Conversation No. 692-1

Date: March 23, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:56 pm and 4:03 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President practiced a speech entitled "Remarks About the Resignation of George Meany From the Pay Board." See the Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard Nixon, 1972, pages 485-486.

Conversation No. 692-2

Date: March 23, 1972
Time: 4:03 pm - 4:04 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

The President's schedule
-Forthcoming Pay Board speech
-Ziegler's briefing
-Questions
-George P. Shultz

Ziegler left.

Conversation No. 692-3

Date: March 23, 1972
Time: 4:08 pm - 5:02 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Marshall Green, John H. Holdridge, Alexander M. Haig, Jr.; members of the press and the White House photographer were present at the beginning of the meeting.

Photograph session
Pay Board

Green's trip to Asia
   -Reports
   -Forthcoming appearance on *Meet the Press*

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 4:08 pm.

Press photographs
   -Ronald L. Ziegler
   -Pay Board

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 5:02 pm.

Green's forthcoming *Meet the Press* appearance
   -The President's trip to the People's Republic of China [PRC]
   -Green's meetings with Asian leaders
   -Taiwan, Republic of China
      -Secret deals
      -Absence
   -US treaty commitments
   -The President's Asian policies
      -Green’s background and experience
      -Peace in Asia
      -US allies
      -State Department's views
         -Forthcoming US-Soviet Union summit
      -Support for President’s policies
   -Historical significance
   -International concern
      -Change
      -Eisaku Sato
      -Ferdinand E. Marcos
   -Public attention

White House and press photographers entered and left at an unknown time after 4:08 pm.

Camp David
Green's schedule
- Previous appearance before the House Foreign Affairs Committee
  - The President's trip to the People's Republic of China
    - Importance
    - Foreign aid program
    - Youth
  - Nixon Doctrine
  - Opening for peace

Green's previous conversations with Asian leaders
- The President's foreign policy
  - The President's trip to the PRC
    - Laos, Cambodia, South Vietnam, Thailand
  - Vietnam
    - US support
  - Green’s conversations in Shanghai
    - Support for the President’s policies
      - Congress
      - Public support
  - Indonesia
    - Chinese
    - Soviet Union
    - North Vietnam
    - PRC

The president's foreign policy
- Views of the US Foreign Service
  - Support for the President’s policy
    - Isolationism

Japan
- Internal politics
- Views regarding the PRC
- Relations with the US
- Relations with the PRC
  - Chinese view of US
  - Chinese view of Japan
  - Chinese view of Soviet Union

Green's conversation with Lee Kuan Yew
- The President's trip to the PRC
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1  
[National Security]  
[Duration: 55s]

MALAYSIA

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7  
[National Security]  
[Duration: 26s]

MALAYSIA

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7
Thailand
- Insurgency
- Chinese
- Thanat-Khoman’s schedule
- Religious obligations
- Green’s schedule
  - Thanom Kittikachorn
  - Phrapat [?]
  - Dawee Chulasapya
  - Pote Sarasin
- Statements by government
- Green’s conversations
  - The President's PRC policy

PRC
- Importance in US foreign policy
- Vietnam

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8
[National Security]
[Duration: 46s]

US FOREIGN POLICY

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8

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PRC
- Relations with the US
  - Congress
  - Improved cooperation
    - Return of hijacked plane
    - Apology for oil spill
    - Return of yacht
- Mao Tse-tung
-Chou En-lai
-Timing
-Deaths of Ho Chi Minh, Josef V. Stalin
-Downfall of Nikita S. Khrushchev
-Compared to Hong Kong and Singapore
-Leaders
-Military
-Relations with the US
-Timing
-Age of leaders
-Mao Tse-tung
-Chou En-lai
-Relations with the Soviet Union

US foreign policy
-Authority of the President
-Congress
-Foreign aid
-Turkey
-Democratic candidates' views
-Henry M. (“Scoop”) Jackson
-Edmund S. Muskie
-Hubert H. Humphrey
-Edward M. Kennedy
-George S. McGovern
-John V. Lindsay
-Military
-Timing
-Authority of the President
-US position in international relations
-Taiwan

Japan
-Green’s view
-Eisaku Sato
-Takeo Fukudo
-Policies
-Diet
-Taiwan
-Japan-PRC relations
-Green's conversations
-The President's conversations with Chou En-Lai
-Policies
  -The President’s view
    -PRC views
      -Taiwan
      -Korea
  -The President's conversations with Chou En-lai
    -US-Japan relations
      -Japan’s economic strength
      -Japan’s neutrality
      -US influence
    -PRC reaction
      -View of Chou En-lai
      -View of Mao Tse-tung

