Conversation No. 673-1

Date: February 16, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:25 pm and 3:44 pm
Location: Oval Office

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

[Unintelligible]

Conversation No. 673-2

Date: February 16, 1972
Time: 3:44 pm - 4:14 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

Greetings

Choice of eyeglasses
   -Instructions

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal-Returnable]
[Duration: 51s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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President’s schedule

- Forthcoming trip to the People’s Republic of China [PRC]
  - Well-wishers
    - Calls
    - Prayer groups
      - Unknown people
        - Possible gift
  - Lyndon B. Johnson’s letter
  - J. Edgar Hoover
  - Julie Nixon Eisenhower
  - Bess (Wallace) Truman
    - The President’s birthday message
  - Walter H. Annenberg note
    - [David] Kenneth Rush
    - Henry A. Kissinger
      - Martin J. Hillenbrand
        - Possible appointment
    - Peter M. Flanigan
  - Ronald W. Reagan and Nancy (Davis) Reagan
    - Anniversary
      - Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon
        - Schedule
          - Lunch
          - San Clemente
        - Letter
          - Dictation of letter to Johnson
            - PRC trip
              - Appreciation for wishes
              - Possible briefing

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 53s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

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Letters
   -Reading
   -Work involved
   -Woods

Alan Brown’s call to President
   -Return
   -Mrs. Nixon
   -Alexander P. Butterfield
   -Julie Nixon Eisenhower
   -Tricia Nixon Cox
      -Return of call
   -Woods
      -President’s instructions

The President’s schedule
   -The President’s work
   -Reading
      -National Security Council [NSC]
   -Domestic policy and problems

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 37s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

The President’s schedule
Typing
- Completion
- Proofing
- Book
- Fastening
- Labeling
- President’s instructions

PRC trip
- People’s views

Manolo Sanchez, Zosimo T. Monzon

Woods left and H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman entered at 3:56 pm.

Domestic matters

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: _1m 54s_] END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

Ambassadors
- West Germany
- Hillenbrand
- Possible selection
- 1972 election
- Kissinger
- Training
- Rush
- Relocation

Appointments
-Assistant secretaries
-Chief of Protocol
  -Frederic V. Malek
  -Marion H. Smoak
  -James J. Reynolds
  -Contribution
    -Amount
  -Smoak
  -Strom Thurmond
  -L. Nicholas Ruwe
  -John J. Rhodes
  -John C. Whitaker
  -Patrick J. Buchanan
  -Ruwe
    -Mrs. Nixon
-Ruwe
  -Ambassadorship
    -Portugal
      -[Ridgeway B. Knight]
-Chief of Protocol
  -Description of position
  -Reynolds
    -Trips
  -Trips
    -Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
-Foreign visitors
  -Turk [Nihat Erim]
  -Mexican [Luis Echeverria Alvarez]
-1972 campaign
-Smoak
-Ruwe
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: _3s_]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8

-Ambassadorship
  -Portugal
    -President’s opinion
    -Hunting

Malek
  -Responsiveness of government
  -Domestic Council
    -Office of Management and Budget [OMB]
  -Charles W. Colson
  -John D. Ehrlichman
  -Colson
  -Malek

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 11
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: _43s_]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 11
Conv. No. 673-2 (cont.)

-Committee to Re-elect the President [CRP]
  -Maurice H. Stans
    -Finance
  -Colson
  -Malek
    -John N. Mitchell’s view

PRC trip
  -Woods
  -Letters
    -Hoover
    -Johnson
    -Hoover
  -Hoover
    -Liberals
    -Conservatives
      -Ehrlichman
    -Life
      -Princeton University group
      -Spiro T. Agnew
  -Cameras
    -Leaders
  -Possible departure plan
    -Michael J. Mansfield
    -Hugh Scott
  -Airport
    -Gerald R. Ford
      -Possible photograph opportunity
    -Spirit of ’76
  -Farewell ceremony
    -Mansfield
      -Unknown person

Haldeman left at 4:14 pm.
Date: February 16, 1972
Time: 4:15 pm - 5:38 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Bangladesh aid
  -Humanitarian relief
  -Amount
  -Bureaucracy
  -Joseph J. Sisco

People’s Republic of China [PRC] trip
  -Haig
  -Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
  -Vietnam
    -Offensive
    -North Vietnam
    -President’s instructions
      -Possible criticism
  -Chinese
    -Significance of President’s visit
  -Kissinger’s lunch at San Souci
    -Dr. David K.E. Bruce
    -Good wishes for the President
    -Phil Potter

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at 4:20 pm.

