Conversation No. 757-1

Date: July 31, 1972
Time: Unknown between 4:05 pm and 4:07 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 28-13]

Conversation No. 757-2

Date: July 31, 1972
Time: Unknown between 4:05 pm and 4:07 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an Stephen F. Bull.

The President’s schedule
-Ronald L. Ziegler

Bull left at an unknown time before 4:07 pm.

Conversation No. 757-3

Date: July 31, 1972
Time: 4:07 pm and 4:08 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Charles W. Colson

[See Conversation No. 28-14]

Conversation No. 757-4

Date: July 31, 1972
Time: Unknown between 4:08 pm and 4:10 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.
The President’s schedule
   -Charles W. Colson's arrival
   -Ronald L. Ziegler

Bull left at an unknown time before 4:10 pm.

Date:  July 31, 1972
Time:  4:10 pm - 5:38 pm
Location:  Oval Office

The President met with Charles Colson at 4:10 pm.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 7m 42s]

H.R. (“Bob”) Haldeman entered at 4:15 pm.

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

The President's schedule
   -The President’s press conference, July 27, 1972
      -The President’s conversation with Ronald L. Ziegler and Haldeman
   -John B. Connally
      -Location
         -Madison Hotel
      -Meeting with the President

H.R. Haldeman talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 4:15 pm and 4:22 pm. The President and Colson can be heard in the background.

[Conversation No. 757-5A]

Connally
   -Location
   -Dinner
The President’s recent press conference [?]
The President's schedule

-Connally

The President left at an unknown time after 4:15 pm.

Connally

-Sensitivity

Caspar W. (“Cap”) Weinberger, George P. Shultz, and Herbert Stein entered at 4:22 pm.

New Economic Policy

-Pierre Rinfret

Budget

-Clark MacGregor

-Rinfret

-Leonard Garment

-John A. Volpe

John D. Ehrlichman entered at 4:23 pm.

Unknown man

Budget

-Highway funds

-Job creation

“Wreckonomics”

Shultz’s telephone call to an unknown person

The President entered at an unknown time after 4:23 pm.
Seating arrangements for photograph session

The President's schedule
- Allen J. Ellender's funeral
- Russell B. Long
  - Conversation with the President
  - Transportation
- Transportation
- Governor of Louisiana [Edwin W. Edwards]
- Connally

National economy
- Possible federal spending ceiling
- Politics
- Previous meeting with the President
- Democratic National Convention
- Consumer Price Index [CPI]
- Unemployment
- Tax package
- Food prices
- Unemployment
- [Hurricane Agnes] flooding
  - Effect on food prices and unemployment
- Prospects
  - Growth of Gross National Product [GNP]
  - Revisions of figures
  - July [?] 15, 1972
- CPI
  - Unemployment
- Meat prices
  - Decline
    - Wholesale
    - Retail
- 1972 election
- Democrats' attacks
- Economy

1972 campaign
- Economy
  - Democrats’ attacks
    - Federal budget
    - Deficit
      - Paul A. Samuelson
      - Walter W. Heller
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Tape Subject Log
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-Inflation
-Taxes
-Deficit
-Heller-Samuelson testimony
-John Kenneth Galbraith
-Public sector spending
-compared to private sector spending

-Issues
-The President's performance
-Polls
-Inflation, taxes, unemployment
-Crime

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 4:32 pm.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 2m 11s]

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 5:38 pm.

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

National economy
-Inflation
-Food prices
-Meat
-CPI
-Unemployment
-Lay-off rate
-Decline
-Public opinion
-Lag in public perceptions
-Albert E. Sindlinger's poll
-Economic stimulation
-Inflation, unemployment
-Possible date of writing
-McGovern
-Inflation, unemployment
-CPI compared to voter perceptions
-Food prices
-Louis P. Harris poll
  -Commerce Department
- Sindlinger poll
- Medical care
  -Effect on the President's popularity
    -“War on Cancer” program
    -Nursing homes initiative

