Date: August 9, 1971
Time: 2:58 pm - 3:36 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

President's schedule
- Cyclemates II
  - Ziegler’s recent press conference
  - Ellsworth F. Bunker
  - Forthcoming meeting
  - Timing
- Cyclemates II
- Republican National Committee leaders
- Press conference
  - Timing
  - International monetary developments
- Possible announcement
  - Dwight L. Chapin
  - H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
  - Patrick J. Buchanan

Rose Mary Woods entered at an unknown time after 2:58 pm.

Call from an unknown woman

Woods left at an unknown time before 3:02 pm.

President's schedule
- Press conference
  - Possible announcement
  - Businessmen's group
  - Buchanan

The President met with Thomas B. Evans, Franklin C. (“Lyn”) Nofziger, Edward S. DeBolt, Barry F. Mountain, Harry S. Dent, and Haldeman at 3:02 pm; the White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.
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Introduction
-DeBolt
-Mountain

[Unintelligible]

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 7m 19s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 21m 52s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

Busing
-Press coverage
  -Edmund S. Muskie, Hubert H. Humphrey, Edward M. Kennedy
  -Muskie
    -Southern delegates
    -Dallas, Texas
      -American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations
        [AFL-CIO] convention
        -Reporters
        -Demonstrators
          -Placards
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Presentation of gifts
- Golf balls
- Music box

President’s schedule
- John N. Mitchell

Ziegler, et al. left at 3:36 pm.

Conversation No. 558-2

Date: August 9, 1971
Time: Unknown between 3:36 pm and 3:38 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

President's schedule
- John N. Mitchell
- Location
  - Situation Room
- Rose Mary Woods

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 3:38 pm.

Conversation No. 558-3

Date: August 9, 1971
Time: 3:38 pm - 4:29 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

Schedule
- Lowell Thomas
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: _3m 41s_]

Woods left and John N. Mitchell entered at 3:40 pm.

H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman entered at an unknown time after 3:40 pm.

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Leaks
- Henry A. Kissinger’s memorandum for the President
  - Chou En-lai
  - [Paul Scott’s] possession
  - Distribution
    - Peter G. Peterson
    - William P. Rogers
    - Mitchell
    - John B. Connally
    - Spiro T. Agnew
- Scott’s article
- Gold window proposal
  - Connally’s comments
  - Contingency plan
    - Treasury Department policy
      - Connally
- Kissinger’s memorandum
  - Distribution
    - Alexander P. Butterfield
- Subject
  - Talks with Chou En-lai
- Scott
The President talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 3:40 pm and 3:53 pm.

[Conversation No. 558-3A]

Request for a return call from an unknown person

[End of telephone conversation]
Leaks
- Scott’s column
  - Kissinger’s memorandum
    - Chou En-lai
    - Distribution
      - Investigation
        - Lawrence M. Higby
        - Egil G. (“Bud”) Krogh, Jr.
  - Investigation
    - Scott
  - Impact
    - Connally
      - Accuracy
      - Treasury Department study

Butterfield entered at an unknown time after 3:40 pm.

President's schedule
-Kissinger

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 3:53 pm.

Leaks
- Scott’s column
  - President’s forthcoming trip to People’s Republic of China [PRC]
    - Preparations
      - Ottawa, Canada
      - Huang Hua
  - Investigation
    - Connally
Kissinger entered at 3:53 pm.

-Scott’s column
  -Chou En-lai memorandum
-Scott’s column
-Kissinger memorandum
  -Peterson
  -Agnew
  -Rogers
  -McCracken
  -Possible sources
-Kissinger's reaction to column
  -Veracity
  -Quotes
-Peterson
-McCracken
-Shultz
-Kissinger's meeting with Shultz
-Information in memorandum
-Gold window proposal
-National Security Council [NSC]
  -Connally
  -Peterson
  -Treasury Department
  -Peterson
-Possible effect of leak
-Run on gold
-Connally’s discussion with the President
-Shultz, Connally, and the President
  -Peterson and McCracken
-Kissinger’s staff
-State Department
  -Warsaw talks
  -US fleet
-Connally
-Peterson
-Treasury Department
-Peterson
-Run on gold
-Connally’s discussion with the President
-Shultz, Connally, and the President
  -Peterson and McCracken
-Kissinger’s staff
-State Department
  -Warsaw talks
  -US fleet
- Kissinger’s conversation with Chou En-lai
  - PRC
    - United Nations [UN] Security Council
  - US fleet
    - Congressional approval
    - Chou’s comments
- Possible sources
  - Treasury Department, CEA, Peterson’s office, Shultz
  - Cultural revolution
    - Chou En-lai’s alleged comments
  - Gold window action
    - Shultz
- Scott
  - Syndication
- Kissinger’s schedule

Kissinger left at 4:01 pm.