Additions
  -Bags

Butterfield left at 4:22 pm.
PRC trip
  - Potter
  - Theodore H. (“Teddy”) White
    - Call to Kissinger
  - Press
    - Briefings
  - Communist countries
    - The President’s and Kissinger’s previous trips
    - Nikita S. Khrushchev, 1959
      - Press
        - Exhibition
        - Debates
  - Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon’s schedule
  - Opera
    - Mao Tse-tung
  - Communiqué
    - Language
      - President’s suggestion for Kissinger
    - Marshall Green
    - William P. Rogers
    - Taiwan, Republic of China
    - Trade
      - US position
  - Talks
    - Mao Tse-tung
    - Chou En-lai
      - Foreign minister
    - Trade
      - State Department interest
        - Rogers, Green
        - Rogers
          - Kissinger
    - Kissinger’s view
      - Communiqué
        - Revolution
        - First draft
        - Taiwan
          - Mao Tse-tung
            - Potential problems with the communiqué
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[National Security]
[Duration: 6s]

TAIWAN

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

-Talking points
  -Leaders
  -Domestic matters
  -Plane
  -Arrival in Hawaii
  -Press
    -Ronald L. Ziegler
    -Upcoming conversation with Kissinger
    -Previous discussions with the press
    -Movie
      -Haig
  -Kissinger
    -Plane
  -Press conference
    -Prepared statement
      -President’s upcoming meeting with Congressional leaders
    -Ziegler
      -Briefings
      -Communiqué
  -Communiqué
  -Release
    -Possible timing
      -The President’s announcement
  -Peking
  -Shanghai
  -Hangchow
- Return to Washington, DC
  - The President’s statement
- Kissinger
  - Background work
  - Treaty with Taiwan
- Shanghai
  - Release
- October 1971
  - Chou En-Lai
  - Rogers
    - Role
    - State Department
    - Draft
- Rogers
  - Knowledge of parallel communiqué
  - Formosa
    - Agreement
- South Korea
- Japan
  - US defense commitments
- Peking
- Formosa
  - Wording
- Renunciation of forces
  - State Department
  - Pacific
  - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
    - Chinese
      - Self-restraint
    - Pacific
- Issues for agreement and disagreement
  - Rogers
    - Chou En-lai
- Kissinger draft
  - Chou En-lai
- Press
  - October 1971

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 4:22 pm.

Richard G. Kleindienst
- Arrival

John D. Ehrlichman
- Meeting with the President

Memorandum
- Ziegler
  - Kissinger
  - Press
    - Hawaii
    - PRC
    - Technical matters
    - Questions
    - Movie

Bull left at an unknown time before 4:34 pm.

PRC trip
- Agenda
- Chinese
  - Notes
    - Vietnam
- Vietnam
  - Talking points
    - Possible change in time
- USSR
  - President’s future trips
  - Staff
  - Cabinet officers
    - Attendance on future trips
    - Briefing books
  - Rogers
- Calls to Kissinger
  - Unknown investment firm
    - New York
  - Council on Foreign Relations
- Ziegler
  - Patrick J. Buchanan [?]

Kissinger left and John D. Ehrlichman entered at 4:34 pm.
Kleindienst
  - Briefing paper
    - Confirmation
      - Jerris Leonard

Leonard
  [Law Enforcement Assistance Administration [LEAA?]]
    - White House

Kleindienst entered at 4:36 pm.

Greetings
PRC trip
Confirmation
Jews
Election
John N. Mitchell
  - Praise for Kleindienst

Kleindienst
  - Attorney General post
    - Mitchell
      - Relationship with the President

Politics
  - Mitchell

Busing
Kleindienst appointment
  - Role as Attorney General
    - Staff
      - Morale
      - White House
        - Relationship
          - Inter-departmental conflict
Conv. No. 673-3 (cont.)

- Reputation as a “team player”
- Narcotics
  - President’s request
    - John B. Connally
      - Working relationship
    - Call from Kleindienst
      - Connally’s location
      - President’s remarks
    - Kleindienst’s upcoming conversation with Connally
  - Relationship
    - Similar position

- White House
  - Department of Justice [DOJ]
    - Possible problems
  - Connally
  - Housing
  - Busing
    - Ehrlichman
      - Role
    - Edward L. Morgan
    - John W. Dean, III
    - Civil Rights Division
      - David L. Norman
  - Kleindienst
    - Comparisons to Mitchell
  - Civil rights issues
    - PRC
    - Political volatility
    - Ehrlichman
      - News summaries
      - Mitchell