-[McGovern]
  John F. Kennedy
- Possible administration actions
  -Public relations efforts
    -1972 election
- Food prices
  -Administration's actions
    -Removal of meat import quotas
      -Wholesale prices
      -Futures prices
      -Farmers reaction
      -Telegrams
  -Inflation
    -Federal spending
    -Wages and prices
    -Economic expansion
  -Unemployment
    -Heller-Samuelson line
  -Spending ceiling
- McGovern's platform
  -Consumer education
    -Farm prices
      -Parity
  -Perceptions
- Harris poll
  -Consumer blame
    -Farmers
    -Compared to processors
- Administration's possible actions
  -Freeze on food prices
    -Timing
    -1972 election
    -Republican National Convention
  - Harris’ view
    -Public relations efforts
- August 15, 1971 program
  -Impact
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Tape Subject Log
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-Tax relief
  -Administration concern
  -Wilbur H. Mills, McGovern plans
  -Voters' views
  -Administration's possible actions
    -Support for change
  -McGovern's views
  -George C. Wallace's views
  -Democratic primaries
  -Responsibility
  -Concern
-Ceiling on federal spending
  -Administration's position
    -The President’s meeting with Senators and Congressmen, July 31, 1972
  -As public issue
    -Polls
      -Balancing the budget
      -Taxes
  -Possible legislation
    -Taxes
      -Possible veto
      -Possible Congressional action
    -Prices
    -McGovern and supporters' possible opposition
    -Effect
      -Taxes
    -Congress
      -Spending
      -Overriding vetoes
      -Defense cuts
      -Taxes
    -Taxes
  -Current state
  -Administration's possible actions
    -Food prices
      -1972 election
      -Avoidance of controls
    -Quotas
  -Taxes
  -Public relations efforts

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4
Economy
- Public relations efforts
  - Administration's possible actions
    - Inflation
    - Economic growth
    - Unemployment
  - Robert P. Griffin's comment about automobile industry
    - Employment
      - Relation to sales
      - Overtime
      - Productivity
    - Public relations efforts

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 18s _____]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5
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- Controls and tax reform
  - Hobart Rowen
    - Criticism
  - Selective freeze
    - Food prices
      - Meat
  - Voters' perceptions
    - Cost of living
      - Compared to wages
    - Food prices
      - Unemployment
    - Harris poll
      - Food prices
      - Blame
        - Middlemen, processors
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Tape Subject Log
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- Consumers
  - Grocery stores
  - Farmers
- Edward R.G. Heath's election
  - Support of housewives
    - Food prices
  - Heath’s subsequent performance
    - Food prices
- Food prices
  - Administration’s opposition
- Tariffs
  - Discussion at San Clemente
  - Problems
    - Meat cutter’s union
- Prospects
  - September, October 1972
    - Agriculture Department
- Controls
  - Beef and other raw agricultural products
    - Political consequences
      - San Clemente
      - Cattlemen, supermarkets, meat packers
    - Retail level
      - Ninety day wage and price freeze
- Timing
  - Labor Day
- Effect
  - Delay
- Processors
  - The President’s August 15, 1971 statement
    - Profit margins
- As component of CPI
  - Separation
    - Agriculture Department
    - Possible announcement
      - Instruction to Bureau of Labor Statistics
        - Food price index
- Public perceptions
  - Taxes
- Status
  - Taxes, inflation
- Public relations
  - Ehrlichman’s speeches
  - Taxes, buying power, food prices
-Status quo
-Administration's possible action

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 21s _____]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7

-Administration's accomplishments
  -Salability
  -Buying power
  -Social Security tax
  -Portion of taxes

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 9m 50s _____]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8

-Administration program
  -Wage and price controls
    -Decontrol
    -Haranguing bankers
    -Exemptions
      -Low income
      -Small firms
  -Tax reform
    -Republican platform
      -Property tax relief
    -McGovern
    -Mills
    -Value-added tax [VAT]
    -Range
    -Simplified income tax forms
  -The President's policies
    -Effectiveness
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- Inflation
- Unemployment
- Samuelson’s and Heller’s view
- Press coverage
- Food prices

Council of Economic Advisors [CEA]
- Administrative structure
- Staff burden
- Role
  - Marina Von N. Whitman
    - Public speaking
- Treasury, Commerce Department, Office of Management and Budget [OMB]
- Size of staff
- Public relations
  - Speaking engagements
    - Television
      - Questions and answers [Q&A]
  - Wall Street Journal
  - Ladies' Home Journal, Time
    - Women in economy
- Youth
- Timing
- Ezra Solomon
- Rowen
- John F. Osborne
- Television
- U.S. News and World Report, Barron's, Wall Street Journal, Business Week
- Today Show, Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS] Evening News
- Schedule planning
  - Invitations
    - Colson

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 4:23 pm.

