Conversation No. 695-1

Date: March 28, 1972
Time: Unknown between 7:48 am and 10:19 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

Greeting

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 10:19 am.

Conversion No. 695-2

Date: March 28, 1972
Time: 10:19 am - 11:11 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

Kissinger's schedule
- Previous meeting with the House Foreign Affairs Committee
- State Department/White House policy
  - The President
  - Meeting with foreign leaders
    - William P. Rogers’s attendance
    - Kissinger's attendance
    - Chou En-lai
- Vietnam
  - Donald M. Fraser
- Charles C. Diggs, Jr.
- Jonathan B. Bingham
- The People's Republic of China [PRC]
- Middle East
- Vietnam
  - Fraser
    - Withdrawal
    - Deadline
    - Negotiations
Vietnam
- Intelligence reports

The President’s schedule
- Forthcoming meeting with Hussein ibn Talal [Hussein, King of Jordan]

Vietnam
- Bombings
  - Casualties
    - B-3 area
  - Air Force
- Laos
  - Military dispositions

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[National Security]
[Duration: 7s]

MILITARY DISPOSITIONS

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

-Soviet trip
  - Accommodations for the President
    - Kremlin
      - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
  - Length of visit
  - Poland
    - Possible trip
      - Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
    - Meeting with Kissinger
-Domestic political impact of visit
  -Italians
  -Poles
    -US neighborhoods
      -Philadelphia
      -New York
      -Chicago
      -Cleveland
      -Detroit
  -Dobrynin
  -Haig
  -US Ambassador to Poland [Walter J. Stoessel, Jr.]
  -Importance
    -Impact on Polish government
      -Nicolae Ceausescu
  -Reasons for trip
    -PRC
    -Kissinger's forthcoming trip
    -North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO]
      -William P. Rogers
      -Participation in Iran trip
  -Iran
    -Length of visit
  -Poland
    -Length of visit
    -US consultation with the Soviets
      -The President’s trip to Iran
      -Need for refueling stop
        -NATO country
        -Azores
        -Ireland
    -Length of visit
      -Kissinger’s view
        -PRC trip
        -Announcements
      -Leningrad
      -Baku, Azerbaijan Soviet Socialist Republic
      -Tblishi, Georgian Soviet Socialist Republic
      -Baku
        -Proximity to Tehran
      -Kissinger's meeting with Dobrynin
        -Polish invitations to the President
-NATO
-Poland
-NATO
-Visit
-Rogers
-The President
-Baku
-Tehran
-NATO
-Rogers
-Romania
-Yugoslavia
-Poland
-Dobrynin
-Meetings with Kissinger
-Initial US response to stay in Poland
-The President’s forthcoming trip to Tehran
-NATO
-Rogers
-Tehran trip
-Stops
-Poland
-Length of visit
-Tehran to Poland
-Compared to Pakistan-Bucharest trip
-Flight time
-Kissinger's forthcoming meeting with Dobrynin

H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman entered at 10:30 am.

-The President's stay at the Kremlin
-Dwight D. Eisenhower comparison

Middle East
-The President’s forthcoming meeting with Hussein
-Israel
-Soviet trip
-Secret deals
-Kissinger's schedule
-Timing on deal
-Election
-John N. Mitchell
- Jewish vote
- Media
- Kissinger’s view
- Crisis
- Kissinger's forthcoming meeting with Dobrynin
- Andrei A. Gromyko
- US-Soviet summit
  - Interim agreement
  - Israeli reaction
- Agreement
  - Timing
  - Rogers
  - State Department
  - Soviet Union and the US
- Soviet summit
  - Agreement

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[National Security]
[Duration: 36s ]

ISRAEL

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

-Agreement
  - Timing
  - Election
  - Soviets
  - Yitzhak Rabin
    - Meeting with Rogers
  - Israelis
    - Kissinger’s view
- Soviets
  - US position
    - United Arab Republic [UAR]
    - Algeria

Soviet trip
  - Poland
    - Rogers
    - Kissinger's schedule
      - Dobrynin meetings
  - Length of visit
    - PRC
  - Public impact
  - Announcements by the President
  - Sightseeing
    - Leningrad
      - Kissinger’s possible stay in Moscow
    - White House staff
      - Rogers

The President's schedule
  - Forthcoming meeting with Hussein
    - Egypt
    - Israelis
    - Plan
    - Egypt
    - Plan

Kissinger left at 10:45 am.