- Deputy Director
  - Louis Patrick Gray, III
    - Praise from Kleindienst
- Housing issue
  - Cabinet
    - George W. Romney
- Proposal
- Request from Kleindienst
- Housing
  - Romney
-Mitchell
-Ehrlichman
-DOJ
-Busing
-Civil Rights Division
-Office of Legal Counsel
-Ralph E. Erickson and William H. Rehnquist
-Office of Legal Council
-Camp David
-Erickson
-Norman’s involvement
-Sensitivity as issue
-Compared to wage and price controls
-Housing
-Forest Hills
-Jews
-Airplane
-Miami
-John V. Lindsay
-Housing
-As issue
-Law, politics
-Kleindienst’s experience
-Confirmation
-Issues
-Policy papers
-Morgan
-Housing
-Confirmation
-Questions
-Briefing
-The President’s intended responses
-Federal support
-Communities
-Chicago Congressmen
-Long Island
-Relevance of issues
-St. Louis
-Blackjack case
-Atlanta
-Congressmen
- Blackjack case
  - Mitchell
- Integration
  - Forced
    - Government
    - President’s view
- Busing
  - Race issue
  - Reverse racism
  - Political volatility
- Confirmation
  - White House
    - Working relationship with Ehrlichman
    - Deniability for the President
- Anti-trust
  - Unknown person
    - Rehnquist
    - Politics
  - Moratorium
  - Unknown person
    - Politics
- International Business Machines [IBM]
  - Peter M. Flanigan
    - S. Stephen Karalekas
      - Meeting with Kleindienst
        - Timing
  - Bureaucrats
    - Karalekas
    - Richard W. McLaren
      - Purpose of meetings
- DOJ
  - The President’s re-election
  - Activism of Administration
- Busing
  - Howard H. Baker, Jr.
    - Constitutional amendment
      - Court action
      - Kleindienst
        - Meeting
          - William E. Brock, III
          - Robert P. Griffin
Conv. No. 673-3 (cont.)

- Mitchell
- Timing
- DOJ
  - Support of amendment
- DOJ
  - Possible intervention
- Earl Warren Court
  "Nixon Court"

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: _1m 12s_]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

- White House staff
- Blacks
  - Forthcoming meeting
- Statement
  - Brief
    - *Brown vs. Board of Education*
      - Alexander M. Bickel
      - Supreme Court
      - Constitution interpretation
        - Education
- Constitutional amendment
  - Lawyers
  - Amendments
  - The President’s view on busing
    - Michael J. Mansfield
    - Hugh Scott
    - William Raspberry
      - *Washington Post*
  - Education
- Race
- Symbolism
- Black leadership
  - Potential criticism of Edmund S. Muskie
  - Opposition to amendment
    - Percentage
    - Vote in 1968
- Elliot Richardson
- *Swann vs. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education*
- School districts
- Richardson
  - Possible busing lawsuits
- Romney

- Paper
- Education
- National television address
- Constitutional amendment
  - Paper
    - Ehrlichman
    - Camp David
    - George P. Shultz
      - Cabinet committee
        - Chairman
        - Role
- California
  - Weather
- Florida
- Camp David
  - Aspen Lodge
  - Erickson
- Guidance
  - The President
    - Ehrlichman
- Dual school system
- Clauses
  - Draft
    - Simplicity
- Attorney General
- Congress
  - Amendment
    - President’s view
-Muskie
-Visc President Spiro T. Agnew
  -*Today* show
    -Appearance
    -Agnew’s opinion on the Constitutional amendment
    -Timing
    -The President’s press conference, February 10, 1972

-Women
  -Supreme Court
    -President’s view
    -Mitchell
    -Chief Justice [Warren E. Burger]
  -Preparation for position
  -Ku Klux Klan [KKK]
  -Number qualified
  -Council of Economic Advisors [CEA]
    -[Marina Von N. Whitman]
  -Law school attendance
    -Number of women
    -The President’s experience

-Kleindienst
  -Meetings with Ehrlichman
    -Timing
    -Work relationship
  -Meetings with the President
    -Mitchell
  -Bureaucrats
  -White House
  -Cooperation

Salary of Cabinet officers
  -Amount
  -Confirmation
  -Swearing-in

Shultz entered at 5:08 pm.

Shultz
  -Busing
    -Cabinet committee
-Chairman
- Ehrlichman
- Conference
  - Camp David
- Kleindienst

Busing
- Lawyers
- Paper
  - Compared to brief in *Brown vs. Board of Education*
  - Quality education
    - Administration goal
  - Amendment
    - Possible end to busing
  - Inferior education
- Speech by the President
  - Television
- Integrated education
  - Potential results
- Equal education for all children
- Freedom of choice
  - Example
- Amendment
- Liberals
  - Principle
    - Consequence
      - Racial strife
- Level of education
  - Quality and quality
    - Kleindienst’s confirmation
- Shultz
  - Cabinet committee
    - Meeting
      - Timing
  - Ehrlichman
    - Agnew’s statement
      - Press conference
  - Cabinet committee
    - Timing of meeting
    - Attorney General
    - Richardson
- Shultz
- Ehrlichman
- Kleindienst
- Blacks
  - Opinions
  - The President’s schedule

Kleindienst left at 5:14 pm.

