Conversation No. 627-1

Date: December 1, 1971
Time: Unknown between 9:15 am and 10:05 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman and Alexander P. Butterfield.

Christmas season
   - Congress
   - Christmas

President's schedule
   - Upcoming meetings
   - Florida
      - Willy Brandt
         - Timing
      - Raymond K. Price, Jr.
         - State of the Union speech
   - California trip dates
      - Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon's trip
         - Unknown departure time
         - Timing

[Pause]

   - Henry A. Kissinger
      - Timing
   - Press conference in California
   - Eisaku Sato meeting
   - Announcement
   - President’s schedule
      - Mrs. Nixon’s arrival
      - Conflict [?]
         - President’s upcoming meeting with the Director of Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
         - The President’s birthday

   - Suggestions
   - Congress
      - Special session
   - Italian meeting
   - Kissinger
-Timing
-State of the Union
  -Potential Congressional problem
  -Timing
  -Congress
-President’s instructions to Haldeman
  -Foreign visitors
  -Mexico
  -Argentina
  -Barbados
    -Upcoming foreign ministers meeting
  -William P. Rogers
  -Africans
  -Europeans
  -Mexicans
-Upcoming events
-Joseph M. Luns
  -North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO]
-Spiro T. Agnew
  -People's Republic of China [PRC]
-Schools
  -Presidential visits [?]
-February
  -Schedule conflict
-December, January, February [PRC]
  -State of the Union
-March and April
  -Publicity from PRC visit
-May
  -Trip to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
  -Possible veterans meeting
  -Unknown law school

Haldeman and Butterfield left at an unknown time before 10:05 am.
Conversation No. 627-2

Date: December 1, 1971
Time: Unknown between 9:15 am and 10:05 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez

Oval Office
  -Someone to enter
  -The President's schedule
  -Delivery of something

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 10:05 am.

Conversation No. 627-3

Date: December 1, 1971
Time: Unknown between 9:15 am and 10:05 am
Location: Oval Office

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

Schedule
  -Chicago
    -Conflict
    -National 4-H Congress
    -National Association of Farm Editors
    -American Farm Bureau
      -President’s speech to the National 4-H Congress
      -Meet and greet
      -National Association of Farm Editors and the American Farm Bureau
  -John C. Whitaker
-Earl L. Butz
-Whitaker’s talk with Roger Clements
   -Possible photo opportunity at the meet and greet
   -Recognition

Henry A. Kissinger entered at an unknown time after 9:15 am.

National Security Council [NSC] meeting
   -Allies
   -Options
   -European Security Conference
   -William P. Rogers
       -Preparatory meetings with the Union of Soviet Socialists Republics [USSR]
   -Berlin
   -Agreement
   -Western Deputy Foreign Ministers meeting
       -Western position rectified
   -Summit
       -Exploratory talks
       -Rogers
           -Possible delay of explanatory talks
       -Middle East
       -USSR
   -Rogers’ probable meeting with the President
   -Golda Meir
       -Joseph J. Sisco
       -Yitzhak Rabin
       -Los Angeles Times
           -Proposal
   -Agenda
   -State Department
       -USSR
           -Negotiations
               -Shift in US policy
   -Rogers
       -Lunch for Meir
           -Meeting with Kissinger

Kissinger left at an unknown time before 10:05 am.
Chicago
-Schedule
-Problems

Clark MacGregor
-Tax bill
- Wilbur D. Mills
- Pressure
- Auto dealers
- Potential problems of tax bill
- Kevin P. Phillips
- Labor unions
- Control of Presidential elections
- Campaign check off
- Public attitudes
- John B. Anderson

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 9:15 am.

Rogers's schedule

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:05 am.

MacGregor
- Foreign aid
- Office of Economic Opportunity [OEO]
- Appropriation
- Allen J. Ellender
- Trip to Africa
- Continuing resolution
- Butz
- Upcoming vote

Dr. Arthur A. Fletcher
- Resignation from the United Nations [UN] delegation
- United Negro College Fund [UNCF]
- Sense of helpfulness
- Importance in particular field
- Chairman of the Domestic Council Committee on Discrimination
- Post retained by Fletcher
- Letter to the President
Conv. No. 627-3 (cont.)

-Negro colleges
  -Ability to survive
  -Black Professors
    -White colleges
      -Hiring tactics
        -Criticism

Schedule
  -Congress
    -Kissinger
    -Chicago speech

[Pause?]

American Pharmaceutical Association [?]

Bull entered at an unknown time after 9:15 am.

Schedule
  -Chicago speech

Bull left and Alexander P. Butterfield entered at 10:05 am.

Pierre E. Trudeau dinner
  -Guest list and table

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 10:10 am.