- Connally
  - Haldeman and Mitchell

Kent State investigation
  - News stories
  - Grand jury investigation
  - Announcement
    - Timing
      - School
      - Congress
      - Possible economic news
      - President’s possible press conference
        - Congress
      - Public clamor
        - Congress, citizens groups, William W. Scranton Commission
- President’s possible press conference
  - Possible questions
    - President’s possible responses
    - President’s dissociation from issue
      - Possible press coverage
  - Release for newspapers
- President’s possible press conference
  - Possible questions
- Possible answer
  - Justice Department
- Release for newspapers
- Press conference

Emergency Employment Fund
  - Directive
    - Use of discretionary grant
      - California
        - Aerospace industry
      - Illinois
      - Washington, DC
    - Aerospace industry
  - New Jersey
  - Connecticut
    - John [Surname unknown]

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 32s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6

[George L.] Murphy
  - Finances
    - Taiwan
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 1m 43s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 9
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 2m 21s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 9

Textiles
- Political issue
  - Mitchell’s memorandum
  - State Department
- Asia
  - Japan
  - PRC trip
  - David M. Kennedy
  - PRC
  - South Korea
  - Taiwan
  - Hong Kong
  - State Department
  - Peterson
  - Japan
- NSC clause
  - Trade bill
-Timing
  -Findings
  -Memorandum

Proposed economic action
  -Import tax
  -US as economic power

President's schedule
  -Edward J. Gurney
    -Photograph
    -Congressional half-hour
    -Gurney’s relationship with White House
      -Florida newspapers
        -Government projects
          -Ohio, California
        -[1970 Republican Senatorial primary]
          -G. Harrold Carswell
          -William C. Cramer
          -Miami News
    -Bill signing

Labor
  -Teamsters Union
    -Frank E. Fitzsimmons
    -James R. (“Jimmy”) Hoffa
    -Transportation Deregulation Act
      -Fitzsimmons’s schedule
        -Peter M. Flanigan
        -Mitchell
    -Hoffa
      -Pardon issue
        -Possible parole
          -Parole board
        -Political aspect
          -Fitzsimmons
        -Parole board
          -Composition
          -Possible action
        -Mitchell’s possible conversation with Fitzsimmons
          -Timing
- Parole board
  - Public view
  - Political clout
  - Hoffa
    - Barry M. Goldwater
  - William Loeb
    - PRC trip
  - Pardon issue
    - Political aspect
      - Fitzsimmons
        - View of parole
        - Instructions to Mitchell
        - Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]

President's schedule
  - American Legion
    - Veterans of Foreign Wars [VFW]
    - Connally
    - Rogers
  - President’s future plans
    - VFW
    - Cartha D. ("Deke") DeLoach
    - [Forename unknown] Johnson
  - President’s future plans
    - 1972 election
    - Donald McI. Kendall
  - Connally
  - Rogers
    - Background
  - President’s future plans
    - 1972 election
      - National defense issue
      - Kendall
      - VFW
        - Charles W. Colson
        - Veterans groups
          - Significance
        - VFW
          - Vice President
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 11
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 38s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 11

[George C. Wallace]
- Presidential candidacy
  - Possible administration action
  - Eugene J. McCarthy
   - Shirley Chisholm

Mitchell and Haldeman left at 4:29 pm.

