Conversation No. 574-1

Date:  September 17, 1971  
Time:  Unknown between 8:44 am and 9:08 am  
Location:  Oval Office  

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

News summary
   -Patrick J. Buchanan  
   -Schedule
     -The President's schedule

Bull left at an unknown time before 9:08 am.

Conversation No. 574-2

Date:  September 17, 1971  
Time:  Unknown between 8:44 am and 9:08 am  
Location:  Oval Office  

The President met with an unknown woman.

Assent on items requiring signature

The unknown woman left at an unknown time before 9:08 am.

Conversation No. 574-3

Date:  September 17, 1971  
Time:  9:08 am - 10:03 am  
Location:  Oval Office  

The President met with H. R. Haldeman, Alexander P. Butterfield, and Oliver F. (“Ollie”) Atkins.
Color photographs
  - Atkins
  - Publication in Monday
    - Time
  - Type
  - Posing
    - Conversation with H. R. Haldeman

New Senator from Vermont [Robert T. Stafford]
  - George D. Aiken, Michael J. Mansfield
  - Possible meeting and telephone call
    - Congratulations
    - Time
  - Aiken
  - House conference report

Atkins and Butterfield left at an unknown time before 9:17 am.
  - Support for the President
  - Handling of congratulatory telephone call

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 9:08 am and 9:17 am.

[Conversation No. 574-3A]

[See Conversation No. 9-57]

[End of telephone conversation]

Press relations
  - Miami Herald
  - Orientation
    - Washington Post
    - New York Times
    - Miami Herald, Chicago Sun-Times
      - Story
        - Effect
Press stories
- Type of stories
  - Vote against military service draft bill
    - President’s statement
    - Handling of news story
  - Economic issues
    - Dollar

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 9:08 am.

*New York Daily News*
- Constance M. Stuart
- Review
  - Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon's television program

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 9:17 am.

The President's schedule
- Race car drivers
  - Reception
  - Time
  - Image of race car drivers
    - Astronauts
      - Previous conversation with the President
    - Competitiveness
    - American spirit
    - Mechanics
    - Haldeman’s view
- Meetings
  - Type of people
    - Supporters of the President
  - College professors
- Meetings with professional bowlers, September 12, 1971
  - Scheduling of event
    - Meeting with the Head of the American Legion
      - John H. Geiger
  - White House bowling alley
    - Visit
    - Bowling
-Photographers
-Number of professional bowlers
-People interested in bowling

Tennis
-Players
-Los Angeles
-Stan Smith
 -Previous visit to the White House
-Jack Kramer
-Type of game
 -The President’s view
 -Men
-Popularity of game
 -Robert H. Finch
 -Spiro T. Agnew
-Tennis matches
 -Comparison to opera
-Bowling comparison to rock or pop concerts
-Reception at event

The President's schedule
-Previous meeting with astronauts
-Families
-Children
-Lucy A. Winchester
 -Handling of news story
 -David R. Scott
-Race car drivers
-Presence of race car

Forthcoming Congressional meeting at the White House
-William Proxmire
-George P. Shultz
-Herbert Stein, Paul W. McCracken
-Counterbalance to Congressmen and support for the President
-John B. Connally
 -Effect of absence
 -Vice President Agnew
-Tone and type of presentation
Look magazine
-Forthcoming cessation of publishing
-Unknown writer and Thomas R. Shepard, Jr.
-Life's status
-Magazines
-Gardner Cowles
-Status in current marketplace
-Special interest magazines and newsmagazines
-Racing car magazine
-Special interest
-Movie magazines
-California magazine
-Articles
-Pictures
-Patios
-Hawaii
-Layout
-Travel
-Homemakeing
-Gardening
-Cooking

The President talked with Stafford between 9:17 am and 9:18 am.

[Conversation No. 574-3B]

[See Conversation No. 9-58]

[End of telephone conversation]

Stafford
-Location
-Appointment situation
-Swearing-in

Robert J. Dole

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 9:18 am and 10:03 am.

[Conversation No. 574-3C]
[See Conversation No. 9-59]

[End of telephone conversation]

Military service draft bill
- Dole
  - Interest
- Clark MacGregor
  - Projected support of bill
  - Key issues
    - Defense issues
  - Dole
    - Type of position
    - Support for the President

Economic policies
- Announcement of the end of Phase I
  - Shultz
- William L. Safire
  - Ideas
  - Wording
  - Shultz
- Connally
  - Channels and coordination

Speechwriting
- Patrick J. Buchanan
- Safire
- Buchanan
- Safire
  - Leading news story
    - Quote from the President
- Cost of Living Council [COLC]
  - Statement
    - Wording
      - Freeze duration
      - Program
    - Type of news story
- Safire
  - Type of writer
Long term assignments compared with daily stories
-Safire's ideas and focus

Economic policies
-The economy
  -Connally
  -Wage-price freeze
-Freeze
  -Duration
  -Time
  -Date
-Psychological effect
  -Wording of announcement

Rowland Evans and Robert D. Novak's story
-Handling
  -Correction of errata for historical record
    -The President’s view
    -Haldeman’s view

