -Secret Service
    -Banks

-Administration proposals
  -Woodruff
-Excise tax
-Property tax reduction
-Budget
  -Revenue sharing
    -Future Congressional action
    -Personal exemptions
      -Investment tax credit
    -Mills
      -President’s bill
Connally left at an unknown time before 2:55 pm.

President’s schedule
- Burns

Economy
- Public psychology
  - Burns
    - Statement
- Democratic action
  - August 1971
  - Burns

Shultz left at 2:55 pm.

Conversation No. 554-8

Date: August 4, 1971
Time: 2:56 pm - 3:49 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry J. Tasca and Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

President’s schedule
-Trip to New York

Greece
- Tasca’s testimony before House Foreign Affairs Committee and Senate Foreign Relations Committee
  -Democracy
  -King Constantine
  -Democracy
  -Ties and aid
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO]
- West German aid
- Military
  -Purges
- Amendment
  -W. Stuart Symington, Claiborne Pell, Gale, W. McGee, James B. Pearson, J. William Fulbright
  -Tasca’s conversation with Wayne L. Hays
  -Election
    -George Papadopoulos
- US pressure
  -Symbolism
- Papadopoulos
  -Tasca’s contact
  -Election
    -Announcement
    -Timing
    -1972
- Democracy
  -Symbolism
  -Papadopoulos
  -Election
- Forthcoming trip by Spiro T. Agnew
  -Timing
  -President’s friendship
    -Congress
  -Elections
    -Announcement
    -Timing
    -Amendment
    -Martial law
  -President's instructions
-Liberals
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  -Timing
    -US Congress
    -Agnew

-Briefing by Tasca
  -Julie Nixon Eisenhower and [Dwight] David Eisenhower, II

President’s schedule
  -Trip to New York

Greece
  -Tasca’s future
  -President’s friendship
  -Congress

Tasca and Haig left at 3:49 pm.