Conversation No. 683-20/684-1

Date: March 13, 1972
Time: Unknown after 3:48 pm until 6:03 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Charles W. Colson and Kenneth W. Clawson; the conversation was in progress when the recording began. This conversation continues from Oval 683.

International Telephone and Telegraph [ITT]
- Robert C. Griffin
  - Talk with Colson
    - Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
    - Contributions
  - Richard W. McLaren
    - Settlement
      - Possible television appearance
  - Need for cohesive response
- Robert C. Wilson
- John N. Mitchell
  - Meeting with Colson
- People involved
  - Anti-trust policy study
- John B. Connally
- Richard G. Kleindienst confirmation
- Wallace H. Johnson
  - Kleindienst confirmation
- Louie B. Nunn
  - Relationship with Dita D. Beard
    - Party
      - Beard's meeting with Mitchell
- Kleindienst
  - Confirmation hearings
    - Testimony
      - The President's schedule
- Press coverage
- Beard's secretary
  - Memorandum
    - Jack N. Anderson's secretary
      - Possible testimony
- Anderson
  - Relationship with Beard
    - Beard's habits
-Beard memorandum
  -Conflicting stories
     -William R. Merriam
     -Beard’s secretary
  -Typewriter
     -Testimony
     -Typing
        -Compared to Alger Hiss case
        -Different people's typing style
           -Investigation
           -Secretary
           -Beard
     -Howard Hughes fraud
        -Clifford Irving
  -Typewriters
     -Letters
        -Priscilla Hiss
           -Son
        -Misspellings
  -Merriam
  -Staff of ITT
     -Offices
        -Beard
  -Press coverage
     -Hearings
     -Kleindienst
     -Robert J. Dole
     -Democrats
        -Campaign funds
     -Kleindienst
        -Hearings
        -Reactions
        -Sherman Adams comparison
           -Dwight D. Eisenhower
           -President’s views

Clawson left at 4:37 pm.
ITT
  -Anderson
  -Typewriters
    -Investigation
    -Beard memorandum
  -Kleindienst
    -The President
    -Press coverage
      -Anderson
        -Brit Hume
  -Clawson
  -Mitchell
    -Role
    -Knowledge of contribution
      -Kleindienst
      -Peter M. Flanigan
      -John D. Ehrlichman
      -Harold S. Geneen
        -Mitchell’s testimony
  -Anti-trust case
    -Discussion
    -McLaren
    -Policy issue
    -Geneen
    -Edwin Reinecke
      -Conversation with Mitchell
        -Contribution
  -Administration
  -Geneen
    -Conversations with Flanigan, Mitchell, Ehrlichman and Colson
      -Ehrlichman’s conversation with the President
    -Jack Brooks
    -Vance Hartke
    -Philip A. Hart
    -Emmanuel Celler
    -Peter W. Rodino, Jr.
    -Democrats
  -Files
    -Flanigan, Colson, Ehrlichman
      -Justice Department relations
    -Policy
    -Connally
- Dates
  - Edward J. Gerrity, Jr. meeting with Agnew
  - Meeting with Geneen
    - Edward M. Kennedy
    - Federal Communications Commission [FCC]
      - Contribution
      - Wilson
      - Conversation with Haldeman
  - Memorandum to Mitchell
    - Herbert G. Klein and Robert H. Finch
    - San Diego
  - Hearings
    - Advice
      - Beard
      - Anderson's secretaries
      - Administration
        - Kleindienst
          - Possible resignation
          - Congressional reaction
          - Press
          - Greg Yearning
          - Gerald R. Ford
          - Mitchell
          - Memoranda
          - Flanigan
            - Business dinners
              - Blair House
              - National Association of Manufacturers [NAM]
            - Henry A. Kissinger
  - Dishonesty within administration