Press stories
-Articles
  -Summary
    -Controversy
    -Lack of argument
    -Administration response
-Mansfield story
  -Reflection on the President
-The President's strategy
  -Haldeman
  -Charles W. Colson
  -Buchanan
  -Henry A. Kissinger
    -Wording of statement
    -Response to Democrats
      -Issues affecting the national interest
      -Vietnam
      -Military service draft
-Economic policies
  -Wage and price freeze
  -Response
- Kissinger
- John D. Ehrlichman
- Shultz
- Ehrlichman
- Safire
  - Focus issues on economic issues
  - Foreign issues
- Buchanan
  - Mobilization of conservatives
- Safire
  - Comparison with Buchanan
    - Appeal to conservatives
    - Answers to reporters in briefings
    - Type of job
- Mansfield
  - Safire
    - United Press International [UPI]
    - Source of information
    - Speechwriter
    - Wider coverage of Mansfield's story
    - Implications
    - Safire
- MacGregor
  - Response
- Coslon
- MacGregor
  - Response
    - Effect of Safire and UPI on the administration
- Response
  - Ernest F. (“Fritz”) Hollings
- Meeting of the Senators
- Voting position
- Handling of story by the administration
- Safire
  - Written story
  - Source of information
    - Democrat Senator
  - Safire's response
  - Democrats' response
- Administration's position
Staff
- Allen Locke
  - Possible appointment
- Professor of geology
  - Environmentalist
    - Shepard
- Position on advisory council
- Domestic Council
  - Speech for the President
    - Shepard's article
  - Response to administration
    - Statistics
    - Government reporting
    - Misinterpretation
- John C. Whitaker

The environment
- Pollution
  - Birds
    - Mockingbirds
- Shepard
- Whitaker
- Position paper
- Reconciliation of facts
- Paper
  - Resolution
- Ehrlichman

Foreign affairs
- White House announcements
  - Ronald L. Ziegler
  - Japan
    - Terms
      - Overseas customer
      - Semantics
    - Comparison to Canada
      - Size
  - US foreign relations
  - Overseas customer

Press relations
-Winchester's handling of astronaut news story
-Safire
-Buchanan
-Safire
-Type of work
-Support for the President

Raymond K. Price, Jr.
-Work on speech series
  -Projected completion
  -Subjects
    -Busing
The President's trip to Detroit
  -Busing question
    -Regional appeal of issues
    -Pontiac, Michigan

Speeches
-Issues
  -The position of the US in the world
    -Isolationism
  -Use of quotes from the President's speeches by Cabinet officials
    -Buchanan
    -John A. Scali, Price
-Speechwriters
  -Effect of speech
    -Congressmen
    -Senators
  -Effectiveness of speeches
    -Congressmen
    -Senators
    -Buchanan
      -Economy issue
  -The President's speech
    -Effect on Capitol Hill

Administration's response to the Democrats
-Colson
  -Vice President Agnew's role
    -Governors' Conference
    -Revenue sharing
-Democrats
-Defense issues
  -Right wing
    -Buchanan
    -Senate

Television
  -Independent group of television station owners
  -Accuracy in news reporting
    -Monitoring system
      -Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS] affiliate
      -American Broadcasting Company [ABC], National Broadcasting Corporation [NBC]
    -Use of data from Edith Efron's book
    -Network officials
    -Counteraction
      -Forthcoming 1972 presidential system
      -Handling of bias issue

Democrats
  -Handling of issues
    -Military draft
    -Obstruction
    -Partisanship
      -Foreign policy
        -Vietnam war
          -Peace efforts
          -Draft
        -The economy and the wage and price freeze
    -Support for the President

The President's schedule
  -Trip to Camp Hoover
    -Comparison to Camp David trip
    -Length
    -Time
    -Flight pattern
    -Dinner

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 9:18 am.
Kissinger's schedule

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 10:03 am.

The President's schedule
- Camp Hoover
  - Feasibility of using facility
  - Cabin
  - Dining room
  - Winter season
  - Spring season
- Manolo Sanchez, King Timahoe

Scheduling
- Press conferences and speeches
- Role of the President
  - Public appearances and meetings
    - Comparison to Connally
- Press conferences
- Use of the President's time
  - Leadership projection
    - The President's role
- Buchanan
- Appearances
  - Number
    - In Washington, DC
    - Out of Washington, DC
      - Nebraska, New Hampshire
      - Cow Palace
    - Possible impact
- Types of speeches
  - Iowa
  - Texas
- Projection of leadership qualities
  - Press conference
    - Effectiveness
    - Speeches
      - Comparisons on effectiveness and time spent on preparation
    - Wording
      - Effect compared with prepared speech
- Radio talks
Kissinger entered at 9:52 am.

Press briefing
- Scali
  - Associated Press [AP], UPI

Vietnam
- Public relations
- Impact
  - Speculation
- Policy
  - The President
    - George S. McGovern
  - Timing and method of withdrawal
  - Troop withdrawal
    - Timing
- Strategy
  - Plan
    - Goal
  - South Vietnam
    - Retention of government
    - Return of Prisoner of War [POWs]
  - Responsibility of the President's opponents
  - McGovern's comments on ceasefire

-Negotiations
- North Vietnam position
  - Nguyen Van Thieu
- Strategy
  - Flexibility
  - Time duration
  - Forthcoming US Presidential election
    - Effect on negotiations
    - Post North Vietnamese action
- Strategy

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Privacy]
[Duration: _3s_]  

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1  

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- Demilitarized zone [DMZ]  
  -Adm. Thomas H. Moorer  
  -North Vietnam  
  -Artillery action  
    -Target  
    -The President’s instructions  
      -Statement  
      -Timing  
  -Armed forces  
    -North Vietnam action  
  -US military action  
    -Melvin R. Laird  
    -DMZ  
  -Negotiations  
    -US position  
  -Target  
    -Dong Hoi  
  -Alexander M. Haig, Jr.  
    -Forthcoming trip  
    -Time  
  -Military action  
    -The President’s instructions  
    -Public relations  
      -Handling  
      -Violations  
      -DMZ  

Press conference, September 16, 1971  
  -The new economic policy  
    -The President's conversation with Haldeman  
      -Use of quotes from the President's press conferences  
  -US image  
    -Isolationism
- International role
  - Partisanship
    - Democrats
      - Agnew
      - Draft
      - Vietnam
      - Reaction
      - Party
      - Press response

Vietnam
  - Withdrawal
  - Ngo Dinh Diem
    - News reporting of the President's comments
  - Diem
  - Thieu
  - The President's response in press conference
    - Follow-up
  - Effect of present stance
    - Press
    - Saigon

Foreign relations
  - US foreign aid
    - Elected foreign leaders
      - Manner of attaining office
        - Statistics
          - Percentages
        - Parliamentary governments

Environmental issues
  - Birds

Kissinger's press briefing
  - Stewart M. Hensley
    - Vietnam issue
      - Administration strategy
        - The President's position
          - Opponents

Schedule
-Maurice H. Stans

Kissinger left at 10:03 am.