PRC trip
  - Shultz
  - Ehrlichman
  - Haig
  - Agnew
    - Role
      - Cabinet meeting
        - Domestic Council
        - Cabinet meeting
        - Rogers
        - Domestic Council

Economy
  - Administration action
    - Compared to appearance
  - Controls
    - Donald H. Rumsfeld
      - Wage and price controls
        - Dr. Jackson (“Dan”) Grayson, Jr.
        - [George H. Boldt]
  - Policy
    - White House
    - Connally
      - Cost of Living Council [COLC]
      - International spokesman
      - Connally’s work schedule
        - Allocation of time
        - Staff
      - Wage and price board
        - Rumsfeld
        - Ehrlichman
        - Shultz, Ehrlichman
- Narcotics
- Possible meeting
  - Timing
  - Rumsfeld

Labor disputes
  - Teamsters Union
  - Dock strike
    - Wage board
      - Activity
  - Teamsters
    - Public support
    - Connally
    - Rumsfeld
  - Dock strike
    - Possible damage to the economy
    - Wage board
      - Shultz’s possible work with Arnold R. Weber
    - Docks
      - Productivity gains
      - Contract
        - Cost of living clause absence
  - Wage Board
    - Shultz talk with Connally
    - Congress
      - Possible injunction
        - Possible scenario
  - British
    - Coal settlement
      - Criticism
      - Camp David
      - Bill
        - Signing
          - 10-day period
      - Executive Board
        - Contract
          - Approval
          - Voting structure
            - Process
              - Possible results
  - Law
-Signing
  -PRC
  -Raymond K. Price, Jr.
  -Cable
  -Haldeman
  -PRC

-Teamsters
  -Chicago local
  -General contract
  -Frank E. Fitzsimmons
  -Pay Board
  -Press
  -Criticism
  -Members
  -Aerospace industry
  -Dock workers
  -Attitude

Economy
  -Controls
  -Price Commission
  -Staff
    -Increase
  -Controls
    -Public view
    -Poll
      -Rumsfeld
      -Wall Street Journal
  -Public view
  -Harvard University Club
    -Meeting
      -Liberals
    -Unions
    -New York
    -Conservatives
      -Liberals
    -Age
    -Alumni
    -Child development
      -Liberals
      -Conservatives
-Wages
-Prices
-Unions

-Arthur F. Burns meeting
  -Shultz
    -Ehrlichman
  -Convertibility
  -Money supply
  -Budget
  -Value-added tax [VAT]

-Spending for January 1972
  -Defense
    -Assistant secretaries, comptroller
  -Meetings

-Connally
  -Shultz’s meeting
    -Possible return to convertibility
    -The President’s view

-Burns
  -Talk with Ehrlichman
  -Shultz’s letter
    -Possible signature
    -President’s instructions to Butterfield

-Cabinet Room meeting
-Wage and price controls
  -Rumsfeld
  -As political issue
  -Caspar W. (“Cap”) Weinberger
    -Memorandum
      -VAT
      -Meat prices
        -Possible Administration response
        -Decision paper
        -Imports
          -Expansion
          -John C. Whitaker
            -Proposed figure
          -Cattle growers
            -Earl L. Butz
            -Housewives
            -Support
-Ehrlichman
-Butz
-Connally
-Mitchell
-Bargaining

-Farm prices
-Butz
  -Television appearance
    -Cost
    -Middleman
    -Wage cost
    -Processing

-Food prices
  -Meat
  -Fish
    -Consumption
      -Types of fish
    -Consumerism
    -Environmentalism
      -Maurice H. Stans
      -Saccharin

PRC trip

Shultz’s and Ehrlichman’s schedule
  -Camp David

The President’s schedule

Economy
  -Connally
  -Shultz’s responsibilities
    -Rumsfeld
  -Rumsfeld
    -Talk with the President
  -Schedule
  -Connally
  Schedule
    -Texas
  -Rumsfeld
    -Meeting
- Cattle growers
- Food prices
  - Whitaker
- Unions

Labor
- Unions
- Construction
  - Meeting with the President
- Votes
  - President’s view
- George Meany
  - Budget briefing
  - Response
  - Stephen D. Bechtel
  - Ideas

PRC trip

The President’s schedule
  - Barber

Ehrlichman and Shultz left at 5:38 pm.