PRC
  -Position in Asia
    -Soviet Union
    -Japan
    -India
      -Pakistan
    -US
      -Japan
      -Soviet Union
      -India
  -Views regarding US policy
    -Korean War
      -Yalu River
    -Vietnam
  -The President's conversations with Chou En-lai
    -Africa
    -Middle East
      -United Arab Republic [UAR]
  -Chou En-lai
  -Mao Tse-tung
  -Revolution
    -Power
  -Status as Communist nation
    -United Nations [UN]
    -Leaders
      -Press
      -Struggle
      -Revolution
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[National Security]
[Duration: 12s]

PRC

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

-Motives
  -Mao Tse-tung
  -Response to the President's visit

Arthur K. Watson
  -Green
  -William P. Rogers
  -Jack N. Anderson
  -Frank F. Church's comment

PRC
  -Chou En-lai's comment regarding temperance
  -Responsibility for US-PRC diplomatic channel
  -Green’s testimony
  -Rogers's comments to J. William Fulbright, March 22, 1972
    -Leak
  -Instructions to Watson from Washington
  -Green's possible comment

Temperance
  -Ambassadors
  -Congressmen and Senators
  -Hiram L. Fong's statement, March 22, 1972
    -Air travel
Watson
-Air travel

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4 [Personal Returnable] [Duration: 8s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

-Voltaire's comment regarding women's virtue

Green's schedule
-Previous visit to Asia
-Possible trip to Florida with the President
- W age-price issue
-George Meany
-Previous visit to Asia
- Holdridge's role
- Rogers

Philippines
-Green’s experience
-The President’s previous arrival in Jakarta from the Philippines
-Imelda Marcos's forthcoming trip to the PRC
-Green's conversations
-Congress

Stephen B. Bull entered and left at an unknown time before 5:02 pm.

The President’s schedule [?]

Philippines
-Green’s conversations
- Ferdinand E. Marcos, Carlos P. Romulo, [Forename unknown] Belcourt,
  [Forename unknown] Corrado
- Leaders of opposition
- Leaders in Senate
- Green’s backgrounders with the press
  - [Forename unknown] Grenada
  - [Forename unknown] Valencia
- The President’s view
  - Influences
    - Asia
    - Spain
    - US
    - Romulo's comments

South Korea
- US aid
- Possible invitation to Gen. Chung Hee Park
  - Haig
  - The President’s schedule
    - Forthcoming trip to Canada

Presentation of gifts by the President
- Foreign Service
- National Security Council [NSC]

The President's forthcoming trip to the Soviet Union
- Green
- Martin J. Hillenbrand
  - Rogers
  - Staff

Cambodia
- Views regarding Michael J. Mansfield's possible trip to the PRC
  - The President’s and Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon memorandum to Henry A. Kissinger
  - Norodom Sihanouk
  - Mansfield’s possible meeting with Sihanouk
  - Lon Nol
  - Sihanouk
  - North Vietnam

Walter H. Annenberg's gift to the President [“Star of the President”]
  - Steuben glass
Green, et al. left at 5:02 pm.

Date: March 23, 1972
Time: 5:03 pm - 5:17 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

National economy
- Pay Board
  - Press coverage of George Meany's resignation
  - United Press International [UPI]
  - Associated Press [AP]
  - Leonard Woodcock's resignation
  - Labor representation
  - Meany's resignation
  - The President's statement
    - Cost of Living Council [COLC] meeting
    - George P. Shultz’s statement
    - Press coverage
      - Length of statement

The President's schedule
- Forthcoming press conference
  - Length of press conference
  - International Telephone and Telegraph [ITT]
  - Ziegler’s talk with Patrick J. Buchanan
  - George C. Wallace
  - Edmund S. Muskie
  - Arthur K. Watson
    - J. William Fulbright's statement
    - William P. Rogers's testimony regarding role

ITT case
- Press conference, March 24, 1972
  - Peter M. Flanigan
    - Ronald L. Ziegler's statement
      - Thomas F. Eagleton
      - Flanigan’s possible statement
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- Richard W. McLaren
- Executive privilege
- John N. Mitchell
- Justice Department

White House press relations
- The President’s forthcoming press conference
- Timing

National economy
- Meany's resignation from the Pay Board
  - The President's statement
    - Tone
    - Ziegler's view
- Public views
- The President's statement
  - Compared to draft
  - Shultz
- Meany’s previous meetings with the President and Shultz
- John B. Connally's forthcoming statement on Today
  - Wire services

Forthcoming press statement
- The President's previous meeting with Marshall Green
- Green's previous trip to Asia
  - The President's People's Republic of China [PRC] policy
  - Green’s forthcoming appearance on Meet the Press

Watson
- Attacks by Congressmen
- Actions on airplane
- Ziegler's conversation with Rogers

The President's schedule
- Press conferences
  - Timing
    - East Room
    - Forthcoming trip to the Soviet Union
- Camp David
  - Radio speech
  - Ziegler's possible statement to the press
  - Pay Board
-Domestic issues
-Forthcoming trip to Canada
-Hussein ibn Talal [Hussein, King of Jordan]
-Domestic issues
  -Revenue sharing
  -Welfare reform
  -Environment
  -Congressional action
    -Democratic National Convention

Ziegler left at 5:17 pm.