Stans's forthcoming meeting with the President
- Minority Business Enterprise
- Fundraising dinners

Meeting with Safire
- Use of quotes from presidential statements

Haldeman left at 10:03 am.

Date: September 17, 1971
Time: 10:04 am - 10:26 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Charles S. Rhyne and Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Josip Broz Tito
- Meeting with Rhyne
  - Location
  - Tito's forthcoming trip to the US
    - Dinner
    - Timing
- Meeting
  - Agenda
  - The People's Republic of China [PRC]
  - The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
  - Tito's forthcoming visit
  - Conference
  - Constitutional change in Yugoslavia
- Discussion between Rhyne and the ambassador from the PRC
  - Telecast of reception for Yugoslavian prime minister
  - Ambassador from the PRC
  - Yugoslavia
-Reception
-The US-PRC opening
  -Tito’s support
-Yugoslavia’s position
  -USSR, PRC
-The President’s PRC initiative

International Law Conference
  -Rhyne’s visit
    -Invitation
      -Alexander Fyodorovich Gorkin
      -Leonid Smirnov
  -Airport reception
  -Gorkin
    -Meeting with the President in Tunisia
      -Position in USSR
        -Rhyne’s earlier trips to the USSR
        -Dates
  -Dinner
    -Smirnov, Gorkin
      -Query on number of Americans coming to Belgrade
        -Compared to Russians
  -The President’s trip to the PRC
    -Tito’s reaction to meeting
      -Russians

Tito’s forthcoming trip to the US
  -Timing
    -Washington

International Law Conference
  -International lawyers
    -Bolshoi Theater
    -Attendance
  -Court
  -Warren E. Burger
    -Handling
    -Meeting with Tito
      -Illness
      -Meeting with people
  -Tito
- Constitutional changes
  - Lawyers
- Age
- Health
  - Meeting with people
    - Open convertible
    - Speech
  - Number of hours
    - Pictures
    - Discussions
  - Country
  - Vatican representative
    - Message for the Pope
- Conference's participants
  - Types of people
    - Chief justices, ministers of justice
- Rhyne's trip to Yugoslavia
- Press stories
- Report of Rhyne's trip
  - Frank S. Shakespeare
  - Tito
  - Forthcoming trip to US by Tito
- Tito
  - Attire
    - White suit
  - The President's letter
    - Treatment
  - Attire
- Yugoslavia
  - Weather
- Blazo Jovanovic
  - Chief Justice
  - Relationship with Tito
- Tito
- Yugoslavia
- Two Chief Justices
- Meeting
  - Participants

US foreign relations
  - Developments regarding the PRC
-US public stance
  -Leadership position in the world
    -Supremacy
    -Forthcoming speech to United Nations [UN]
  -Domestic issues
    -Handling
    -Effect on US leadership role
-President Nixon's presidency
  -World attitude
    -Support
    -Moral leadership
    -Base to build upon
    -Support for the President
    -Lawyers
      -Small countries
        -Nepal

Report on world law
  -Completion date
    -Interest in world law
  -Maritime law
    -Two hundred mile limit
  -Concept of future law maker of the world
    -Henry Luce

Policy statement forum
  -United Nations [UN]
    -PRC initiative
    -Israelis
    -Arabs
  -White House
    -Timing
    -Telecast
    -Sunday radio broadcast
      -Distribution
        -United States Information Agency [USIA]
        -Translation

Washington, DC Bar
  -Anniversary
International law forum in the US
- Lawyers
- Administration strategy
  - Individual working with Rhyne
  - Wording of statement
    - Commitment
- US role
  - Interests
  - International court
- Conflicts
  - Role of international court
  - Anti-ballistic missile [ABM]

International Law Conference in Yugoslavia
- Japan
- Italy
- US
  - Leon Jaworski
- Yugoslavia
  - Audience
  - Number of people
  - Lawyers
- Court
  - Supreme Court justices
  - Burger
    - Role
    - View of the President’s possible talk

Prison reform
- Williamsburg conference?
  - The President’s attendance with Tom C. Clark and Burer

International law
- Writing
  - William H. Taft
- John F. Dulles
- Research
- Report
  - Number of words
- Dulles
  - Speech to New York Bar Association
Conv. No. 574-4 (cont.)

-Maurice H. Stans

Presidential gifts
- Clients
- Secretary
- Book marker

Introduction to incoming group

Instruction to Haig

Rhyne and Haig left at 10:26 am.

Conversation No. 574-5

Date: September 17, 1971
Time: 10:26 am - 11:29 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Maurice H. Stans, George P. Shultz, and Kenneth R. Cole, Jr.; the White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

Greetings

The economy
- New economic policy
  - Handling
    - Congressmen
    - Senators
      - Speeches
- Minority business enterprise program
  - Letters of support
    - US businessmen
  - New York Times
    - Editorials
  - Support
  - Letters of support
- Dividend policy
Tape Subject Log
(rev. 10/06)

-Stans's telegram
  -Replies
    -Number
  -Support
  -Response
-Banks
  -Reports
  -Position
    -John B. Connally
-Agricultural, labor groups
-Interest rates
  -Control
  -Congress
-Bankers
  -Arthur F. Burns
  -Political issue
    -Phase II
    -Inflation
-Manufacturing profits tax
-Banking industry profits
  -Cost of Living Council [COLC]
    -William L. Safire
-Freeze
  -Stans's telegram's solicitation of report
    -Dividend policy telegram
      -US companies
    -Statistics on estimated effect on profits in third and fourth quarters
      -Number of responses
    -Percentages
Profi ts issue
  -Appearance
  -Businessmen
    -Jobs
-Banks
  -Jobs
  -Bankers
  -Public standpoint
    -Administration’s position on business
  -Congressional action
  -Interest rates
-Business
- Dependence
  - Effect
    - Expansion
    - Reduction of jobs
    - Reduction of expansion in public sector
    - Effect on growth