Middle East
  - Crises
    - Haldeman’s view
      - Election
    - Polls

International Telephone and Telegraph [ITT] case
  - Richard G. Kleindienst confirmation
    - John D. Ehrlichman
  - John N. Mitchell
    - Hugh Scott
    - James O. Eastland
-Public relations
-Strategy
-Kleindienst's possible withdrawal
  -Charles W. Colson
  -Clark MacGregor
  -Wallace H. Johnson
  -Richard A. Moore
  -Ronald L. Ziegler
    -Herbert G. Klein
    -John Scali

Ziegler entered at 10:50 am.

-Scott's news conference
  -Helen A. Thomas's question
    -Americans' right to know
    -Scott's answer
  -Election
  -Edmund S. Muskie
  -Hubert H. Humphrey
  -Kleindienst
    -Lawrence F. O'Brien

-Economy
-Legislative impasse

Ziegler left at 10:53 am.

-Moore
  -Talk with Haldeman
    -Ehrlichman
-Television
-White House staff
  -Peter M. Flanigan
    -Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
    -Murray M. Chotiner
      -Washington Post
-Kleindienst
-Flanigan
-News summary
-Hugh S. Sidey
  -National Observer
-Washington press corps
-Haldeman's talk with John B. Connally
-Administration's handling
  -Dita D. Beard
  -Memorandum
  -Authenticity
-Joseph C. Kraft article, March 28th
-William E. Timmons
-Conversation
-Kraft's article
-White House staff
-Justice Department
-Kraft article
-Ehrlichman and Colson
-White House strategy
  -Options
  -Media problem
-Colson
-Networks
-Strategy goals
-Flanigan
  -Robert H. Finch
  -Klein

Life magazine articles
-Lyndon K. (“Mort”) Allin
-Edward M. Kennedy
  -Robert F. Kennedy
-Vietnam
  -Servicemen
  -Drugs
  -Casualties
-Jewish media
  -Kissinger

Pending legislation on postal rates
-Hobart D. (“Hobe”) Lewis
  -Reader's Digest
  -Election
-Life magazine
-Ehrlichman
-Lewis
News media
- Sidey
  - Weekly column
- Ziegler
  - List of friends

Economy
- Connally
  - Tax reform
    - Forthcoming meeting with the President
    - Republican efforts
      - 1954, 1969
    - Spending increases compared to spending cuts

Busing
- Ehrlichman
- Southern Congressmen and Senators
  - Briefing by Administration officials
  - Leadership meeting
    - Clark MacGregor
    - Ehrlichman
      - Edward L. Morgan

ITT
- Kleindienst confirmation
  - Mitchell
    - MacGregor
    - Colson
    - Johnson
    - Connally
    - Talk with Haldeman

Connally’s schedule
- Earl L. Butz
- Donald H. Rumsfeld
- Colson

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at 11:00 am.

Items for the President’s signature

Connally’s schedule
Butterfield left at 11:03 am.

ITT case
   - Big business
     - Involvement in politics
       - Connally’s view
       - Flanigan
   - Taxes
   - White House staff
   - Flanigan
     - Unknown man, Miami
       - Call from Robert H. Abplanalp

Stephen B. Bull and Kissinger entered at an unknown time after 10:53 am.

The President’s schedule
   - Hussein
     - Arrival

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

ITT
   - Flanigan
     - Unknown man
       - "Friends of the President"
     - Colson

Haldeman and Kissinger left at 11:11 am.

Date: March 28, 1972
Time: 11:11 am - 12:28 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler, Hussein ibn Talal [Hussein, King of Jordan], and Zaid al-Rifai; members of the press and the White House photographer were present at the beginning of the meeting.
Greetings

Hussein’s schedule

[Photograph session]

Ziegler, the press and the White House photograph left at 11:14 am.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[National Security]
[Duration: 29s 38s ]

JORDAN

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Jordan
- Economic situation
- Budget deficit
  - US assistance
  - Arab countries
    - Kuwait
    - Libya
- US
- Arab countries
  - Subsidies
- Foreign currency
  - Jordanian dinar
- Budget
- Arab subsidies
- Commandos
- Iraqi troops
- Financial assistance
- US
  - Amount
- Gulf states
- Fiscal year
  - Budget
  - Debt
- Three year plan
  - Description
  - United Nations [UN]
  - World Bank
  - Great Britain
  - France
- Government expenditure
- Impact of 1967 war
  - Self sufficiency
- Gross National Product [GNP]
- Agricultural output
- Industrial output
- Tourism
- Living standard
- Literacy [?]
- School enrollment
- Government expenditures
- Development
- 1957 compared to 1966
  - External assistance
- Impact of 1967 war
  - West Bank
  - Armed forces expenditures
- Jordan River Valley
- Refugee situation
  - Palestine issue
  - Camps
  - Useful citizens
  - Discussions with the US
  - Discussions with UN
  - Cost
  - Activity connected with the Jordan River
    - Dam
    - Canal
    - Soil desalinization