1972 campaign
  - Finances
    - Edmund S. Muskie
    - President
    - New campaign finance law
    - Muskie
      - Reporting contributions
      - Press
      - Unknown man's reports to Colson
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 7m 8s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Press stories
- New Hampshire primary
- Bombings
- Paris negotiations between the US and the People’s Republic of China [PRC]
- ITT
  - Sherman Adams case comparison
    - The President’s role
    - Eisenhower
  - Adams
  - Styles Bridges
  - Adams
    - Role in government
    - Bernard Goldfine
    - Norris Cotton [?]
    - Bridges
  - Compared to Kleindienst

ITT hearings
- Kleindienst
  - Strategy
- Joseph McCarthy
- Hiss case
  - Harry S. Truman
  - Washington Post
  - New York Times
  - Typewriter
  - Whitaker Chambers
  - Views on communism
    - The press
      - James B. (“Scotty”) Reston
-Marquis W. Childs
-Jewish people
-Silberberg [Nathan G. Silvermaster]
-Elizabeth T. Bentley
-Lee Pressman
-Chambers
-Experiences in World War II
-Soviet Union
-Adolf Hitler
-Communism

-Schedule

The PRC trip
-Effect of ITT case
-Clayton Fritchey
-Compared to ITT case
-Public confidence in the President
-Louis P. Harris

-Polls
-Minnesota
-Robert P. Griffin
-Harris
-Muskie

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 56s]
END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
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ITT
-Kennedy, Birch E. Bayh, Jr. and Anderson
-Beard memorandum
-Typewriter
The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 4:37 pm and 5:11 pm.

[Conversation No. 683-20/684-1B]

[See Conversation No. 21-55]

[End of telephone conversation]

Clawson
  - The President’s view
    - Washington Post
      - Clark R. Mollenhoff

Colson left and H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman entered at 5:11 pm.

The President talked with Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon between 5:11 pm and 5:12 pm.

[Conversation No. 683-20/684-1C]

[See Conversation No. 21-56]

[End of telephone conversation]

The President's schedule
  - Key Biscayne
    - John B. Connally’s possible trip
      - Idanell B. (“Nellie”) Connally
    - Mitchell’s possible trip

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 5:12 pm.

Washington Star
  - Copy for the President

Bull left at an unknown time before 5:27 pm.

Washington Star
  - Panda story
    - Mating of pandas
Mitchell's schedule
  -Key Biscayne
  -Connally’s schedule
    -Haldeman's schedule

The President's schedule
  -Forthcoming event in Texas

ITT case
  -The President's talk with Colson
    -Mitchell
    -Geneen
      -Justice Department

PRC
  -Exhibits
    -The President’s memorandum
    -Tourist interest
    -Rex W. Scouten
    -Pictures
      -Oliver F. (“Ollie”) Atkins
    -Menus
    -Chopsticks
    -Place cards
  -Pandas
    -The President's call to Crosby S. Noyes

ITT case
  -Memoranda
    -Ehrlichman
    -Flanigan
    -Files
  -Geneen
    -The President's talk with Colson
      -Kleindienst confirmation
        -Ehrlichman
    -White House strategy
      -Beard
      -Beard's and Anderson's secretaries
  -Typewriters
    -Investigators
    -Misspelled words
-Hiss case
-Beard
  -Testimony
  -Anderson's secretary
  -E. Kennedy's involvement
-Mitchell's testimony
  -Press conference
  -The President's schedule
-Beard's testimony
-Denver
-ITT offices
-Jack Gleason

The President's schedule
-Church service
  -Rose Mary Woods
-Type of guests
  -Sub-Cabinet level appointees
  -Congressmen
-Handshaking
-Haldeman's talk with Henry A. Kissinger
-Kissinger's forthcoming vacation
-Haldeman's talk with William P. Rogers

Woods entered at 5:27 pm.