Minority business enterprise program
  - Budget appeal
  - Approaches
    - Political significance
    - Value of program
  - Political significance
    - Black Americans
    - Hispanic Americans
    - Number
    - Geographic concentration
      - California
      - New York
      - Illinois
      - Texas
      - Arizona
      - New Mexico
    - Importance for administration
    - Colorado economic development organization
    - National organization of Hispanic Americans
  - Black Americans
    - Approach and focus
    - Civil rights
    - Black supporters
    - Administration action
  - Hispanic and black Americans
    - Possible contention
    - Administration's commitment
    - Amount of money
    - Commitment
    - Political message

Environment
  - Thomas R. Shepard, Jr.
    - Article read by the President
-Environmentalists
  -Type of program
-Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane [DDT]
  -The President's talk with astronauts
-Sri Lanka [Ceylon]
  -Nobel prize winner [Dr. Norman E. Borlaug?]
  -Malaria
  -Deaths
  -1969 compared to 1970
-Human beings, condors
  -Relative importance
-Report on phosphates
  -Elliot L. Richardson
-Detergent soaps
  -Effect on skin
  -Ingredients
  -Effect on environment
  -Priorities
-Administration position
  -Budget costs
    -Environment
    -Balance
-Stans
  -Editorial
  -Shepard's speech

Minority business enterprise program
  -Hispanic Americans
    -Budget benefits
  -Black Americans
-Congress
-Black Americans
  -Number
-Hispanic Americans
  -Number
  -Concentration in states
-Small business enterprise efforts
  -Comparison of blacks, Hispanics
-Hispanic and black Americans
-John G. Tower
  -Spanish-speaking Americans
-Cabinet Committee on Spanish speaking Americans
-Black Americans
  -Value of program
  -Amount of money
-Credibility
  -Robert J. Dole
  -Program for blacks
  -Support for administration
-Amount of money
  -Shultz
    -Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger
-Stans
-Advisory committee for blacks
  -The President's appointment
  -Businessmen
  -Blacks
  -Estimated figures
-Transfer of funds
  -Environmental Protection Agency [EPA]
  -Small Business Administration [SBA]
  -Technical assistance
  -Office of Economic Opportunity [OEO]
    -Shultz
-Goals
  -Amount of money
  -Progress
    -Government grants, loans, and guarantees
- Businesses
  -Amount of money
  -Changes
    -Time duration
-Purchase by government agencies
  -Minority businesses
  -Set-aside money
  -Direct procurement
    -Competitive basis
    -Amount of money
-Private sector
  -Small Business Investment Companies
    -Number
    -Applications
-Potentiality
  -Equity money

-SBA
  -Loans
    -Amount of money

-Private sector
  -Minority owned franchises
    -Number
      -Increase
    -Types of small businesses
      -Automobiles
      -McDonald's fast-food restaurants
      -Stores
      -Service stations

-Procurement seminars
  -US
  -Census
    -Minority business
      -Indians

-SBA
  -Management and technical assistance
    -Increase
  -Minority owned banks
    -Amount of money
      -Deposits
      -Lending
      -Hispanic Americans

-Type of program
-Concepts
-History of previous economic action
  -1964
    -New business ventures
      -Six thousand dollars for six years

-Loans
  -Use of money

-Business
  -Individual qualifications
  -Money for establishment of business
  -Technical assistance
    -Management coaching
    -Accounting
- Legal advice
- Advertising
- Stock keeping
- Purchasing

- Assistance
  - Certified Public Accountants [CPAs]
  - Lawyers
  - Management engineers

- Washington, DC area
  - Operating base
    - National commitment
    - Reaching local communities

- Local economic programs
  - Voluntary efforts
    - Community
    - Minorities
      - Starting new businesses
    - Aid
  - Ineffectiveness
    - Guidelines
    - Practices
    - Selective information
    - Resources

- Selection of limited number of minority organizations
  - Responsibilities and guidance
  - Transactions
    - Aid

- White community's assistance in a resource center
  - Opportunities
  - Money
  - Technical assistance
  - Packaging aid
  - Providing resources for minority business

- Minority responsibility
- Minority community organizations
  - United States
  - Resources
  - Funds
    - SBA
- Resource center
  - Standard operation
- Local exposure
  - Impact projects
    - Shopping center
  - Local hotel
    - Time duration
    - Impact
    - Cities
  - National level action
    - Trade associations
    - Franchising institute
      - Training
    - Local impact
      - Federal government
    - Possible national basis
      - Money
        - Amount
  - Budget appeal
    - Amount of money
      - Credibility
    - Political implications
      - Time duration
  - Charts
  - Program
    - Stans’s credibility
      - Monetary
      - Black community
        - Chicago
        - Los Angeles
  - Political significance
    - Effect
  - Problems
    - Weinberger
    - Restraints
      - Overbudgeting
      - Balance
    - Spending
      - Amount
      - Political gain
  - Model cities
  - OEO
  - Budget concerns
- Programs
  - Effectiveness
- Previous administrations
  - Problems
- Jobs Corps
- Vista
- Peace Corps
  - Cuts in budget
    - Percentage
    - Negotiations
    - Personnel
    - Percentage
- Cuts in budgets
  - Extent
- Credibility issue
  - Hispanics
    - Black Americans
      - Percentage
      - Support for the President
      - Dole
    - Hispanic Americans
      - Balance
      - Latin Americans compared to blacks
  - Black Americans
    - Reactions
    - Proportionate budget
    - Head of program
- Budget directors
- Appropriation [One hundred million dollars]
  - Political impact
  - Funding transfer
    - Model cities
    - OEO
- Development of new program
  - The President's economic program
- Model cities
  - Economic development efforts
- OEO
  - Business development efforts
    - The President's economic program
- Legislation
-Pending
- New
  - Benefits
  - Crime insurance
    - Department of Housing and Urban Development [HUD]
- SBA
  - Performance bonds
    - Building contractors
    - Painting contractors
    - Carpentry contractors
- New businesses
- Purposes of disseminating money
- One hundred million dollar level
  - 1973
  - Amount of money
    - Supplemental
    - 1972
- The President’s intention
- Stans’s presentation