Date: August 9, 1971
Time: Unknown between 4:29 pm and 4:33 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

President's schedule
  - Forthcoming meeting
  - Photograph session
  - Paul W. McCracken

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 4:33 pm.
Date: August 9, 1971
Time: 4:33 pm - 4:37 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with James F. Campbell, Charles L. Ill, Laurence E. Lynn, Donald M. Mosiman, Norman V. Watson, Richard S. Wilbur, and Daniel T. Kingsley; the White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

Introductions
- Appointees
  - Campbell, Agency for International Development [AID]
  - Ill, Navy
  - Lynn, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare [HEW]
  - Mosiman, Environmental Protection Agency [EPA]
  - Watson, Department of Housing and Urban Development [HUD]
  - Wilbur, Defense Department

Government service
- Forthcoming responsibilities
- Recognition
- Public servants
  - Types
    - Office of President
    - Assistant secretaries
- Budget
- Issues
  - Foreign affairs
    - Defense
    - Navy
  - War and peace
- Domestic
  - Economics
  - Crime, drugs, environment, housing, health

Presentation of gifts by the President
- Golf balls
- Cufflinks

Campbell, et al. left at 4:37 pm.
Conversation No. 558-6

Date: August 9, 1971
Time: 4:37 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

President's schedule
  -Paul W. McCracken
  -Ellsworth F. Bunker

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 4:37 pm.

Conversation No. 558-7

Date: August 9, 1971
Time: 4:37 pm - 5:00 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Paul W. McCracken.

International monetary affairs
  -John B. Connally
  -McCracken memorandum
    -Length
    -Delivery to President
      -Stephen B. Bull
      -Rose Mary Woods
  -Paul Scott’s column
    -Closing the gold window
      -Treasury Department
        -Contingency plan
  -Planned action
-Timing
-Forthcoming meeting
  -Council of Economic Advisors [CEA]
  -George P. Shultz
-Leaks
-Possible US action
  -Dollar floatation
  -Closing the gold window
  -Price of gold
  -Gold
    -Switzerland
    -Position of dollar
      -Undervaluation
        -Impact on imports

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 4:37 pm.

Refreshment

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 4:43 pm.

International monetary affairs
  -Position of dollar
  -Undervaluation
    -Impact on political leadership
  -International trade
    -Liberal orientation

Rose Mary Woods entered at 4:43 pm.

  -Memorandum by McCracken

Woods left at 4:44 pm.

  -Herbert Stein
  -Ezra Solomon
  -Hendrik S. Houthakker

National economy
  -Retail sales figures
    -Compared to June
- Compared to 1970
- Consumer confidence
- Trends
  - Consumer spending
  - Money supply
    - Rate of increase
    - Arthur F. Burns
    - Federal Reserve Board [FRB]
  - Relationship to economy
  - Timing
- Housing
  - Subsidies
    - Compared to unknown program
  - Interest rates
- President's schedule
  - Trips to Ohio, Iowa, New Hampshire and Maine
  - Public mood
  - Iowa
    - Crowd
      - McCracken’s family
    - Size
- Capital goods
  - Status
  - Investment tax credit
    - Depreciation
- Inventory levels
  - President’s recent press conference
  - Retail sales
  - Unemployment statistics
    - June and July 1971

International monetary affairs
- Forthcoming meeting
- Leaks
- Possible crisis
  - Possible Administration responses
    - Closing the gold window
    - Dollar floatation
- International cooperation
  - Burns
  - France
- Germany
- Great Britain
- France
- Japan
- Alternatives
  - Closing the gold window
  - Impact on the dollar
  - Gold supply

National economy
- Domestic action
  - Wage and Price Board
  - President's press conference previous week
    - Economic uncertainty
- Abuse of power
- Possible wage and price action
  - Freeze

President's schedule
- Stein and Solomon

McCacken left at 5:00 pm.

Date: August 9, 1971
Time: Unknown between 5:00 pm and 5:02 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown person.

George P. Shultz's schedule

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 5:02 pm.
Conversation No. 558-9

Date: August 9, 1971
Time: 5:02 pm - 5:44 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 11m 20s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

George P. Shultz entered at 5:13 pm.

Letter
-[Forename unknown] Walker
-New York

Woods left at 5:15 pm.

