Conversation No. 666-1

Date: February 7, 1972
Time: Unknown between 8:55 am and 9:32 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown person.

[Unintelligible]

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 9:32 am.

Conversation No. 666-2

Date: February 7, 1972
Time: Unknown before 9:32 am and 11:54 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

[Unintelligible]

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 9:32 am.

H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman entered at 9:32 am.

Instruction

Vietnam negotiations
-Xuan Thuy

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 9:32 am.

Executive Office Building [EOB]

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 10:35 am.
Vietnam negotiations
- Withdrawal
  - Prisoners of war [POWs]
- Compared to October 1971
  - Possible advantages
- Edmund S. Muskie’s plan

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 57m 32s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

[Haldeman talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 9:32 am and 10:35 am.]

[Conversation No. 666-2A]

Request for John D. Ehrlichman to come to the Oval Office

[End of telephone conversation]

[No conversation]

Ehrlichman entered at 10:35 am.
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 29s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

The President’s schedule
- Peter M. Flanigan’s memorandum
  - Compared to Peter G. Peterson’s
- Forthcoming telephone call to Alejandro A. Lanusse
  - Suggested conversation

[No conversation]

- Memorandum
- Forthcoming meeting with US attorneys
- Henry A. Kissinger
  - Kissinger
    - Political
- Connally

Economic matters
- International Monetary Fund [IMF]
  - Export-Import [Ex-Im] Bank
  - John B. Connally
- Flanigan’s role
  - Kissinger
    - Political
- Connally
- Diplomacy
- Internal politics
  - Lanusse
  - IMF
- Flanigan
  - Memorandum
  - Peterson
  - Complexity of job
- Example
  - Pantyhose
- State Department
- Treasury Department
- Panty hose industry

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 11m 29s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

Campaign finances
- Robert L. Vesco
- Donald A. Nixon
  - Securities And Exchange Commission [SEC]
  - F. Donald Nixon
    - J. Willard Marriott, Jr.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 14
[Privacy]
[Duration: 11s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 14
-Location
-John N. Mitchell
-William J. Casey
-F. Donald Nixon
-Marriott
-Finances
-Political contribution

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 15
[Privacy]
[Duration: 10s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 15

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 7m 4s]

Rose Mary Woods entered at 10:59 am.

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6
Personnel
- “Official Family”
  - Kissinger
  - William P. Rogers
- People’s Republic of China [PRC] trip
  - Rogers
- State Department
  - Foreign policy briefing
    - Wives and State Department staff
    - Kissinger
    - Joseph J. Sisco

Cabinet and congressional leadership meeting
- Rogers
- Timing
- Press
- Kissinger

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 2m 46s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7
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Roger Hull
- Death
  - Presidential wreath
- Note to [Rosalie (Paschal) Hull]
  - President’s instructions

Ehrlichman’s trip to California
- Leonard K. Firestone
  - Foundation
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 3m 21s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8

Ronald L. Ziegler entered at 11:09 am.

The President’s schedule

PRC trip
 - Press list
   - Announcement
     - Timing
   - Hawaii
   - Guam
   - Departure time
     - President’s instructions
   - Press list
     - Briefing
   - Patrick J. Buchanan
     - Questions
     - John A. Scali
   - Subjects

Ziegler left at 11:12 am.
Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 11:12 am.

Schedule
- Rogers
- Call to Lanusse
  - Donald F. Barnes

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:24 am.

[The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 11:12 am and 11:24 am.]

[Conversation No. 666-2B]

[See Conversation No. 20-46]
Haldeman, Ehrlichman and Woods left at 11:24 am.

Kissinger and Barnes entered at 11:24 am.

The President on the line

[Barnes talked with an unknown colonel at an unknown time after 11:24 am; the President and Kissinger can be heard in the background.]

[Conversation No. 666-2C]

Colonel on the line

Memorandum
  -Connally

Georges J.R. Pompidou
  -Letter to the President
  -Economy
    -Arthur F. Burns

[The President talked with Lanusse between 11:24 am and 11:41 am; Kissinger can be heard in the background.]

[Conversation No. 666-2D]

[See Conversation No. 20-46]

[End of telephone conversation]

Ziegler
  -Briefing

President’s appreciation
  -Barnes’s translation

Bull entered at an unknown time after 11:41 am.

President’s schedule
  -Ziegler
-Forthcoming meeting
-Film production
  -Reception of diplomatic credentials
-Meeting with attorneys [drug prosecution program]
  -Length
  -Egil (“Bud”) Krogh, Jr.
  -Richard G. Kleindienst
-Attorney General [John N. Mitchell]
  -Meeting
  -Attendance

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:43 am.