Scientists
-Computers
-Jordanian students in the US
-Studies
-Harvard University
-John B. Connally
-US policy
-Independence of Jordan
-Syrian crisis

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[National Security]
[Duration: 27m 27s]

JORDAN

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

Hussein’s schedule
-Departure in car
-Kissinger
-Forthcoming meeting with the State Department
-Dinner
-Time

Kissinger left at 12:26 pm.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3
[National Security]
[Duration: 1m 53s]
MIDDLE EAST

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

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Schedule
   -Dinner
   -Seating
   -Discussion
      -The People's Republic of China [PRC]
      -Soviet Union

The President, Hussein, Kissinger and Zaid al-Rifai left at 12:28 pm.

Conversation No. 695-4

Date: March 28, 1972
Time: Unknown between 12:29 pm and 12:34 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

Schedule

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 12:34 pm.

Conversation No. 695-5

Date: March 28, 1972
Time: Unknown between 12:29 pm and 12:34 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.
The President's schedule
- Forthcoming meeting with the 1972 Poster Child of the National Association for Retarded Children
  - Calvin Hill
    - Autographed football
    - Dallas Cowboys
  - Kevin Heald
    - Retarded children
    - 1972 poster child
    - Wire service photograph
  - Gift presentations
    - Pen
    - Football
  - Voice

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:34 pm.

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Date: March 28, 1972
Time: 12:34 - 12:43 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Kevin Heald, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Heald, Robert L. Jensen, Frederick C. Wieting, Calvin Hill, Jack R. Miller, John E. Nidecker, and John A. Scali; members of the press and the White House photographer were present at the beginning of the meeting.

Greetings

Introductions
- Kevin Heald
- Calvin Hill
  - Dallas Cowboys
  - Miami Dolphins

Photographs

Gifts
Conv. No. 695-6 (cont.)

- Football
  - Players

Gift presentations
  - Football
  - Signature

Dallas Cowboys

Gift presentation

Hill
  - Football career
  - Drug program
    - Hill's role
  - Youth
  - Team members
  - Drug program
    - Objective

The President's schedule
  - Previous New York trip
    - Drugs
      - Heroin

Tour of the White House

Washington Redskins
  - Cowboys
    - Hill's injury
      - Charles B. ("Bud") Wilkinson
        - Tom Landry
      - Charlie Taylor
        - Health
      - Jerry Smith
      - Larry Brown
      - George E. Allen, Landry

Heald et. al. left at 12:43 pm.
Conversation No. 695-7

Date: March 28, 1972
Time: 12:43 pm - 12:44 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule
- Meeting
  - Clark MacGregor

Bull left at 12:44 pm.

Conversation No. 695-8

Date: March 28, 1972
Time: 12:44 pm - 2:10 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Clark MacGregor.

International Telephone and Telegraph [ITT] case
  - Richard G. Kleindienst confirmation hearings
  - MacGregor's meeting with James O. Eastland
  - Termination of hearings
  - Harold S. Geneen
  - Testimony
    - Eastland
      - Edward M. Kennedy
    - Conclusion
    - MacGregor's talk with Eastland
      - Executive session
        - Terminate the hearings
          - Other testimony
  - Dita D. Beard
  - Sheraton Hotel
  - Convention bureau in San Diego
- Eastland
- Other witnesses
- Testimony
- Relations with Kleindienst confirmation hearings
- Eastland
  - Terminate the hearings
  - Vote
  - Hugh Scott
  - Roman L. Hruska
  - Talk with John N. Mitchell
  - Termination
- MacGregor's position
  - Talks with members of the Senate Judiciary Committee
    - Hruska
  - Eastland
  - Kennedy
  - Mitchell
  - [Forename unknown] Lichman [sp?] testimony
    - Jack N. Anderson
    - Beard memorandum
  - [Forename unknown] Leager [sp?]
- Beard
  - Denver
  - Money
  - Geneen
- Eastland
  - White House
  - Mitchell
  - Talk with MacGregor
  - Motives
  - Senators requests
  - Hruska
    - Scott
    - Marlow W. Cook
- White House pressure
- Committee action
- White House pressure
- Eastland
- Mitchell's views
- Lichman [sp?]
  - Leager [sp?]
- Timing
- Eastland
  - Talk with MacGregor
- Kennedy
  - Michael J. Mansfield
    - Scheduling confirmation debate
  - Television