The President’s schedule

Bull left at an unknown time before 5:38 pm.

- CEA
  - Performance
  - Schedule
    - Statements
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-Republicans' speeches
  -Donald H. Rumsfeld

Taxes
  -The President’s position
  -Compared to opponents

General conversation
  -Republican platform
  -Connally

Colson, Haldeman, Weinberger, Shultz, Stein, and Ehrlichman left at 5:38 pm.

Date: July 31, 1972
Time: 5:38 pm - 6:40 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with John B. Connally.

Greetings

Manolo Sanchez was present at an unknown time after 5:38 pm.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 6s _____]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 5:44 pm.

The President's previous trip to Allen J. Ellender's funeral
  -James O. Eastland, John L. McClellan, Joe D. Waggonner, Jr.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[Personal returnable]
The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 5:38 pm and 5:44 pm.

[Conversation No. 757-6A]

[See Conversation No. 28-15]

[End of telephone conversation]

1972 campaign
- Connally's conversation with Edward W. Edwards, July 31, 1972
  - Waggonner
    - Possible appointment
  - Ellender
    - J. Bennett Johnston
      - Democratic nomination
      - Gubernatorial race
      - Waggonner
        - Possible run as independent

The President talked with Waggonner between 5:44 pm and 5:54 pm.

[Conversation No. 757-6B]

[See Conversation No. 28-16]

Connally talked with Waggonner.

[See Conversation No. 28-16; one item has been withdrawn]

[End of telephone conversation]

Connally's previous conversation with Waggonner
- Selection of Ellender's successor
  - Edwards's conversation with Waggonner
- Legal process
  - Louisiana attorney general’s view of statute
  - Election postponement
Tape Subject Log
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-Democrats' state central committee
  -Meeting
    -Timing
    -Democratic primary
    -Possible court action
-Edwards's conversation with Otto E. Passman
  -[Elaine Edwards]
  -Appointment
-Waggonner's stance vis-a-vis Edwards and Johnson
  -District vote
-Johnston
-Edwards
  -Mrs. Edwards
    -Political consequences
    -Retirement benefits

The President's conversation with McClellan, July 31, 1972
  -1972 campaign
    -Primary
    -McClellan's Republican opponent [Wayne H. Babbit]
      -Winthrop Rockefeller
      -Financial support
    -Democrats for Nixon

1972 Campaign
  -[Babbit]
    -Mitchell
      -Martha (Beall) Mitchell
    -McClellan’s position
    -Senate appropriations committee
    -Jake Jacobsen
    -Hugh Scott
    -Connally’s forthcoming call to Mitchell
-Nixon campaign
  -McClellan
    -Position
    -Campaign chairman
  -[Babbit]
    -Possible withdrawal of candidacy
    -Possible statement
      -McClellan’s position
    -The President’s conversation with McClellan and Scott
      -Connally’s possible conversation with Mitchell
    -Appointment for Babbit
1972 Campaign
   -Internal Revenue Service investigation
     -Lawrence F. O'Brien, Jr., Howard R. Hughes
     -Audit
       -1952 campaign
       -Joe Napolitan
       -Paul Dessautels [?]
       -Hubert Humphrey's son [Hubert H. Humphrey, III?]
         -Hughes
         -Napolitan
         -Identity

Connally left at 6:35 pm.