Banks
- Profits
  - Congress
    - Interest rates
- Leak

Ambassador of Romania

Presidential gifts
- Stans's staff
- Book marker

Renegotiation Board
  - Unknown person’s view
  - Existence

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 10:26 am.

Schedule
- Arrangements for following meeting
  - Press
Bull left at an unknown time before 11:01 am.

Minority Business Enterprise program
  -Congress

Corneliu Bogdan entered at 11:01 am.

Economic program
  -Congress

Romania
  -Population

Shultz, Stans, and Cole left at an unknown time before 11:02 am.

Pictures
  -Seating arrangement

Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
  -Location
    -Henry A. Kissinger

Kissinger entered at 11:02 am.

Bogdan
  -Home

Appreciation for meeting

Message from Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu
  -President’s view
    -Kissinger
      -Rendering of best wishes for president and Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon
    -The President's stance
      -Romanian American relationship
        -Economic field
      -US international relations

Photographs
  -Picture of Bogdan with the President and Kissinger
Foreign relations
   - The President's action
     - Romanian view
     - Relations with the People's Republic of China [PRC]
   - Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
   - Romania
     - International developments
       - Observation
       - Detente
     - Agreement with the US
   - The US
     - Position in the world

Eastern Europe
   - Situation
     - USSR
     - Actions
   - Romania
     - Detente
     - Delegation
     - Handling
     - Concerns
   - Questions
   - Handling of security issues
   - Detente
   - Basic principles of detente
     - Interest and effect
   - Responsibilities
     - Other countries
   - Normal relations
   - Population
   - Relations with USSR
   - Relations with the US
     - Situation

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 11:02 am.

Refreshments
   - Tea
   - Coffee
Sanchez left at an unknown time before 11:21 am.

Romania
- Trip to Romania (August 1969)
  - Ceaucescu
  - Kissinger
  - Detenet
  - Fairness
    - Effect on Romania
- Romanian priorities
  - Economy
    - Most favored nation [MFN] from US status
      - Meeting with Wilbur D. Mills
      - US position
      - Meeting between the President and Bogdan
  - Developments
  - Foreign relations
    - US-Romanian relations
      - Handling
      - Eastern Europe
  - PRC
  - United Nations [UN]
  - Conference on European Security and Cooperation [CESC]

US-Romanian relations
- Greetings to President Ceausescu
  - MFN status
    - Congress
  - Relationship with Romania
    - Position of the US
  - Romania
    - Economic relations
      - Kissinger, Stans
      - East-West trade
      - Pace
      - US position
  - Romania
    - Relationship with the USSR
- US negotiations with the USSR
  - Effect
- US negotiations with other countries
  - Impact

European security conference
  - Future
  - North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO]
    - Meeting
      - Date
  - Mutual and Balanced Force Reductions [MBFR]
  - Attitude of countries involved
    - Romania
      - The President’s previous conversations with Ceaucescu
- US position
- Romanian position
- US position
  - Strategy
  - USSR
- Relations with Romania
- Detente
  - US role
    - Western Europeans
- US principles
  - Romania
    - Interests
    - Soviet action
- US-Romanian relations
  - Meeting
    - Outcome
    - Possible Soviet response
- US-Soviet relations
  - United Nations [UN]
    - The President's forthcoming conversation with Andrei A. Gromyko
      - US relations with Romania

Economic relations
  - Vietnam War
  - Events in the world
    - Time duration
  - Romania
Vietnam War
-North Vietnam
 -Relations with Romania
  -Economic aid
  -Romanian interests
  -Political solution
-Negotiations
-US
-North Vietnam
-Settlement possibilities
  -Effect on other US foreign relationships
-Romania's relations with North Vietnam
  -President Ceausescu
  -Discussions with world leaders and the President
   -Political solutions
-Political solutions to war
  -(Madame) Nguyen Thi Binh
-North Vietnam
-Negotiations
  -Prisoners of War [POW] issues
-US stance

Photograph

Vietnam
-US stance
-Cambodia
-Laos
-PRC

Ronald L. Ziegler and members of the press entered at an unknown time after 11:02 am.

Dinner attended by Kissinger
-Dracula
  -Transylvanian region
Romania
- People
  - The President's 1969 trip
  - US stance

Ziegler and members of the press left at an unknown time before 11:29 am.

Tennis
- Forthcoming Davis Cup play
  - Romanian hopes for victory
  - Reaction to game of tennis

Kissinger and Corneliu Bogdan left at 11:29 am.

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Date: September 17, 1971
Time: 11:29 am - 11:41 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

Vietnam
- Military action
  - Timing
  - North Vietnamese
    - The President’s attitude
      - [Cornell Bogdan]
      - (Madame) Nguyen Thi Binh
    - Bombing
      - Effect
      - The Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
      - Demilitarized zone [DMZ]
      - Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
      - Duration
      - Announcement
        - Timing
  - North Vietnam
The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 11:29 and 11:41 am.