Schedule
-Helena M. (“Obie”) Shultz
-Trip to New England
-Conditions
-Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon

International monetary affairs
-President's meeting with Paul W. McCracken
-Discussions
-Leaks
-Paul Scott’s article
- Closing gold window
  - Shultz, John B. Connally, and the President
- Possible run on dollar
  - Connally
  - France
  - Germany
  - Great Britain
  - Arthur F. Burns
  - Discussion with bankers
- Leaks
  - McCracken, Peter G. Peterson, Connally
- Possible Administration actions
  - Closing the gold window
  - Export and import tax
  - Wage and price freeze

National economy
- Wage and price action
  - Shultz's preparations
  - Congress
  - Hearings
  - Shultz’s possible testimony

International monetary crisis
- Connally
- Possible Administration actions
  - Timing
  - Closing the gold window
  - Entire package
  - Meeting
  - San Clemente
  - Shultz, Connally, and the President
  - Burns
- Leaks
  - Peterson
  - Wilbur D. Mills
  - Value
  - McCracken
  - Connally
  - Burns
  - Shultz's schedule
- Burns
  - Tactics
  - Gold prices
    - Raising
    - Consequences
      - Congress
      - Effect on prices
  - Wage and price freeze
    - Timing

National economy
  - Wage and price freeze
  - Public attitude
    - Labor, business, consumers
    - Analogy to Vietnam War
    - Media
      - Inflation
    - Wage and price board
    - Timing
  - Wage and price board
    - Possible name
    - Burns
    - Purpose
      - Public relations
    - Possible effectiveness
      - Duration
  - Wages
  - Possible difficulty in implementing
    - Automobiles
    - Produce
    - Women's apparel
    - Services
    - Rents
    - Duration
  - Scope
  - Interest rates
    - Home loans
  - Shock effect
    - Preparation for further action
  - Import tax
    - Inflation
International monetary crisis
- Import tax
- Inflation
- Milton Friedman
  - Flexible exchange rates
  - Inflation
- Burns
  - Fixed exchange rates
  - Closing the gold window

National economy
- Wage and Price Board
- Inflation
- Duration
- Public actions
- Motivation
  - Self-interest
  - Business and labor

An unknown man entered and left at an unknown time after 5:15 pm.

Ellsworth F. Bunker

National economy
- Possible Administration actions
  - International situation
    - Dollar floatation
      - Possible political effect
  - Wage and price freeze
- Automobile excise tax
- Investment tax
  - Congress
- Possible budget cuts
  - Imports tax
- Federal pay raises
  - Delay
    - President’s announcement
      - Timing
        - Congressional session
- Public confidence
- Vietnam war
- Blacks
- Environment
- Consumer issues
- Administration’s successes
  - Foreign policy
  - Blacks
  - Critics
  - Crime
  - Effect on media
    - Economic issues
    - Congress
    - Wage and price freeze

- Budget cuts
  - Impoundment of funds
  - Debt
  - Family assistance
    - Fiscal years [FY] 72, 73
  - Revenue sharing
    - Possible savings
  - Federal government
    - Pay raise
    - Personnel cutbacks
  - Appearance
    - Congress

- Taxes
  - Investment tax credit
  - Automobile excise tax
  - Estimated cost
  - Personal income
    - FY 1973
      - Value added

- Budget
  - Department of Defense [DOD]
    - Navy
      - Moses Waltz [?]
    - Air Force
    - Army
    - Navy
    - Military bases
      - Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger
Shultz left at 5:44 pm.

Conversaion No. 558-10

Date: August 9, 1971
Time: 5:44 pm - 6:18 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ellsworth F. Bunker and Henry A. Kissinger; the White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.
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John D. Ehrlichman

Stephen B. Bull [?] entered at an unknown time after 5:44 pm.

Request for a call from George P. Shultz

Bull [?] left at an unknown time before 5:47 pm.

Vietnam
- US
- Kissinger
  - Negotiations
    - Bunker
    - Nguyen Van Thieu

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 5:44 pm.

Refreshments

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 5:47 pm.

Vietnam
- Nguyen Van Thieu
  - Telephone call to Bunker
    - People's Republic of China [PRC] trip
      - Possible impact
        - Peace
    - Telephone call to Kissinger
      - PRC
        - North Vietnam

The President talked with Shultz between 5:47 pm and 5:48 pm.

[Conversation No. 558-10A]

[See Conversation No. 7-79]

[End of telephone conversation]

Foreign policy
-Vietnam
  -Bunker’s conversation with Thieu
    -US and PRC
    -Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
- USSR
- India
  - Kissinger
    - Meeting with Indian Ambassador
      - Possible military action
      - Indira Gandhi
        - Invitation from the President

An unknown person entered and left at an unknown time after 5:48 pm.