   Jacobsen
     -Forthcoming indictment
       -John D. Ehrlichman’s view
         -Hearsay
         -Conversation with Haldeman
           -Grand Jury
           -Investigators
     -Connally
     -Richard G. Kleindienst
       -Meeting with Ehrlichman, July 31, 1972
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-Possible strategy
-Delay
-Timing
-Ehrlichman’s role
-Connally's conversation with Kleindienst
-Haldeman's forthcoming meeting with Kleindienst and Ehrlichman
-Role with Democrats for Nixon
-Connally
-Kleindienst's schedule
-Ehrlichman's possible conversation with Connally
-Kleindienst
-Request for suggested action

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 39s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6
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Haldeman left at 6:40 pm.

Conversation No. 757-7

Date: July 31, 1972
Time: 8:44 pm - 8:46 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with John D. Ehrlichman.

[See Conversation No. 28-18]

Conversation No. 757-8

Date: July 31, 1972
Time: 9:05 pm - 9:06 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Patrick J. Buchanan.
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[See Conversation No. 28-19; one item has been withdrawn]

Conversation No. 757-9

Date: July 31, 1972
Time: Unknown between 9:06 pm and 9:51 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

Recent telephone call from Charles W. Colson

Inbox
-Placement of item

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 9:25 pm.

Conversation No. 757-10

Date: July 31, 1972
Time: Unknown between 9:06 pm and 9:51 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President dictated a memorandum for the file.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 11m 49s ___]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Conversation No. 757-11

Date: July 31, 1972
Time: Unknown between 9:06 pm and 9:51 pm
Location: Oval Office
The President dictated a memorandum for the file.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 7m 39s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 1m 43s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Conversation No. 757-12

Date: July 31, 1972
Time: Unknown between 9:06 pm and 9:51 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President dictated a memorandum for the file.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 1m 43s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Conversation No. 757-13

Date: July 31, 1972
Time: 9:51 pm - 9:57 pm
Location: Oval Office

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

[See Conversation No. 28-20; one item has been withdrawn]
Conversation No. 757-14

Date:  July 31, 1972
Time:  Unknown between 9:57 pm and 10:16 pm
Location:  Oval Office

The President dictated a memorandum for the file.

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 38s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
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Conversation No. 757-15

Date:  July 31, 1972
Time:  Unknown between 9:57 pm and 10:16 pm
Location:  Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

The President’s schedule
  -Pardon for interruption

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 10:16 pm.

Conversation No. 757-16

Date:  July 31, 1972
Time:  Unknown between 9:57 pm and 10:16 pm
Location:  Oval Office

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

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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Conversation No. 757-17

Date: July 31, 1972
Time: Unknown between 9:57 pm and 10:16 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President dictated a memorandum for the file.

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 42s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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Conversation No. 757-18

Date: July 31, 1972
Time: Unknown between 9:57 pm and 10:16 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President dictated a memorandum for the file.

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 20s]
Conversation No. 757-19
Date: July 31, 1972
Time: 10:16 pm - 10:25 pm
Location: Oval Office
The President talked with H.R. (“Bob”) Haldeman.
[See Conversation No. 28-21; two items have been withdrawn]

Conversation No. 757-20
Date: July 31, 1972
Time: 10:26 pm - 10:31 pm
Location: Oval Office
Patrick J. Buchanan talked with the President.
[See Conversation No. 28-22; one item has been withdrawn]

Conversation No. 757-21
Date: July 31, 1972
Time: Unknown between 10:31 pm and 10:58 pm
Location: Oval Office
The President talked with the White House operator.
[See Conversation No. 28-23]

Conversation No. 757-22
Date: July 31, 1972
Time: Unknown between 10:31 pm and 10:58 pm
Location: Oval Office
The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 28-24]

Date: July 31, 1972
Time: 10:58 pm - 11:11 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Charles W. Colson.

[See Conversation No. 28-25; one item has been withdrawn]

Date: July 31, 1972
Time: Unknown between 11:11 pm and 11:18 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President dictated a memorandum for the file.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 1m 12s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Date: July 31, 1972
Time: Unknown between 11:18 pm and 11:59 pm
Location: Oval Office
Unknown persons [Secret Service agents?] met.

[UNINTELLIGIBLE]

This conversation was cut off at an unknown time.