[Conversation No. 574-6a]

[See Conversation No. 9-60]

[End of telephone conversation]
- President’s concern
- US foreign aid
  - The President's conversation with Alexander M. Haig, Jr. September 16, 1971
    - Guidance
      - Ellsworth F. Bunker
      - William J. Porter
    - Relation to types of government
      - Greece
        - Henry J. Tasca
  - Entering war
    - Ngo Dinh Diem
    - Nguyen Van Thieu
  - Ending war
    - Kissinger’s comment to the press
    - Coups, communist takeover
- Responsibility
  - Ending war
    - The President’s plan
      - Honorable exit
    - Dishonorable exit
    - The President's new conferences
    - Comments
    - Opponents'
- North Vietnam
  - Refugees
    - The President's visit in 1956
  - Catholic Bishop of Da Nang
    - Number of people
      - Death
      - Prison camps
      - Duration of war
  - The President’s news conference of September 16, 1971
    - Television
    - Leadership
- Congress
  - Draft
    - Mansfield amendment
- Effectiveness of the President's action
  - Gen. Lewis B. Hershey
- Kissinger's press briefing
  - Cambodia
- Laos
  - US position
- John A. Scali
  - Kissinger's comment about the press

US society
- Morale

1972 election
- Eugene J. McCarthy
  - Herbert Stein
    - Kissinger's meeting
      - Comparison to the other candidates
- Edmund S. Muskie
  - Statement
- McCarthy
  - Kissinger’s efforts
    - West Coast
    - New York
    - Stein

Congressional affairs
- Conservatives
  - Senate
    - Opposition to the military service draft
- Military service draft
  - James L. Buckley
    - Vote
  - Gordon L. Allott
    - Speeches
      - Draft by the administration
    - Conference

Press conference
- The President's handling

Kissinger left at 11:41 am.
Date: September 17, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 11:41 am and 11:43 am  
Location: Oval Office

**Alexander P. Butterfield met with an unknown person.**

Instructions
- Unknown person’s understanding

**Butterfield and the unknown person left at an unknown time before 11:43 am.**

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Date: September 17, 1971  
Time: Unknown before 11:43 am  
Location: Oval Office

**The President met with Stephen B. Bull and an unknown person.**

The President’s schedule
- Jack F. Kemp

**Bull and the unknown person left at an unknown time before 11:43 am.**

**The President talked with Kay Gardella at an unknown time before 11:43 am.**

[See Conversation No. 9-61]
Date: September 17, 1971
Time: 11:45 am - 12:01 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Jack F. Kemp and Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Greetings

The President talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 11:45 am and 12:01 pm.

[Conversation No. 574-9A]

Vote
- Status
- Timing

[End of telephone conversation]

Greetings

Seating

Southeast Asia
Kemp's trip to Vietnam and Laos
- Plain of jars
- Paul N. McCloskey, Jr.
  - Comments
- Loatian attitudes
  - Father Manger
  - McCloskey
  - Helicopter ride
- Kemp’s conversations
- Return to villages
  - Pathet Lao
  - North Vietnamese
- Speeches
  - Herbert G. Klein
  - New Hampshire
- Kemp's conversation with Haig
  - McCloskey
    - Statements
      - Kemp’s view of accuracy
      - Impact
      - US role

- Kemp's trip
  - Interviews with leaders of villages
    - Refugees
      - North Vietnam, Pathet Lao compared to Laos
      - Cambodia
      - Laos
      - US

- McCloskey’s arguments
- Future political situation
  - Prospects
- Dinner
  - Ellsworth F. Bunker
  - Bart Starr, Lance Alworth
  - Tet offensive
- Kemp’s meeting with Nguyen Van Thieu
  - Presidential elections in Saigon

- Kemp’s reaction
  - Misunderstanding
    - Thieu
- The President’s statement
- US stance towards South Vietnamese government
  - Ngo Dinh Diem
    - Death
  - Thieu
- Democracy
  - American
  - British
- Status of aid
  - Foreign countries
    - Non-contested elections
      - Percentage of world
- Elections in South Vietnam
  - Opponents of Thieu
Situation
Diem
Referendum
US position
Status of aid
Compared to Africa
Aid
Contested elections
Presidents
Prime ministers
State Department
Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson
Vietnamization
George S. McGover
Shopping
Photograph
1968
Comments
Arming
Commerce
Growth
Building
Saigon

Congress
President’s legislative program
Kemp’s support
Kemp’s district
Percentage of Catholics
Kemp’s Anglo-Saxon background
Jewish constituency
Sale of [Phantom] jets to Israel
Parochial schools
Catholics
New York
Number of children
Money
Amount
New money
Building schools
Facilities
-Attendance
  -Schools open
  -Supreme Court decision

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 24s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

National defense
  -National defense funding
    -Conservatives
    -Strategy
    -Anti-ballistic missile [ABM]
  -Military service draft issue
    -Vote
    -US position in the world
    -Negotiations
      -USSR
      -People's Republic of China [PRC]
    -Stance
  -Possible elimination
    -Volunteer army
    -Timing
Foreign relations
  - Israelis
    - Kemp’s Jewish Constituents
  - Type of government
  - USSR
  - Balance of power
    - Jet sales to Israel
  - Position in relation to the US
    - Kemp’s role of a member of Congress
      - Comparison with the role of the President

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 1m 27s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

Football
  - Washington Redskins
    - Billy Kilmer
      - Passing ability
        - Comparison to Christian A. (Sonny) Jurgenson
    - Background
      - University of Southern California at Los Angeles [UCLA]
      - New Orleans
        - Brent Sanders
  - Minnesota Vikings
    - Loss of quarterback
      - Joe Kapp
  - Baltimore Colts
    - Earl Morrall
  - Buffalo Bills
- Dennis Shaw
  - Background
    - San Diego State University
- Don Horn
  - Green Bay Packers
  - Denver Broncos
- Buffalo Bills
  - Shaw

The President’s schedule
  - Buffalo
    - Terence Cardinal Cooke
    - Anniversary of diocese
    - Invitation to the President
  - Time

Gifts

The President’s schedule
  - Dwight L. Chapin
    - The President's possible attendance

Kemp and Haig left at 12:01 pm.