Mujibar Rahman
  -Compared to Sukarno
  -Aid to Pakistan

Ziegler entered at 11:43 am.

Haldeman’s interview on Today show, February 7, 1972
  -Ziegler’s previous conversation with Haldeman
  -Ziegler briefing
    -Press
      -Personal point of view
      -Haldeman’s intent
        -Critics of war
        -Disunity
      -Questions
      -Ziegler’s talk with the President
        -Possible agreement with Haldeman’s statement
  -Handling
    -President’s position
    -Motives of critics
    -Ziegler’s strategy
  -Criticism
    -Effect
      -Peace proposal
        -Possible administration response
  -Muskie

Xuan Thuy
- Negotiations
  - Acknowledgement
- Statements
  - Agreement with administration
- Gen. Nguyen Van Thieu
- Election
- Military compared to political issues
  - May 31, 1971 proposal
    - Proposed details
- Thieu
  - Election
- President’s instructions
- Rogers
- Political condition
- North Vietnamese
  - Propaganda
  - Negotiations
  - Transcript

Ziegler left at an unknown time before 11:54 am.

Vietnam negotiations
  - Military compared to political issues
    - August 971
    - May 31, 1971

Bull entered at an unknown time after 11:43 am.

Kleindienst
  - Arrival

The President, Kissinger, and Bull left at 11:54 am.
Conversation No. 666-3

Date: February 7, 1972
Time: Unknown between 11:54 pm and 12:23 pm
Location: Oval Office

Stephen B. Bull met with an unknown person.

Request for a call to the press office
-Bull’s schedule

Bull and the unknown person left at an unknown time before 12:23 pm.

Conversation No. 666-9

Date: February 7, 1972
Time: Unknown between 12:18 pm and 12:23 pm
Location: Oval Office


Manolo Sanchez’s location
-Cabinet Room

[Unintelligible]

An unknown agent talked with an unknown person at an unknown time after 12:18 pm.

[Conversation No. 666-9A]

[Unintelligible]

[End of telephone conversation]

[Unintelligible]

The agents left at an unknown time before 12:23 pm.
Conversation No. 666-10

Date: February 7, 1972
Time: Unknown between 12:18 pm and 12:23 pm
Location: Oval Office

Stephen B. Bull met with Manolo Sanchez.

[Unintelligible]

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 12:23 pm.

Conversation No. 666-4

Date: February 7, 1972
Time: Unknown between 12:18 pm and 12:23 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Schedule
- Forthcoming meeting with ambassadors [Moulaye el-Hassan Ould Moktar and Witold Trampczynski]
- Telephone

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:23 pm.

Conversation No. 666-5

Date: February 7, 1972
Time: Unknown between 12:18 pm and 12:23 pm
Location: Oval Office

Manolo Sanchez met with an unknown person.
Sanchez and the unknown person left at an unknown time before 12:23 pm.

Date: February 7, 1972
Time: 12:42 pm - 1:30 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

Cabinet
- Meetings
  - Congressional leaders
- White House staff
- William P. Rogers
- Henry A. Kissinger
  - Relationship with Rogers
- John N. Mitchell
  - Martha (Beall) Mitchell
    - Remarks made
- Robert H. Finch
  - Possible Congressional run
    - Elliot L. Richardson
- Rogers
-Unknown man
-Staff

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 33s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

The President’s schedule
-Cabinet
  -John B. Connally
    -Schedule
      -Idanell (Brill) (“Nellie”) Connally

Charles G. (“Bebe”) Rebozo and Robert H. Abplanalp
-Relationship with the President
-Abraham Lincoln
  -[Mary Todd Lincoln]
  -Friends
-Mitchell
  -Campaign committee
-Martha Mitchell
  -Relationship with Woods
-Hobart D. (“Hobe”) Lewis
  -Issues
-Paul W. Keyes

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 1m 57s ]
The President’s schedule
-Cabinet
  -Departments
  -Melvin R. Laird
  -Rogers
  -“Duke” Rose [?]
-Golf
  -Possible location

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 5m 18s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

Manolo Sanchez and Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 12:42 pm.

Refreshments

Ronald L. Ziegler
  -Meeting with the President

Sanchez and Bull left at an unknown time before 1:29 pm.
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 1m 4s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

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The President left at an unknown time before 1:29 pm.

Ziegler entered at 1:29 pm

The President’s schedule
 - Ziegler’s action
 - The President’s reaction
   - Kissinger
 - Woods’s schedule
   - The President’s schedule
 - The President and Woods

Woods and Ziegler left at 1:30 pm.

