Conversation No. 636-1

Date: December 10, 1971
Time: Unknown between 3:35 pm and 3:37 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

The President's schedule
- Remarks
  - Ronald L. Ziegler

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 3:37 pm.

Conversation No. 636-2

Date: December 10, 1971
Time: Unknown between 3:35 pm and 3:37 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 9s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 3:37 pm.

Conversation No. 636-3
Date: December 10, 1971
Time: 3:37 pm - 3:45 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 2m 54s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Gift
- [“Star of the President” crystal]
  - Design
  - Walter H. Annenberg
    - Call from Woods
  - Placement
  - Expense

The President's schedule
  - Forthcoming meetings
  - [Camp David] [?]
  - Dinner
  - [Unintelligible]
  - [Camp David] [?]
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Conv. No. 636-3 (cont.)

-Dinner
-White House
-Presidents location

Glasses

Woods left at 3:45 pm.

Date: December 10, 1971
Time: 3:50 pm - 4:05 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule
-Call from Arthur F. Burns
-George P. Shultz

Rose Mary Woods entered at 3:50 pm.

The President's schedule
-Bill signing (Revenue Act of 1971)
-Shultz

Bull left at an unknown time before 4:05 pm.

[Rearrangement of decor]

Thelma. C. (“Pat”) Nixon

[Walter H. Annenber]
-Call from the President

[Rearrangement of décor]
-Decisions
The President's schedule
   - New York

[Unintelligible]

Picture
   - Mrs. Nixon
   - Print

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 16s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Picture
   - Delivery to Mrs. Nixon

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 3:50 pm.

The President's schedule

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 4:05 pm.

Pictures
   - Rearrangement
   - Little office

The President's schedule
   - Call to Annenberg
   - Timing
   - Bill signing (Revenue Act of 1971)
The President talked with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman at an unknown time between 3:50 pm and 4:04 pm; Woods and Sanchez can be heard in the background.

[Conversation No. 636-4A]

The President's schedule
- Camp David
  - Day and time
- Jerrold L. Schecter interview
  - Proposed length
- Ronald L. Ziegler
- Cambodia
- Rose Garden
- Timing
  - The President’s upcoming telephone call to William H. Rehnquist

Supreme Court
- Appointment
  - Confirmation vote
    - Rehnquist
    - Timing
    - John W. Dean, III
    - Louis D. Brandeis

[End of telephone conversation]

Woods and Sanchez left at 4:05 pm.
Date: December 10, 1971
Time: Unknown between 4:05 pm and 4:07 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Bill signing ceremony
  -Revenue Act of 1971
  -Pens
    -John B. Connally
    -Wilbur D. Mills
    -Arthur F. Burns
    -Russell B. Long
    -Location
    -Harry S. Dent

Bull left at an unknown time before 4:07 pm.

Date: December 10, 1971
Time: Unknown after 4:05 pm until 4:07 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

Signature

Bill signing (Revenue Act of 1971)

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 4:05 pm.

Bill signing ceremony

Call to Walter H. Annenberg
  -Timing
The President, Butterfield and Bull left at 4:07 pm.

Conversation No. 636-13

Date: December 10, 1971
Time: Unknown between 4:07 pm and 4:18 pm
Location: Oval Office

Unknown people [Secret Service agents] met.

An agent talked with an unknown person.

[Conversation No. 636-13A]

The President’s location
-Cabinet Room

[End of telephone conversation]

An agent talked with an unknown person.

[Conversation No. 636-13B]

The President’s location
-Cabinet Room

[End of telephone conversation]
Conversation No. 636-7

Date: December 10, 1971
Time: Unknown between 4:07 pm and 4:18 pm
Location: Oval Office

An unknown woman met with an unknown man.

[Unintelligible]

The President’s location
- Cabinet Room

The unknown woman and the unknown man left at an unknown time before 4:18 pm.

Conversation No. 636-8

Date: December 10, 1971
Time: 4:18 pm - 5:11 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods
[The recording begins at an unknown time while the conversation is already in progress]

Color picture
- Location in the White House

John B. Connally entered at an unknown time after 4:18 pm.

Woods’s schedule
- Azores

The President and Connally talked with Walter Annenberg between 4:20 pm and 4:27 pm.