Woods's schedule
  -Helene (Colesie) Drown

The President's schedule
-Church service
-Guest lists
  -White House staff
  -Secret Service
  -Assistant secretaries
  -Shaking hands
  -Choir
  -Photographs
  -Shaking hands
  -Closing speech by the President
  -Personal friends
-Forthcoming dinner for Nihat Erim
-Forthcoming dinner for Hussein Ibn Talal [Hussein, King of Jordan]
-Forthcoming Organization of American States [OAS] dinner
-Possible for 12th Mexico-US Interparliamentary Conference
-Unknown dinner
  -Maurice H. Stans
  -Gridiron dinner
-Terry Thompson's [?] visit
  -Church service
    -Thompson's wife
    -Trans World Airlines [TWA]
    -Timing
-Church services
  -1972 election
-Forthcoming dinner for Erim
  -After dinner entertainment
-Dinners
  -Plans for after dinner events
    -Black tie compared to white tie
      -Dinner for Erim
      -Dinner for Hussein
      -Acapulco
      -Puerto Vallarta
      -Former president of Mexico
      -Lunches
      -Amistad Dam
-Entertainment
  -Dorothy Kirsten
  -Gordon MacRae
  -Kirsten
    -Kirsten Flagstad
    -Kirsten and John D. French
  -Lainie Kazan
  -Choirs for White House church services
    -Compared to singers
-Novel read by Haldeman
  -Fictional First Lady
    -Party at the White House
    -London rock group
-Church service
  -Guest list
    -Arthur F. Burns
    -Cabinet members
- Tricia Nixon Cox's attendance at a dinner
  - Compared to White House social events
    - Rich people in attendance
    - Young people
    - Robert C. (“Bob”) Wilson
    - Hugh Scott
    - Robert J. Dole
    - Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
    - Woods’s attendance
      - Stans
      - John N. Mitchell
      - Paul Garvey
      - Martha (Beall) Mitchell

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7
[Privacy]
[Duration: 28s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 42s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8

The President’s previous conversation with Nixon
- Busing issue
Church service

News stories
- British officer
- Soviet Union
- Pandas
- Mating

Woods left at 5:53 pm.

ITT
- Flanigan
  - Analyst [Richard J. Ramsden]
    - Investment firm
    - Background
- Democrats
- Beard
  - Testimony
- Witnesses
- Beard memorandum

Kissinger
- Possible resignation
- Talk with Haldeman
- Rogers
  - The President’s view
  - Forthcoming US-Soviet Union Summit
Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 5:53 pm.

The President's schedule
- Executive Office Building [EOB]
- California

Refreshment

Haldeman and Sanchez left at 6:03 pm.

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The President dictated a memorandum to H.R. (“Bob”) Haldeman.

Haldeman

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at an unknown time after 6:03 pm.

Signing documents

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 6:05 pm.
The President continued dictating.

The President's schedule
- Meeting with William F. ("Billy") Graham and religious leaders
  - Henry A. Kissinger
  - Schedule
  - Meetings with political groups
  - Meetings with columnists
- White House church service
  - Army Chorus
  - Half hour church service
    - Army Chorus
  - Speakers for service
    - Army chorus
    - Religious songs

International Telephone and Telegraph [ITT] case
- Growth
  - John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson administrations
    - Stop growth
    - Present administration
  - Haldeman's talk with Charles W. Colson
    - Lawyer for ITT or Department of Justice
      - Prosecution during Johnson administration
        - Harold S. Geneen testimony
- Testimony against the President
  - Lyndon K. ("Mort") Allin's office
  - Editorials or columns
    - Criticism
- Files of the House Un-American Activities Committee [HUAC]
  - Alger Hiss case
    - Editorials
      - New York Times and the Washington Post
        - Condemnation of the committee
          - Hearsay evidence

Graham
- Talks with Haldeman
  - Political situation

Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
-Talk with Haldeman
-Press

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 2m 33s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

William P. Rogers situation
-Ronald L. Ziegler
-Herbert G. Klein
-Press questions
-Ziegler's statement
-Klein

The President completed the dictation.

Conversation No. 684-3

Date: March 13, 1972
Time: Unknown between 6:03 pm and 6:05 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown person.

Memorandum to H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
-Transcription
-Rose Mary Woods
-Marjorie P. Acker

The unknown person left.