Conversation No. 666-7

Date: February 7, 1972
Time: 1:31 pm - 2:03 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Greetings

Press briefing
 - Criticism
 - H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman’s interview on the Today show, February 7, 1972
 - Xuan Thuy
-White House

Haldeman interview briefing
- The President’s meeting with Haldeman
  - Critics
    - Liberals
      - Reaction to Haldeman’s rhetoric
  - The President’s peace proposals
    - Prospects
      - Need for unity
  - Haldeman’s view
    - Talk with Ziegler
  - The President’s view
  - Unity
- Edmund S. Muskie statement
  - Honesty
    - William P. Rogers’s statement
      - Muskie’s statement questioned
    - Facts
- Motives compared to effect
- Barbara Walters
- Effectiveness of press interviews
  - Haldeman
  - John D. Ehrlichman
  - Henry A. Kissinger
    - Rogers
- Haldeman’s interview
  - Timing
    - Compared to Muskie’s statement
- Muskie statements
  - Possible response form the Administration
    - William E. Brock, III [?] 
  - Rogers
  - Ziegler’s remarks
  - Unity
  - Cease-fire
    - 1970
- Withdrawal of forces
- Patrick J. Buchanan
  - Talk with Ziegler
    - Possible response
Press stories
  -Coverage
    -Campaign
    -Signing bills
      -Foreign aid
    -The President’s schedule
    -President’s speech
      -Television coverage
    -Press list
    -Haldeman’s interview
      -Democrats’ reaction
      -Michael J. Mansfield
        -Criticism
          -Freedom of speech
      -Haldeman
    -Hugh Scott statement
    -Alan Cranston
    -Public support for President
      -Ziegler’s example
    -Press questions
      -Kissinger
      -Xuan Thuy
        -Military compared to political issues
    -Haldeman’s reaction to criticism
      -Haldeman’s talk with Ziegler
    -Mansfield
      -Critics
        -Senators
          -Right to express themselves
      -Haldeman
    -Administration handling

President’s schedule
  -Press conference
    -Timing
      -Upcoming trip to the People’s Republic of China [PRC]
        -Announcement
        -Schedule
          -Hawaii
            -Briefing
- Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon attendance on PRC trip
  - History of Mrs. Nixon’s travels
  - Buchanan
  - Kissinger
- Preparations
  - Questions
- Numbers
  - Frequency
- Vietnam
  - Criticism
    - Possible response by the Administration
      - Motives
  - Muskie
  - Unity
  - Critics
  - President’s responsibility
- Press conference
  - Television
    - Options

Press stories
- Press list for PRC trip
  - Exclusions
    - Nicholas P. Thimmesch
    - Cliff Evans, RKO
    - Alan Leo
    - Upcoming trip the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
    - Representation
    - Journalists
    - Trip coverage
  - William F. Buckley, Jr.
    - Location
    - Attitude
  - Hawaii briefing

- Today Show
  - Haldeman’s briefing
  - Journalistic contacts
  - Jack N. Anderson papers
    - Kissinger
    - [Yeoman Charles E. Radford]
    - Alexander M. Haig’s, Ziegler’s reactions
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- PRC
  - Air Force One
  - Wire reports
  - Henry A. Kissinger’s possible involvement
- Haldeman’s comments
  - Kissinger’s concern
  - Ziegler’s view
  - Democrats
  - Vietnam War critics
    - The President’s posture
    - Haldeman’s intent
- Effect
- Press conference
  - Call for honest criticism
  - Possible pressure from the press
- Lyndon B. Johnson
  - Previous press attacks
- Edward M. Kennedy
  - Comment
- Alejandro A. Lanusse
  - Telephone call
  - Length
- Meeting with attorneys
  - Drug prosecution program
- Haldeman interview
  - Democrats
    - Muskie
    - Kennedy
  - Ziegler’s press conference comments
    - Muskie statements
    - Rogers statement
      - Timing
      - Taping time
- World report
- Busing
  - Extensive statement

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
Ziegler left at 2:03 pm.

Conversation No. 666-8

Date: February 7, 1972
Time: 2:04 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

Schedule

The President and Sanchez left at 2:04 pm.

Conversation No. 666-11

Date: February 7, 1972
Time: Unknown between 2:04 pm and 11:59 pm
Location: Oval Office

An unknown person [Secret Service agent] talked with an unknown person.

[Conversation No. 666-11A]

[Unintelligible]
Conv. No. 666-8 (cont.)

The President’s location
- Executive Office Building [EOB]

[End of telephone conversation]