Date: September 17, 1971
Time: 12:01 pm - 12:05 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Announcement
  - Additional event
  - Bowling

Press relations
  - Edmund S. Muskie's statement on a Black Vice President
- Possible questions directed at Ziegler
- Black Vice President
  - Potential candidacy
  - Appropriateness of White House response on issue
  - Preferences of electorate
- Black President
- Voting prerogatives
- Creed or color
- US people
  - Voting for Presidents
- Trade
  - Canada
    - Ziegler’s possible responses
    - Jim Deakin of *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*
      - Japan
        - US position
        - Overseas
          - Customer
        - As US customer
      - Canada
        - Japan compared to Canada
        - Overseas relations
  - Japan
    - Overseas customer
      - Percentage
    - Exports
      - US

The President’s news conferences of September 16, 1971
- Press reaction
  - Peter A. Lisagor
  - Ziegler’s comments
    - Story
  - Stories
  - Vietnam
    - Ngo Dinh Diem
    - Nguyen Van Thieu

The President’s schedule
- Upcoming meeting with bowlers
  - Pictures
Conv. No. 574-10 (cont.)

-Bowling alley

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 12:01 pm.

The President's schedule
-Group
-Size
-Picture
-White House photographer [Oliver F. (“Ollie”) Atkins]
-Bowling alley
-Press
-Location
-Photographs
-Slides
-Executive secretary
-Introduction

Ziegler and Bull left at 12:05 pm.

Conversation No. 574-11

Date: September 17, 1971
Time: 12:05 pm - 12:14 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Aida L. Gonzalez, Edwin R. Luther, Mrs. Edwin R. Luther, Frank K. Baker, Mrs. Albert E. Crowe, Mrs. Mabel Marrs, Harold Davis, John Meek, Michael Wilson and Henry C. Cashen II; the White House photographer and members of the press were present at the beginning of the meeting.

Frank K. Baker
-Position
-Background
-Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Mrs. Albert E. Crowe

Des Moines, Iowa
Edwin R. Luther

Mrs. Edwin R. Luther

Mrs. Mabel Marrs
   -Vancouver, Washington
   -National Bowling Council

Harold Davis, John Meek

Greetings

Bowling
   -Recognition
   -The President's schedule
      -Washington, DC
      -Florida and California
         -Golf
   -Participants
      -Photograph
         -Number
      -Countries
         -Number
      -Comparison to Olympics
      -Ceremony
      -Copies
   -The President's family
      -Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon
      -Tricia Nixon Cox
      -Julie Eisenhower
      -[Dwight] David Eisenhower, II
         -Score
         -The President's score

Presidential gifts
   -Presidential seal
      -Cufflinks
      -Stephen B. Bull

White House bowling alley
-Bowling

Programs
- Bowling ceremonies
- The President's autograph
  - Hall of Fame
    - Bowling
- Pen
- Council for Physical Fitness
  - Participation by bowling members

Bowling as sport
- The President's score
- Competition
- Competitors
- Cost
  - Participation
- Time
- Family sport
- Handicap
  - Number in team

The President, Mrs. Gonzalez, et al. left at 12:14 pm.

Conversation No. 574-12

Date: September 17, 1971
Time: Unknown between 12:14 pm and 12:34 pm
Location: Oval Office

Alexander P. Butterfield [?] met with unknown people [Secret Service agent].

The President’s location
- Bowling alley

Butterfield [?] and the unknown people [Secret Service agents] left at an unknown time before 12:34 pm.
Unknown people met.

Greetings

[Unintelligible]

President’s schedule
- Meeting with Ginger Rogers

[Unintelligible]

This recording was cut off at an unknown time before 12:34 pm.

Date: September 17, 1971
Time: 12:34 pm - 12:49 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ginger Rogers and Alexander P. Butterfield.

Rogers's schedule
- Future plans
- Long Island theater appearance
  - Coco
- California
  - Dean Martin

Broadway musical Coco
- Plot
- Success
  - Katherine Hepburn
- Plot
- Music

Modern music

The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
-Architecture
  -Modern style
  -Exterior
  -Interior
    -Acoustics
      -Los Angeles Music Center
-Acoustics
  -Symphony
  -Music
    -Igor Stravinsky
  -Jazz
  -Symphony
    -Ludwig Van Beethoven
    -Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
    -Franz Liszt
-Modern style of music
  -Leonard Bernstein
-Wolf Trap performing arts park
  -Orchestra

An unknown person [Manolo Sanchez] entered at an unknown time after 12:34 pm.

Refreshments
  -Coffee

The unknown person [Sanchez] left at an unknown time before 12:49 pm.

Wolf Trap performing arts park
  -Acoustics
    -Curtain

Kennedy Center
  -Tour
    -Rogers
    -Arrangements
      -Car
    -David Bradley
    -Leonard Garment, Carol Harford, [Nancy Hanks]

Henry A. Kissinger
  -Francis A. (“Frank”) Sinatra
- Bennet A. Cerf
  - Death
Rogers's family
  - Mrs. Phyllis F. Cerf
  - Relation to Rogers

Rogers
  - Career
  - Effect on people

Acting profession
  - Difficulty
  - Effect on people
  - Reward

Movies and theater
  - Values
    - *No, No, Nanette*
      - Audience reaction
      - Type of material

Present day values
  - Morals
  - Articles
    - Rogers
      - Decency
  - Movies
  - Writers
    - The National Press Club

Photograph

Rogers
  - New York City
    - Fred Astaire
  - Theater performance
    - *Hello Dolly*
    - *Fiorello*
    - *South Pacific*
    - *My Fair Lady*
    - *Oklahoma*
-Brigadoon
  -Comparison to present day shows

Movies
  -Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon
  -The President's trips to Camp David
    -California
  -Age of movies selected for viewing
    -John Wayne
  -Rogers's movies
  -Present day movies
    -Sex
    -Women
      -Clothing
    -Removal of element of mystery
      -Nudity
    -Reactions by audience
    -Youth
      -Demoralization
      -Morale

The White House photographer and members of the press entered at an unknown time after 12:34 pm.