William F. (“Billy”) Graham's trip to Taiwan
  -Trip cancelled

Trudeau dinner

Haldeman left at an unknown time before 10:10 am.

Date: December 1, 1971
Time: Unknown between 11:00 am and 11:29 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger and William P. Rogers.
[The recording begins at an unknown time while the conversation is already in progress]

Middle East situation
- Forthcoming talks with Golda Meir
  - Difference of opinion
  - Need for a long-term agreement
    - Essential for survival and security
  - Phantom jets
    - Proposed delivery in the future
    - Contingency plans
  - Security
    - US assurances
  - Meir
    - Possible attitude during negotiations after General Assembly debate
    - Potential pitfalls
- Anwar el-Sadat
- Rogers’ plan
  - Negotiations after General Assembly debate
    - Timing
    - Presidential campaign
    - Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
- Israel
  - Possible concessions
    - Differences in opinion
    - Possible advantages
      - Egypt
      - [Hussein, King of Jordan], Hussein ibn Talal
- Meir
  - Recommendations
    - US recognition of Israel’s security needs
    - Concern for future
      - Possible shift after Presidential elections
  - Recommendations
- Arabs and Sadat
  - Eager for negotiations
  - Sadat’s position
    - Creating pressure for the General Assembly debate
- Potential trouble for Sadat
  - Lack of supporters [Congo, Dominican Republic]

- US position
  - President’s State of the World message, February 25, 1971 [?]

- Rogers’ forthcoming talks with Meir
- President’s recommendations for Israel
  - Negotiations
    - Security
    - Political interest
      - Phantoms
      - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] build-up
        - Proposed sale of weapons
      - “Hawks”
  - Kissinger’s view
    - US pressure on Israel
      - Potential diplomatic problems with the Arabs and USSR at the General Assembly
  - Rogers’ view
    - Importance of agreement
      - Phantoms
    - Future debate at the United Nations [UN]
      - Timing

- Meir
  - Reassurances
  - Interim agreement
    - Relationship to final agreement
    - Potential misunderstandings of US policy
- No shift in the military balance
- Working together with the US
  - Phantoms
  - Military supplies discussions
    - Announcement
      - Timing
    - USSR
      - Military supplies
        - Upcoming announcement
          - Arabs

- Israel
  - Desire for a negotiated settlement
  - Meir
    - Problems
-Knesset
- Cabinet
-“Dove and Hawks”
-Yosef Saphir, Yigal Allon and Moshe Dayan
-Saphir’s financial report
-Military equipment expenses

European Security Conference
-Rogers’ upcoming speech
-USSR
-Future meetings with the USSR in 1972 or 1973
-Advantages
-Rogers’ meeting with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
-Dwight D. Eisenhower and Nikita S. Khrushchev
-Past meeting
-Dobrynin apology
-Summit with USSR
-Timing
-Carefulness with US allies
-Future discussions in Hawaii
-Deputy foreign ministers meeting

-Rogers's trip to Iceland
-North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO]
-Iceland military base

-President’s schedule
-Pierre F. Trudeau
-Italian meeting
-John B. Connally
-Upcoming Italian elections
-Aldo Moro
-People's Republic of China [PRC] trip
-Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon

Monetary issues
-Latin America
-Surcharge exemptions
-Connally
-Europeans
Conv. No. 627-4 (cont.)

- Japanese
- No potential deals

Kissinger and Rogers left at an unknown time before 11:29 am.

Date: December 1, 1971
Time: 11:29 am - 11:30 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

Schedule
- Stephen B. Bull

Bull left at 11:30 am.

Date: December 1, 1971
Time: Unknown between 11:30 am and 11:36 am
Location: Oval Office

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

The President's schedule
- Meeting with Congressional candidates
  - Time
  - Unknown people

Bull and Butterfield left at an unknown time before 11:36 am.
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Conv. No. 627-6 (cont.)

Conversation No. 627-7

Date: December 1, 1971
Time: 11:36 am - 11:42 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Richard W. Mallary, Raymond H. Nutter, Harry S. Dent, and Alexander P. Butterfield; the White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

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Mallary, et al. left at 11:42 am.

Conversation No. 627-8

Date: December 1, 1971
Time: Unknown between 11:42 am and 11:46 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule
- Meeting with John D. Ehrlichman

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:46 am.
The President met with H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman.

White House Conference on Aging
-Pharmaceutical question
-Difficulties

John D. Ehrlichman entered at 11:47 am.