Date:  March 23, 1972
Time:  5:17 pm - 5:22 pm
Location:  Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

The President’s letter to Luci Johnson Nugent

[No conversation-signing documents]

Attorney General

[No conversation-signing document]

The President’s schedule
  -Republican leadership meeting
  -Agenda
  -Pay Board
    -George P. Shultz

Butterfield left.
Date: March 23, 1972
Time: 5:22 pm - 5:23 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

Delivery of an item [?]

Butterfield left.

Date: March 23, 1972
Time: 5:23 pm - 6:24 pm
Location: Oval Office

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

National economy
-George Meany’s resignation from the Pay Board
-The President's statement
  -Ronald L. Ziegler's views
  -Cost of Living Council [COLC]
  -John B. Connally's forthcoming statement
  -Content and phraseology
  -Length of statement
  -Possible press coverage
  -Views of Hugh Scott, John W. Byrnes, Gerald R. Ford

The President's role in government
-Use of television
  -Leadership
  -Connally
  -Haldeman’s view
  -Press conferences
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 2m 28s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

-Arthur F. Burns
-Appointment to Federal Reserve Board [FRB]
  -George P. Shultz
  -Frederic V. Malek
    -John D. Ehrlichman
  -Connally
-Conversation with Haldeman
  -Shultz

The President talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 5:23 and 5:33 pm.

[Conversation No. 692-7A]

Charles W. Colson's schedule

[End of telephone conversation]

National economy
  -Pay Board
    -The President's statement regarding Meany's resignation
      -William L. Safire's draft
      -The President’s August 15, 1971 statement
    -Content and phraseology
      -Special interests
        -Franklin D. Roosevelt
      -The President's opponents' attack on International Telephone and Telegraph [ITT]
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[National Security]
[Duration: 20s]

ITT

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 5:23 and 5:33 pm.
[Conversation No. 692-7B]
[See Conversation No. 22-5]
[End of telephone conversation]

  -Press conference
  -Ziegler
  -John N. Mitchell
  -President’s response

The President talked with Ziegler between 5:33 and 5:34 pm.
[Conversation No. 692-7C]
[See Conversation No. 22-6]
[End of telephone conversation]

Colson entered at 5:34 pm.
National economy
- Pay Board
  - The President's statement on Meany's resignation
  - Meany's representation of American labor force
  - Meany's resignation
  - Louis P. Harris's views
- Consumer Price Index [CPI]
  - Food prices
- Pay Board
  - Meany's resignation
  - Connally
  - Donald H. Rumsfeld
  - Colson's conversation with Connally
  - Special interests
  - Harris's views

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 1m 33s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

National economy
- Pay Board
  - Leonard Woodcock's resignation
  - Possible political effect
    - Meany
  - Cost of Living Council [COLC]
- Democratic candidates
  - Public's views

ITT case
- Dita D. Beard memorandum
  - Efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]
    - Independent experts
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-[Forename unknown] Conrad's report
-Withdrawal
  -John D. Ehrlichman's efforts
-Possible report
-Tests by Pearl L. Tytell
-Tests by an unknown man in Chicago [Walter McCrone?]
  -W. Clement Stone
-Tests by the Treasury Department
-J. Edgar Hoover's cooperation
-Forthcoming letter to Senate committee
  -Conrad
  -Ehrlichman's efforts
-Tytell's role
  -Alger Hiss case
  -Husband
  -FBI's view

-Beard
  -Forthcoming testimony
  -Edward M. Kennedy
  -Health
  -Ziegler

-Unknown woman in Canada
-Clifford Irving case
  -Efforts of Marlow Cook, Roman L. Hruska, Hugh Scott

-Memorandum
-Tests by experts
  -Public relations benefits
    -White House strategy
  -Tytell
  -McCrone
  -Methodologies

Voltaire's comment regarding women and virtue

Beard
  -Kennedy's efforts
  -Views of other senators
    -Scott
    -Kennedy's conversation with James O. Eastland
      -Harold S. Geneen
    -Samuel J. Ervin, Jr.
    -Philip A. Hart
-Clifford Irving, Howard Hughes
-Ehrlichman's conversations with J. Edgar Hoover
-Memorandum
-Testimony by experts
   -Tytell