House Committee on Foreign Affairs meeting
  - Official transcription record
    - Opinions
      - Henry A. Kissinger
      - Richard K. Cook
      - Kissinger
    - Kissinger’s forthcoming meeting with the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
    - Notes

MacGregor’s schedule

Congressional leadership meeting, March 28, 1972
  - Questions by Richard H. Poff
    - Briefings
      - John D. Ehrlichman
    - Busing
      - Constitutional amendment
      - Moratorium
      - South
    - Cook
    - Water bill
    - Busing
      - Ehrlichman
      - Herbert G. Klein
      - Southern Congressmen
  - Press conference, March 24, 1972
    - Ehrlichman and Kleindienst and Wilmot R. Hastings [?]
    - Transcription
      - MacGregor's distribution to Congressmen
        - One page review
    - Meeting with Southern Congressmen
      - Ehrlichman
      - MacGregor and George P. Shultz
      - Elliot L. Richardson
      - Education compared to busing individuals
H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman and Stephen B. Bull entered at 1:00 pm.

Kleindienst confirmation hearing
   -Charles W. Colson

Request for meeting with Colson

Bull left at an unknown time after 1:00 pm.

Busing

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 1:00 pm.

Refreshments

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 1:05 pm.

Briefings for Congressional leaders
   -Busing
      -Moratorium
   -Education
      -Compensatory education
   -Moratorium
      -Vote
      -Jacob K. Javits
      -Conference report
      -Hard compared to soft

Colson entered at 1:05 pm.

   -Ehrlichman's schedule
   -MacGregor’s view
      -Equal Education Opportunities Act
-Southerners
  -Edward L. Morgan
-Congressmen and Senators
  -Poff
  -Southerners
-Moratorium
  -Javits
-Ehrlichman's schedule
-Senators
  -MacGregor and Shultz
  -Poff
  -Shultz
    -Southerners
    -Richardson
-Scott
-Morgan
-Harry S. Dent
-Morgan
-MacGregor
-Shultz
-Ehrlichman’s staff
-MacGregor
  -Dent
    -Joe D. Waggonner, Jr.
-Moratorium
  -Constitution
-Cases
  -Reopened
-Moratorium
  -Hard compared to soft
-Vote
  -MacGregor
  -Ehrlichman
  -House
  -Senate
    -Robert P. Griffin
    -Scott
  -House
    -Poff
    -Gerald R. Ford
-Senators
  -John G. Tower
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-Howard H. Baker, Jr.
-William E. Brock, III
-White House staff
  -Liberal view
-Cabinet
-Agenda
  Conservative tilt
-Leadership
-Richardson
-Compensatory education
-Duration
-Agenda for meeting with Republican Congressional leadership
  -Welfare reform
    -Democrats
      -Scott and Ford
-Patrick J. Buchanan
-MacGregor
-Shultz
  -Leaders
-John H. Terry [?]
-Poff
-Constitutional amendment
  -Morgan
  -Leaders

MacGregor's schedule
  -Republican senators

ITT case
  -Mansfield position
    -Termination of Kleindienst hearings
      -Kennedy
      -Scott
      -Eastland
    -Senate Judiciary Committee
    -Kleindienst withdrawal
    -Eastland
    -Meeting with MacGregor
      -Executive session
    -MacGregor's talk with John L. McClellan
    -Samuel J. Ervin, Jr.
      -Position
- Peter Flanigan
  - Testimony
- Meeting in Hruska's office
  - Republican leaders
    - Southerners
    - Hiram L. Fong
- Vote
  - Mansfield
  - Eastland
  - Robert C. Mardian
    - Executive session
- Timing
  - Mansfield
- Committee
- Continuation of hearings
- Filibuster
- Kennedy
- John V. Tunney
- Eastland
- Request for head count on confirmation
  - MacGregor's estimates
- Administration position
- List of witnesses
  - William R. Merriam
    - Kennedy
      - Questions
        - Merriam and Jack Gleason
- Judiciary Committee
- Anti-trust activity
- Investigation
  - Philip A. Hart
    - Connection between contribution and Kleindienst nomination
      - Merriam
      - Hart
        - Success
        - Eastland
        - McClellan