-Speech
-Leonard Garment’s memorandum of November 29, 1971
-Prescription drugs
-Office of Management and Budget (OMB)
-No recommendation from the Administration
-Arthur S. Flemming’s point of view
-House Resolution [HR] 1
-Russell B. Long speaking to older people
  -Awareness
  -Social Security
  -Welfare
-Older people
-Benefits of HR 1
-Ability to earn and keep money
  -Methods used by the Administration
-Speech
-President’s schedule
-Prescription drugs
-Garment
-Memo
-Ehrlichman’s doubts

-Economy [?]
-Big ticket items
-Older people
- Young people
- Water Pollution bill
  - Edmund S. Muskie

Luncheon for aged on November 30, 1971 attended by Ehrlichman
  - Legislation “typhoon”
  - Strong pitch for the rights of older people
    - Praise for Ehrlichman
  - Competition from libraries, schools, and the military
  - Congress

[Pause]

Property tax
  - Budget

Tax bill speech
  - John K. Andrews, Jr.
    - Prepared draft
  - Inflation
    - Campaign check off provision
      - Veto
        - Rationale
          - Impact on political system
          - Expense
  - Inflation
    - Need for jobs
      - Congress

Campaign practices
  - Haldeman
    - Source
  - Muskie
    - Property taxes
      - California
  - Spiro T. Agnew

Conferences
  - Cabinet Committee on Spanish Speaking People
    - Postponed
  - Flemming
- White House Conference on Aging
  - Similarity of audience
    - Republican Women’s Federation
    - Colorado chairman
    - Make-up
  - President’s forthcoming meeting
    - Possible handling
    - Real estate tax
    - Copy of speech
    - Deadline

Ehrlichman left at 12:01 pm.

Pharmaceutical question in Congress

Television
  - Clark MacGregor and William E. Timmons
  - Breakfast meeting with Congressional leaders
    - Michael J. Mansfield and Hugh Scott
    - “The Bigs”
    - Gerald R. Ford, J. Caleb Boggs, Carl B. Albert
  - Speaker or Senators
  - Ford and Boggs
  - Breakfast meeting
  - House
    - Cooperation
  - Mansfield and Senate
    - Lack of cooperation
Breakfast meeting with Congressional leaders
  - Advantages
  - Discussions
    - Albert, Ford, and Boggs
    - John B. Connally

Schedule
  - Decisions

Speeches
  - Chicago
- Particular problems with speeches
  - Too “bureaucratized”
  - Andrews
  - Maurice H. Stans [?]
  - Concern for historical legacy
  - Effectiveness
  - Television

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National Conference on Corrections, December 6, 1971
  - John N. Mitchell and Warren E. Burger
  - Greeting
    - Williamsburg, Virginia
  - Draft
    - Key Biscayne
  - Media coverage
    - Haldeman’s view

The President's schedule
  - Bermuda
  - Congress
    - End of session
      - Timing

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 12:01 pm and 12:15 pm.

[Conversation No. 627-9A]
[See Conversation No. 15-178]

[End of telephone conversation]

The President talked with James Harvey between 12:15 pm and 12:20 pm.

[Conversation No. 627-9B]

[See Conversation No. 15-179]

[End of telephone conversation]

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 12:20 pm and 12:26 pm.

[Conversation No. 627-9C]

[See Conversation No. 15-180]

[End of telephone conversation]

NBC television show, “A Day in the Life of the President”
  -Congressional breakfast
  -Size of group
    -Congressmen’s view
    -NBC view
    -President’s view
  -Ford
  -Leslie C. Arends
  -Boggs
  -Albert
  -Mansfield
  -Scott
  -Tax bill

President’s schedule
  -Farm Bureau
  -Agricultural editors and photographs
    -Meet and greet opportunity
  -4-H speech
Conv. No. 627-9 (cont.)

-Possible photographs opportunities
- Potential conflicts
- Talking points

Speeches
- Recommendations by Haldeman

Haldeman left at 12:26 pm.

Conversation No. 627-10

Date: December 1, 1971
Time: 12:27 pm - 12:37 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Clarence J. ("Bud") Brown.

[See Conversation No. 15-181]

Conversation No. 627-11

Date: December 1, 1971
Time: Unknown between 12:37 pm and 1:15 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown person.

Schedule [?]

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 1:15 pm.

Conversation No. 627-12
Date: December 1, 1971
Time: Unknown between 12:37 pm and 1:15 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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Sanchez left at an unknown time before 1:15 pm

Date: December 1, 1971
Time: 1:15 pm - 1:17 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.
Schedule
Butterfield left at 1:17 pm.
Date: December 1, 1971
Time: Unknown between 1:17 pm and 1:22 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield and Rose Mary Woods.

Schedule
- Chicago
  - Preparations
    - Materials to be taken
- Meeting
  - Academics
  - Former ambassadors
  - Peter G. Peterson
  - Peter M. Flanigan
  - Television
    - Interview [?]
    - John Roth [?]

The President, Butterfield and Woods left at 1:22 pm.