National economy
   -Pay Board
      -The President's statement regarding Meany's resignation
         -Content and phraseology
   -Meany's resignation
      -Jay Lovestone
   -Colson's conversation with Victor Riesel
   -Motives and expectations
      -Partisanship
      -The President’s address to the American Federation of Labor-
        Congress of Industrial Organizations [AFL-CIO] in Bal
        Harbour, Florida, November 19, 1971
   -Shultz
      -Mamie G.D. Eisenhower
   -The President's statement
   -Effect on building trades unions
      -Calls by George T. Bell and James D. Hodgson
      -Colson's forthcoming call to Peter J. Brennan
   -AFL-CIO
   -Meany’s representation of American labor force
      -International Brotherhood of Teamsters
   -Autoworkers
   -Longshoremen’s strike
   -The President's response
      -Possible television speech
         -Birch E. Bayh, Jr.
         -Busing
         -Equal time
      -ITT

Television networks
   -Equal time
      -Balance on news broadcasts
         -Busing
         -Vietnam
   -Views regarding busing
National economy
- Pay Board
  - Meany's resignation
    - The President's response
  - Harry S. Truman
  - Public response
    - Stock market
- Stock market
- Gross National Product [GNP]
  - Views of Connally and Herbert Stein
- Retail sales
  - Statistics
- Efforts of government agencies
  - The President's memorandum to Shultz and Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger
    - Department of Defense
  - Weinberger
  - Ehrlichman
  - Decline in government purchases
    - News summary
    - Shultz
- Haldeman's forthcoming meeting with Melvin R. Laird and [David] Kenneth Rush
  - Twice weekly reports to the President
    - Government purchases
    - Vietnam
    - Shultz
    - Weinberger
    - Robert C. Moot
    - Reports to the President

Haldeman's conversation with Harry Cohen of Hornblower and Weeks
- Stock market
  - The President's previous trip to the People's Republic of China [PRC]

The President's previous trip to the PRC
- Exhibit
  - Haldeman's view
  - Circulation
- John Scali's schedule
  - PRC ping pong team
  - Television
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-Under Secretaries
-Congressional groups
-Sub-cabinet
-White House staff
-Briefing on the President's PRC trip
  -Compared to Henry A. Kissinger's briefings
  -Effectiveness
    -Scali’s status as a Democrat
    -Associated Press [AP]
    -Daniel Patrick Moynihan
  -Newsworthiness
    -Compared to ITT and busing
    -The President's forthcoming trip to the Soviet Union

State Department files on Congressional trips
  -Scali
  -Requests by William A. Gill, Jr. and Stewart M. Hensley
  -Arthur K. Watson
    -Hiram L. Fong’s comment in a committee hearing
      -Marshall Green
  -Congressmen's activities in foreign countries
    -Counterpart funds
    -Immunity
    -Colson's previous conversation with William B. Macomber, Jr.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5
[Privacy]
[Duration: 11s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

-Contrasted with the President's foreign travel
-The President’s travels as a private citizen
  -Businessmen
  -Counterpart funds
- Allen J. Ellender
- Colson's conversation with Macomber
  - William P. Rogers
  - John E. Hunt
  - Statement
    - Watson

- Kennedy
  - Paris
    - Funeral of Charles A.J.M. de Gaulle
  - Mexico
  - Alaska
  - Watson

1972 campaign
  - Possible threats by administration

ITT
  - American Telephone and Telegraph [AT&T]
  - Robert J. Dole
  - Democrats' debt
  - Possible threats by administration
  - Investigation
  - FBI
    - Typewriter
  - Jack N. Anderson
    - Possible leaks by the administration
    - Possible break-in
    - Possible leaks by the administration
    - Carl B. Albert, [Thomas] Hale Boggs
    - Efforts of Herbert G. Klein and Colson
    - Brit Hume
      - White House investigation
    - Relationship with Drew Pearson
    - Media coverage
      - Time and Newsweek
    - Stories regarding ITT
    - Veracity
    - Salvador Allende Gossens
    - Time, Newsweek
      - Influence
        - Readership
The President's forthcoming speech to the Canadian Parliament
  - Raymond K. Price, Jr.
  - The President's possible efforts

The President's forthcoming radio speech on the Supreme Court
  - Price

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 9
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 2m 22s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 9

Unknown man
  - Wife
    - Colson’s view
    - CPI

The President's activities

Administration public relations
  - Polls
  - Drug issue
  - Meany
    - Harris
  - Problems
    - Congress
    - Media

Haldeman and Colson left at 6:24 pm.
Date: March 23, 1972
Time: 6:24 pm - 6:27 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

Briefcase
-Executive Office Building [EOB]

Rose Mary Woods entered at 6:24 pm.

Woods’s schedule

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 11s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

-Dinner

Sanchez and Woods left at 6:27 pm.

Conversation No. 692-9

Date: March 23, 1972
Time: 6:27 pm - 6:28 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman.
Date: March 23, 1972  
Time: 6:27 pm - 6:28 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man and Rose Mary Woods.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1  
[Personal Returnable]  
[Duration: 1m 13s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

The President, the unknown man and Woods left at 6:28 pm.