The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler and members of the press.

Alexander P. Butterfield was present after 4:02 pm

H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman, Henry A. Kissinger, William L. Safire, Clark MacGregor, Herbert G. Klein, Stephen B. Bull, and Patrick J. Buchanan were present after 4:03 pm.

[General conversation]

[A transcript of this portion of the conversation appears in Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard M. Nixon, 1971, pp. 949-959]

Canada

Japan

Mexico

Butterfield left at 4:38 pm.

[General conversation]

Kissinger and the members of the press left at 4:39 pm.

Economic action

Question about Black Vice Presidential candidate
  -Blacks, Jews, Catholics
  -Buchanan's reaction

Military service draft extension legislation
  -US peace initiative in the Vietnam war negotiations
    -Reaction of the President's opponents
    -Congressional action
    -Effect of vote
- US position in the world
  - Supremacy issue
- Congressional statements
- Gordon L. Allott, Howard H. Baker, Jr., Len Jordan, Robert A. Taft, Jr.,
  Lawton M. Chiles, Jr. and David H. Gambrell
- Allott's position
  - Conference report
  - Reasons
    - Polls
    - Youth
  - Military bases

South Vietnam
- Nguyen Van Thieu
- Election
  - Comparison with other countries
    - Greece
    - African nations

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[National Security]
[Duration: 12s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
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The President's recent press conferences
- Effectiveness
- Vietnam
- Draft
- Attica
- Economy
  - Phase II
- Number of news leads
- James B. Reston
-Chou En-lai interview
  -Kissinger

An unknown woman entered at an unknown time after 4:39 pm.

Cancel request

The unknown woman left at an unknown time before 4:45 pm.

Kissinger entered at 4:45 pm

  -The President’s forthcoming trip to the People’s Republic of China [PRC]
    -Timing
    -Reston
  -Chou En-lai interview
    -Kissinger
    -Article
  -Vietnam
    -Ngo Dinh Diem
      -Coup
    -Nguyen Van Thieu
    -Communists
    -Democracy
      -Vietnamese election
    -Voting eligibility in US in 1800
  -US foreign aid
    -Number of countries
    -Voting eligibility in US in 1800
    -Percentage
    -Women
    -Property requirements
      -Slaves
  -United Nations [UN] membership for PRC
  -Military service draft
    -Votes against draft bill
      -Possible consequences
        -Effect on negotiations
  -Possible press coverage
  -Demeanor of reporters
  -Length
  -Frank Cormier
-Question on Edmund S. Muskie's statement on the vice presidency
  -Muskie
  -Nelson A. Rockefeller
    -Action at Attica
  -Jewish candidate
    -Questions of prejudice
      -Edward W. Brooke
      -The US public
  -Catholic question

-Summary
-Television
  -Attica
  -Exposure for the President
  -Use of television time
    -Press conference
  -Length of answers
  -Detroit Economic Club
  -Next press conference

-Reston
  -Interview with Chou En-lai
  -The President's response to question on summit
    -Agreement
      -Discussion of issues
        -Vietnam policy
          -Communist takeover
          -Prevention
          -Peter Lisagor

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6
[Privacy]
[Duration: 35s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6
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Vietnam
- Book by Marguerite Higgins

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7
[Privacy]
[Duration: 5s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7

-Higgins
-Diem
  -Effect of Diem's death on Vietnam

Press conference
  -Use of quotes on television
  -Election
    -Citation of context and historical context

US foreign aid
  -Stae Department
  -Contested elections
    -Greece
    -Number of countries
    -The President’s instruction
    -Asia
      -Malaysia
      -Singapore
      -Philippines
      -India
      -South Korea
    -Africa
      -David D. Newsome
      -Senegal
      -Democratic process
Conv. No. 573-1 (cont.)

- Kenya
  - Joseph Mobutu
  - Tom Mboya
  - Press conference

- Media
  - Question to Ziegler

The President's schedule
- Carl B. Albert
- Breakfast meeting
- Pay raise

The President, Ziegler, Safire, MacGregor, Klein, Bull, Buchanan, and Haldeman and Kissinger left at 4:58 pm.

Conversation No. 573-2

Date: September 16, 1971
Time: 6:21 pm - 6:29 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman.

Apollo 15 astronauts
- Colonel David R. Scott
  - Mission commander
  - James B. Irwin
  - Robert H. Finch, Donald H. Rumsfeld
  - View of Scott

The President talked with Tricia Nixon Cox between 6:21 pm and 6:22 pm.

[Conversation No. 573-2A]

[See Conversation No. 9-45; one item has been withdrawn from the conversation]
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[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 1m 20s]

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[End of telephone conversation]

Congress

Ronald L. Ziegler
  - Announcement of meeting

Unknown person
  - Marital status

State and local officials
  - Meeting with unknown person [George P. Shultz?]
  - Job of governor
  - Job of mayor
    - Comparison of responsibilities
      - City Councils
  - Compared to the Presidency

Press conference
  - Handling
    - John B. Connally
  - Assistance
    - Shultz
  - News
  - Questions
    - Rowland Evans and Robert D. Novak
    - Walter J. Hickel’s book
    - Conservative revolt
    - Spiro T. Agnew
    - Staff concerns
The President's schedule
-Black military officers
-Generals and admirals
-Indian scripture presentation
-Charles S. Rhyne
-Maurice H. Stans
-Possible topic for meeting
-Politics
-Minority business enterprise
-Scheduled meetings
-John Geiger
-National Commander of the American Legion

The President and Haldeman left at 6:29 pm.

Conversation No. 573-3

Date: September 16, 1971
Time: 6:29 pm - unknown before 6:31 pm
Location: Executive Office Building


[Unintelligible]

The recording of this conversation was cut off at an unknown time before 6:31 pm.