Professional bowlers
  -Champions
  -National Bowlers Champion
  -Meeting at bowling alley
  -President’s bowling

The White House photographer and members of the press were no longer present at an unknown time before 12:49 pm.

Presidential gifts
  -Compact
  -Mrs. Nixon
    -Presidential seal
  -Cufflinks

Rogers's support for the President
Celebrities
- Work
  - Las Vegas
  - Broadway
- Business
- Lack of support for conservatives
- Stance of entertainment industry celebrities
  - James ("Jimmy") Stewart
  - John Wayne
  - Richard ("Red") Skelton
  - Leslie T. ("Bob") Hope

Rogers

Rogers and Butterfield left at 12:49 pm.

Date: September 17, 1971
Time: 12:49 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull and Alexander P. Butterfield.

President’s schedule
  - John H. Geiger meeting

Bull and Butterfield left at 12:49 pm.

Date: September 17, 1971
Time: 12:50 pm - 1:12 pm
Location: Oval Office
The President met with John H. Geiger, William F. Hauck, Ralph Bates, and Charles W. Colson; the White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

Introductions

Greetings

Official photograph

Photograph National affairs

Homecoming celebration in Illinois
   -Leslie C. Arends

The President's schedule
   -Convention for the American Legion
     -Chicago, Illinois
   -Veterans of Foreign Wars
     -Time
   -American Legion convention
     -Dates
   -Republican Party convention
     -San Diego
     -Date conflict with American Legion
     -End
     -Time
     -Date
     -Trip to California

US world position and objectives
   -American Legion support
   -The President’s economic initiative
   -US position
     -Trade
     -Isolationism
   -International role
     -US position
   -Military strength
   -Economic strength
     -Peace
     -US position
-US position in the world
  -Competition
  -Isolationism
  -National security
-Military service draft
  -Bill in Congress
    -Vote
    -Status
    -Time
    -US position
     -Relations with Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR],
       People's Republic of China [PRC]
-US position in the world
  -Foreign powers
-Arms reduction
  -Unilateral versus multilateral reduction
  -Anti-ballistic missile [ABM]
  -Soviet intercontinental ballistic missiles [ICBM]
-US position
  -Trends
    -Development of isolationism
-Vietnam
-US position
  -Strength
    -Effect on negotiations
-Future announcements
  -Timing
    -US position
-Vietnam
  -Peace
-US position
-Military draft
  -Military spending
-Support for draft
  -Pressure on Congress
    -Democrats
American Legion
  -Resolution
    -National convention in Houston
    -Support for draft
-Non-partisan efforts

World tour

US domestic issues
-Drug abuse
  -Dr. Jerome H. Jaffe
  -Ray [Surname unknown]
  -Jeff Donfeld
-Jobs for veterans

Foreign policy
-Vietnam
  -Death toll
  -US position
    -Honorable ending of war
  -Nguyen Van Thieu
    -Democratic election
    -Vietnam
-US foreign aid
  -Number of countries
-Aid
  -Countries
    -Leaders
      -Contested democratic election
    -Percentage of countries
-Vietnam
  -Congressional elections
  -Thieu
-South Vietnam
  -Election
  -Communist rule in Vietnam
    -No elections
-Vietnam War
  -End
    -Honor
      -US position
  -South Vietnam
    -Defense
      -Communism
-US position
Vietnam
   -Casualties
     -Number
     -Withdrawal of troops
       -Return home
     -Respect

US Army
   -Peacetime military service
   -Vietnam
     -Effort by Army
       -Alleged atrocities
     -Foreign service

Armed Forces
   -Perception among youth
     -Causes
     -World travel
     -Drugs
     -US position
       -US armed forces in the world
         -Peace
         -Defense
         -Military service draft
           -Vote
           -Effect of the President's press conference
           -Response on Capitol Hill

American Legion’s concerns
   -Veterans Administration [VA]
     -Funding
     -Drug abuse programs
     -Phase II freeze
       -Effects
     -Personnel
       -Budget cuts
       -Implications
       -Military service
     -Caspar W. (“(Cap”) Weinberger, Donald E. Johnson
       -Forthcoming conversation with the President
-Drugs
-Non-professionals
-Drugs
  -Reported budget cut
-Contacts in Washington
  -Donald E. Johnson
  -Colson
-Policies
-Food and Drug Administration [FDA]
-Venereal disease
  -Youth
    -Increase in incidence of disease
  -Program for venereal disease
    -Service groups
    -Youth
    -Promiscuity
      -Conduct
  -Dr. Merlin K. DuVal
    -Department of Health, Education, and Welfare [HEW]
    -Report
      -Venereal disease
        -Arizona
          -Drugs
        -Increase
          -Education, research

American Legion
  -Conversation between the President and William P. Rogers
    -Number of members in Legion
      -Vietnam Veterans
    -Membership
      -World War I
      -World War II
      -Korean War
      -Vietnam
      -Young veterans
        -Home
        -Responsibility
  -Geiger
    -Travel
    -District Commander positions
- Hawaii
  - Commander
    - Vietnam veteran
- Geiger
  - Travel
    - United Airlines

Colson

Presidential gifts
  - Cufflinks
  - Unknown person
    - The President’s trip to the President’s Republics of China [PRC]
  - Gifts for wives
  - Golf balls
  - Paperweight

Previous meeting with the President
  - Anecdote

Arends
  - Service in Congress
  - Golf

Armed Services Committees in Congress
  - F. Edward Hebert
  - John C. Stennis
  - Margaret Chase Smith
    - Position
    - President’s view
      - Request for support from Geiger
        - Trip to Maine

Geiger et al. left at 1:12 pm.