[Conversation No. 636-8A]
[See Conversation No. 16-80; one item has been withdrawn from the conversation; Manolo Sanchez can be heard in the background]

Woods left at 4:25 pm.

Annenberg
- Gift to the President
- “Star of the President”
- Steuben

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 9
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 12s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 9

International monetary situation
- British
  - French
  - Reforms

Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 4:27 pm.

Gift from Annenberg
- Design
- Location

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 4:36 pm.

Signing ceremony
- Revenue Act of 1971
  - Ways and Means Committee
  - Senate
  - Bi-partisanship
-Praise from the President
-Wilbur D. Mills
-Location

Connally's meeting with George P. Shultz
-Budget
-International monetary situation
-Connally and Shultz’s view
-Arthur F. Burns
-Price of gold
-US compared to Europe
-Meeting with the Canadians
-Timing
-Japanese
-Delegation in Hawaii
-Unknown person’s trip to Japan
-Edwin S. Cohen
-John R. Petty
-Paul A. Volcker
-Azores
-Trade Agreements
-US representation in Japan
-Agriculture
-Potential negotiations

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 4:27 pm and 4:36 pm.

[Conversation No. 636-8B]

[See Conversation No. 16-81]

[End of telephone conversation]

Call from Burns

The President’s schedule
-Forthcoming meetings

The President talked with Arthur Burns between 4:36 pm and 4:42 pm.
[Conversation No. 636-8C]

[See Conversation No. 16-82]

[End of telephone conversation]

International monetary situation
  -French

Pay Board

Federal Reserve Board [FRB]
  -Membership
  -Frederic V. Malek’s call to Connally
    -John E. Sheehan
      -Louisville
  -Florida comptroller
  -Minneapolis
  -President’s instructions
    -Recommendation
      -Sheehan
  -Appointment
    -Comparison to Supreme Court
      -Warren E. Burger
    -Comparison to Federal Communications Commission [FCC], Federal Trade
      Commission [FTC], Securities and Exchange Commission [SEC]

Pay Board
  -Pay increases
    -Relations to past decisions

Price Commission

Pay Board
  -Quadriad meeting
  -Connally’s conversation with Donald H. Rumsfeld
    -Pay increases
      -Railroad brotherhoods
      - Strikes
    -Price Commission
      -Business actions
-Phase I
  - Henry E. Ford, II
    - Automobile sales
- Burns
- Labor
- Executive director
- Staff
  - Difficulties in organization
- George H. Boldt
- Phase II
- [Rumsfeld]
- Cost of Living Council [COLC]
  - Burns
  - Activities justified

International monetary situation
- Azores trip
- President’s instructions
  - Henry A. Kissinger
  - Georges J.R. Pompidou
  - Prime Minister of the Azores
  - Kissinger’s meeting with Pompidou
    - William P. Rogers
    - Price of gold
      - Chances for an agreement
      - US-French posturing
- Japanese
- Kissinger-Pompidou meeting
- Edward R.G. Heath
  - Involvement in negotiations
    - France
- Germany
  - Willy Brandt
    - Possible attitude
      - Kissinger
      - Berlin
      - European security conference
      - Revaluation of dollar
        - Amount
        - France
- Japan
-Trade negotiations
  -Negotiation style
  -Compromise
- Monetary issues
  -Three Point program
  -US prospects for a settlement

India-Pakistan situation
- East Pakistan
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
  - The President's meeting with [Vladimir V. Matskevich] and Yuli M. Vorontsov
  - Leonid I. Brezhnev

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7
[National Security]
[Duration: 31s]

PAKISTAN

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7

-US-USSR relations
  - People’s Republic of China [PRC]
  - Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
  - Trade agreement
  - Settlement in the Middle East
  - European security conference
  - World War II
  - The President’s view
  - Cease-fire
  - West Pakistan
  - State Department
  - Possible summit
- Ceasefire
- Carrier movement
- Jordanian planes

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 10
[National Security]
[Duration: 9s]
The President’s accomplishments
  - Praise from Connally
  - American psychology
    - Connally’s conversations
  - Congress
    - Domestic and foreign policy
  - Criticism
    - Effect

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 1m 28s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8

William H. Rehnquist
  - Joseph C. Kraft article
  - Louis D. Brandeis
  - Civil rights
  - Herbert L. Block
    - Cartoons
    - Washington Post
      - “Letters to the Editors”
        - Kraft
Conversation No. 636-9

Date: December 10, 1971
Time: 5:11 pm - 5:34 pm
Location: Oval Office

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

Papers for signature

Votes

Postmaster General
- Note

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 5:15 pm.