- India-Pakistan relations
  - Agha Mohammad Yahya Khan
    - Sheik Mujibur Rahman
      - Indian Ambassador
        - Pakistan announcement
          - Trial
            - Awami League
  - East Bengal
  - Awami League
  - East Pakistan
    - News service
      - Expulsion

- Vietnam
  - Elections
    - Thieu
      - Nguyen Cao Ky
        - Mutual disdain
        - Previous election results
          - Communists
  - Poll
    - Lt. Gen. Duong Van Minh
    - Ky
    - Thieu
  - Bunker’s conversation with Thieu
    - South Vietnam government
    - Minh
    - US Congress
-Analogy to Greece
-Minh
-Lower house elections
   -Timing
-Thieu’s position
-Minh
-Observers
   -Congress
   -Committee for Peace and Freedom
      -Richard M. Scammon

-Military situation
   -Level of activity
   -Casualties
   -US
      -Weekly numbers
      -Type of fighting
         -Defensive compared to offensive
            -South Vietnamese
   -South Vietnamese
   -North Vietnamese
-North Vietnam
   -Possible offensive
      -Demilitarized zone [DMZ]
   -Possible political action
-US action
   -Cambodia
   -Laos
      -North Vietnamese infiltration of supplies
         -[Ho Chi Minh Trail]
            -1970 compared to 1971
               -Cambodia
-Army of the Republic of Vietnam [ARVN]
-US aid
   -Thieu
   -I, II Corps
      -Reorganization
   -Tank battalion
   -Reserves
   -II Corps
   -Troop ceiling
-Thieu
-Forthcoming election
-Prospects for political survival
  -1972
-Cambodia
-Thieu
  -Possible military action
    -Timing
    -Forces
      -Size
    -Divisions
-Prospects for 1972
-US withdrawal
  -Possible impact on South Vietnam
  -Bunker’s conversation with Thieu
    -I Corps
    -South Korea forces
      -Withdrawal
  -Impact on southern provinces
    -I Corps
    -Unknown person
    -Delta
      -Quang Nam
      -Quang Hi [?]
-Negotiations
  -Kissinger
  -David K.E. Bruce
  -William P. Rogers
  -Bunker's Assessment
    -North Vietnam
      -PRC
    -Election
    -Casualties
    -Economy
      -Cambodia
      -Laos
-Thieu
  -Le Duc Tho
    -Possible arrival in Paris
      -Timing
      -Meaning
  -President’s instructions to Kissinger
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-Le Duc Tho
-PRC
-Statement
 -Thieu
 -US withdrawal
-US military assistance
 -US Congress
-Stockpile
 -Military services
 -Congress
 -Helicopters
 -Tanks
 -M-48's
 -USSR
-North Vietnam
 -Laos
-World War II comparison
 -Germany
 -M-48's

-Negotiations
 -Seven points
 -Possible settlement
 -Publication of record
 -Nine points

-PRC
 -Forthcoming trip
 -Vietnam
 -Kissinger
 -Friends
 -New York
 -Invitations
 -Lectures

-Vietnam
 -Bunker
 -Graduating class of 1916
 -Support
 -Kingman Brewster, Jr.
 -Kissinger
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- Trip to Peking
- Clark M. Clifford
  - Article
  - PRC trip
  - Seven points
- Negotiations
  
  Publication of record

Bunker's wife [Carol C. (“Laise”) Bunker]
  - Health
  - Lunch
  - Bunker

President's appreciation for Bunker's and Bruce's work
  - Kissinger
  - Memoirs

Bunker and Kissinger left at 6:18 pm.

Conversation No. 558-11

Date: August 9, 1971
Time: Unknown between 6:18 pm and 6:21 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

The President's schedule

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 6:21 pm.

Conversation No. 558-12

Date: August 9, 1971
Time: Unknown between 6:18 pm and 6:21 pm
The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule
Bill signing
Chair

Bull left at an unknown time before 6:21 pm.

Date: August 9, 1971
Time: 6:21 pm - 6:28 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods and Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule
- Alexander P. Butterfield
- Ronald L. Ziegler
- H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
- Charles W. Colson

Bull left at an unknown time before 6:28 pm.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 3m 17s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
The President and Woods left at 6:28 pm.

Conversation No. 558-14

Date: August 9, 1971
Time: Unknown after 6:28 pm
Location: Oval Office

Unknown people [Secret Service agents] met.

President’s location
- Residence