Haldeman's telephone call to Ehrlichman

Haldeman left at an unknown time before 1:36 pm.
ITT case
- Kleindienst confirmation hearings
  - Democrats
  - Mansfield
- Kleindienst withdrawal
- Dita D. Beard memorandum
- MacGregor's position
  - Role
  - Mardian
- The President
- White House involvement
- MacGregor
- Scott and Hruska
- Witnesses
- ITT
  - Beard story
  - Kennedy
  - Money
    - Washington Post story
  - Calls from White House personnel
    - Merriam’s talk with Gleason
- White House involvement
  - News summary
    - Time
    - Newsweek
    - National Observer
    - Life
- Business investment
- Outcome
- Grinnell
  - Flanigan
- Mitchell
- Talk with MacGregor
  - Termination of Kleindienst hearings
    - Mansfield
    - Republicans
    - Hruska
    - White House strategy
    - Witnesses
    - Kleindienst withdrawal
MacGregor left at 1:36 pm.

- Republicans
- Kleindienst statement
- Richard W. McLaren

Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 1:36 pm.

The President's schedule

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:10 pm.

ITT case
- Kleindienst confirmation hearings
- Kleindienst withdrawal statement
  - Mansfield
  - Response

Haldeman entered at an unknown time after 1:36 pm.

- Ehrlichman’s view
- Possibilities
- Abe Fortas
- Senate responses
- Lewis Strauss
- Justice Department
- Vote
- White House pressure
- Sherman Adams comparison
- Ultimatum
- Filibuster
- Kleindienst statement
  - Vote
  - Ultimatum
- Mansfield
- Hold nomination
- Committee
- MacGregor's role
- Kleindienst statement
- White House
- Typewriter
- Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] analysis
-Beard testimony
-Beard memorandum
-White House involvement
-Merriam’s testimony
-Gleason
  -William E. Timmons
  -Flanigan
  -John B. Connally
  -Maurice H. Stans
  -Peter G. Peterson
  -Connally
  -Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
  -Contributions
  -Timmons
  -Gleason
  -Timmons
  -Contribution
  -San Diego
    -Republican National Committee
      -Press coverage
      -San Diego
-Mitchell
-Kleindienst
-Confirmation hearings
  -Mitchell's call to Mansfield
    -Termination
    -Mansfield's role
    -White House
    -Votes
    -Democratic candidates
      -Edmund S. Muskie
        -Hubert H. Humphrey
      -George S. McGovern
      -Henry M. (“Scoop”) Jackson

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[Personal Returnable]
[Duration: 2m 13s ]
Senate Foreign Relations Committee meeting
  -Transcription
    -Kissinger
    -Reporter
      -Previous transcription of meeting with House Foreign Affairs Committee
    -Recorder
    -Informality
    -J. William Fulbright
    -Recorder
    -MacGregor
    -Kissinger
    -Ehrlichman
      -John W. Dean, III
      -Executive privilege
    -Flanigan

ITT case
  -Kleindienst confirmation hearings
  -Beard
  -White House position
  -Kleindienst story
  -Mitchell
  -Media
  -White House strategy
  -Kleindienst withdrawal
  -Kleindienst hearings
  -Vote
  -Kleindienst withdrawal
    -Timing
    -Ultimatum

Administration concerns
  -Foreign policy
  -Economy
    -Connally
      -Meeting with retailers
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Polls
- Albert E. Sindlinger
  - Food prices
  - Women
- Support for the President
  - Men compared to women
  - Food prices
- ITT issue
  - Public awareness
  - Response
  - Comparison
    - Lyndon B. Johnson
      - 1964 election
        - Robert D. (“Bobby”) Baker scandal
        - Walter W. Jenkins scandal

ITT case
- White House involvement
  - Flanigan
    - Profile
    - Interview
      - Ronald L Ziegler's role
      - Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
    - Timing of use
    - Colson
    - Haldeman’s view
- Media
  - Scott press conference
- Television
  - Use
    - Kleindienst
    - The President's answer
      - Colson's instructions
        - Contributions
        - Settlement
        - Flanigan
- White House involvement
- San Diego
  - Press conference questions
    - The President's answer
    - Anti-trust enforcement
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Busing issue
- MacGregor
  - Talk with the President

Flanigan [?]

The President, Haldeman and Colson left at 2:10 pm.