Position of unknown item
- Picture of George Washington

Stephen B. Bull
Robert P. Griffin

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 5:11 pm and 5:15 pm.

[Conversation No. 636-9A]

[See Conversation No. 16-83]
[End of telephone conversation]

William H. Rehnquist confirmation
  -Number of votes

The President talked with Griffin between 5:15 pm and 5:17 pm.

[Conversation No. 636-9B]

[See Conversation No. 16-84]

[End of telephone conversation]

The President talked with the White House operator at 5:17 pm.

Charles Evans Hughes

[Conversation No. 636-9C]

[See Conversation No. 16-85]

[End of telephone conversation]

Rehnquist confirmation
  -William E. Timmons

Democrats
  -Speaking out

The President talked with Rehnquist between 5:18 pm and 5:20 pm.

[Conversation No. 636-9D]

[See Conversation No. 16-86]

[End of telephone conversation]

Society
  -Pressures
Washington Post
-Editorials
  -Joseph C. Kraft article on Rehnquist

Stock market figures
- Tax bill passage
  - Numbers
- French
  - John B. Connally
    - Proposed deal

Economy
- Businessmen
- Pay Board
- Price Commission
  - State of economy
- Connally
- Henry E. Ford II
- Public psychology
- Unemployment
  - Predicted numbers
    - [Forename unknown] Murphy’s views
- Auto production
  - Projected numbers
  - Lide A. Iacocca
  - Ford
    - Meetings
      - Social events with the Ford family
  - Iacocca
    - Business style
    - Influence

The President's schedule
- Key Biscayne
  - Timing
  - Weather
    - California
      - Temperature range for January
      - Santa Ana
-Preference for Key Biscayne
- Washington
- Christmas shopping
  - Staff
- Cabinet
- Camp David
- Florida
- California
- Walter H. Annenberg
  - Palm Springs, Florida
- California
  - Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo
  - Proposed activities
  - Weather conditions

Unknown person entered and left at an unknown time before 5:38 pm.

Rehnquist confirmation
  - Comparison of close votes in the past
    - Justice Nathan Clifford, 1857
    - Justice Stanley Matthews, 1881
    - Justice Lucius Quintus Cincinnatus Lamar, 1887

Bull entered at an unknown time after 5:20 pm.

The President's schedule
  - Jerrold L. Schecter

Bull left at an unknown time before 5:38 pm.

Peace Corps
  - Timmons
  - Otto E. Passman
    - George P. Shultz
    - Call to Timmons
    - Presidential letter
      - Support of Committee bill
      - National Security Council [NSC]
  - Joseph H. Blatchford
  - Liberal Republicans
    - Letter from the President
-Possible maneuvering of bill
- Shultz
  - Involvement
- Timmons
  - Congress

Budget
- India
  - Aid
- Shultz And Caspar W. (“Cap”) Weinberger
- Bureaucracy
- Leaks

Connally
- Conversation with the President
- Democrats

Rose Mary Woods

Haldeman left at 5:34 pm.

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Date: December 10, 1971
Time: Unknown between 5:34 pm and 5:38 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

The President's schedule
- Jerrold L. Schecter interview
  - Timing
    - H. R. Haldeman

Julie Nixon Eisenhower's schedule
  - Andrews Air Force Base

Gift from Walter H. Annenberg
-“Star of the President”
-Location
-John B. Connally
-Annenberg

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 53s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Woods left at 5:38 pm.

Conversation No. 636-11

Date: December 10, 1971
Time: 5:38 pm - 6:27 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Jerrold L. Schecter; the White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

Photographs
-Types

Tour of rooms

The President
-Remarks from Schecter

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-History
-Abraham Lincoln bust
  -Unknown sculptor
-Unknown sculptor
-Winston S. Churchill

Presidential portrait and bust
-Sculptor
  -The President’s relationship with
-Photographer

Oval Office history
-The President’s past experiences
-Harry S Truman
  -Meeting with Charles J. Kersten, Congressman from Wisconsin, 1948, and the
    President
  -Eastern Europe
  -East-West relations
    -Ambassadors
  -Polish-Americans
  -The President’s meetings with Democrats
  -Globe
  -Marshall Plan
-Dwight D. Eisenhower
-Oval Office “effect”
  -The President’s recollection as Vice President
-John F. Kennedy
  -Call to the President
  -Bay of Pigs
-Lyndon B. Johnson
-Meetings
  -Other locations
    -Executive Office Building [EOB] office
  -Camp David
  -Key Biscayne and San Clemente
-Oval Office “effect”
-Johnson
-Use of Oval Office
  -Televisions
    -Lack of them
    -Examples of how the President receives news
      -Summary
- New York Times
- Washington Post
- News programs
  “Meet the Press”
- Weekend reading
  - Raymond K. Price, Jr.
  - Patrick J. Buchanan
  - William L. Safire
  - Al [Surname unknown]
- President’s reading choices
  - Commentary
  - Time
  - New Republic
  - National Review
  - The London Observer
  - Importance to the President

Television
  - President’s advice
    - Watching oneself

Decision-making process
  - Clarity

Oval Office
  - Cleanliness
    - The President's desk
      - EOB office
    - Camp David
      - Exceptions

Physical and mental condition of the President
  - Essential for the job
    - John Connally

Decision-making process
  - Consensus
    - Oval Office, Lincoln Sitting Room, Camp David, EOB

Delegation of authority
  - Grover Cleveland
- Ability to delegate authority
- Comparisons
- Important decisions
- President’s advice

Press
- The President’s feelings
- Attempts to accept press criticism
  - Not take it personally

News summary
- Issues compared to personal material

The President’s reading habits
- History
  - Biography
- Carl Sandburg’s *Lincoln*
- Churchill
- Benjamin Disraeli
- Theodore (“Teddy”) Roosevelt
- [Thomas] Woodrow Wilson
- Andrew Jackson
- Churchill
- Blake’s *Disraeli*
- Diary
  - Dictaphone
    - Rose Mary Woods

Notes
- President’s schedule
  - Upcoming trip to the Waldorf Hotel
- [Forename unknown] Bell
  - Death
    - Wife and daughter
      - The President’s expresses sympathy
- Night
- Reminders

Dictation
- Woods
- Marjorie P. Acker
- The President as Congressman

Decisions made in the Oval Office
  - Cambodia
    - Final order
    - EOB office
    - Camp David
  - November 3, 1969 speech on Vietnam
  - EOB
  - Camp David
  - Henry A. Kissinger
  - John D. Ehrlichman
    - Part of decision making process
  - Legislative matter
    - Clark MacGregor
    - EOB office
    - Campaign bill

Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon
  - Types of conversation between the President and Mrs. Nixon
  - White House decoration
  - Delegation of authority
  - The President
    - Menus
    - Wines

Entertainment at the White House
  - Woods
    - Guest lists
      - Other responsibilities

Wines
  - The President's knowledge
  - International experiences

The President's diet
  - Restaurants compared to wine
    - “Spartan” existence

Relaxation
  - Camp David
-Florida
-California

Decorum as President
-Dignity
-Humanizing the Presidency
-Eisenhower
-Military background

The President as Congressman
-Becoming President
-Selection as Vice President
-Unpredictability

Use of the EOB office
-Informal compared to formal
-Oval Office
-Quietness
-Camp David
-California
-Florida

Events of last few months
-People’s Republic of China [PRC] and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR Summits
-Economics
-Vietnam
-Inflation, unemployment

Press
-Relationship

Congressional criticism

Decision making
-Hazards
-Anger

*Washington Post* and the *New York Times*
-Reading habits
-Herbert L. Block
Mental discipline
  - Development
    - Campaigning
      - Victory and defeat

Foreign leaders

Pictures in the Oval Office
  - Rembrandt Peale
  - Julie Nixon Eisenhower

Tour of other rooms

The President and Schecter left at 6:27 pm.

Conversation No. 636-12

Date: December 10, 1971
Time: Unknown between 6:27 pm and 8:34 pm
Location: Oval Office

Unknown men met.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Non-historical Returnable]
[Duration: 7s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

The unknown men left at an unknown time before 8:34 pm.