Conversation No. 761-1

Date: August 4, 1972
Time: Unknown between 8:26 am and 8:56 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President’s schedule
-Forthcoming meeting with Charles W. Colson

The President talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 8:26 am and 8:56 am.

[Conversation No. 761-1A]

Bull left at an unknown time before 8:56 am.

Unknown person’s schedule

[End of telephone conversation]

The President talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 8:26 am and 8:56 am.

[Conversation No. 761-1B]

Unknown person’s schedule

[End of telephone conversation]

Conversation No. 761-2

Date: August 4, 1972
The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

Kissinger's schedule
- The President’s previous telephone call to Kissinger
- Kissinger’s previous briefing

News summaries
- Editorial cartoons
  - George S. McGovern
  - Thomas W. Braden
- The Administration’s treatment of staff members
  - Thomas F. Eagleton

H.R. (“Bob”) Haldeman entered at an unknown time after 8:56 am.

Haldeman’s schedule
- Forthcoming staff briefing
  - Clark MacGregor

The President’s schedule
- Forthcoming meeting with youth
  - MacGregor
- Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
- Forthcoming meeting with youth and women leaders
  - Frederic V. Malek
- Youth meeting

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 3m 40s]

Charles W. Colson entered at 9:00 am.
Haldeman left at an unknown time before 9:04 am.

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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The President’s schedule
- Forthcoming telephone call from John D. Ehrlichman

Ehrlichman talked with the President between 9:04 am and 9:05 am.

[Conversation No. 761-2A]

[See Conversation No. 29-11]

[End of telephone conversation]

Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty [SALT]
- Reservations
  - J. William Fulbright, Henry M. (“Scoop”) Jackson
  - Anatoliy F. Dobrynin's call to Kissinger
  - Jackson
- Possible amendment
  - Hugh Scott
  - Fulbright
  - Dobrynin's views
    - Leonid I. Brezhnev
- Clause with potential to negate treaty
  - Soviet Union reaction
  - Kissinger’s efforts
    - Jackson
    - Jacob K. Javits
    - Fulbright
- Possible meeting with the President
- Deletion of clause
  - Fulbright
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- Kissinger's possible conversation with Soviets
- The Administration’s Congressional liaison staff
  - Possible co-sponsors of treaty
    - Jackson
    - James L. Buckley
    - Barry M. Goldwater
    - Possible impact on US-Soviet Union relations
- Proposed Jackson amendment
  - Scott
- Kissinger’s forthcoming conversation with Jackson
  - Gerard C. Smith

Kissinger left at 9:07 am.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 24m 50s ___]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 1m 7s ___]

Zosimo T. Monzon entered at an unknown time after 9:07 am.

Request for book

Monzon left at an unknown time before 10:22 am.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 1m 7s ___]
END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

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Economy
- Food prices
- Hides bill
  - Ehrlichman
  - Peter G. Peterson
  - Possible ban on export
    - Effect on shoe prices
  - Consumer awareness
  - Cattlemen
- Possible freeze on price of hides
  - Earl L. Butz
  - Herbert Stein
  - George P. Shultz
- Price freeze
  - View of politicians
    - Previously successful tactic
      - Compared to the President’s trips to the Soviet Union and the
        People’s Republic of China [PRC]
  - Shultz
    - Tariff removal
      - Farmers
    - Effect of farm prices on public perception
- Trend of farm prices
  - Department of Agriculture
  - Stein
    - Meat prices
- Price freeze
  - Consumer interest in food prices
  - Possible speech by the President

Monzon entered at an unknown time after 9:07 am.
The President's acknowledgement of receipt of book

Monzon left at an unknown time before 10:22 am.

Economy
- Food prices
- Example of Joseph W. Martin, Jr.
- Comparison with prices under Democrats

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 14m 2s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

Economy
- Economic indicators
- Industrial commodities
- Stein
  - Reports
  - Paul W. McCracken
- Stock market
  - McGovern
  - Possible reaction to the President’s reelection
    - Second quarter profits
- Albert E. Sindlinger
- Vietnam
- McGovern
- Press
  - Associated Press [AP]
- Sindlinger’s forthcoming report
  - Investors’ intentions
Arthur H. Bremer
- Attempt to assassinate the President in Canada, April 1972
  - Possible political impact
  - Bremer’s return from Ottawa
  - Reaction of Patricia Colson
  - PRC table tennis exhibition, April 18, 1972
    - Rose Garden
    - White House event compared to public appearance
  - Possible punishment
    - The President’s view
    - Example of Robert F. Kennedy's assassin [Sirhan Sirhan]
      - Death sentence
        - Supreme Court decision [Furman v. Georgia]
      - Imprisonment
        - California
        - Massachusetts
          - Life imprisonment
            - Kidnapping
            - Hijacking
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 4m 33s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8

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Colson left at 10:22 am.

Conversation No. 761-3

Date: August 4, 1972
Time: 10:22 am - 10:25 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with H.R. ("Bob") Haldeman.

The President's schedule
   -Forthcoming meeting with youth group
     -Attire of youth group members
     -Activities
     -Photographs
     -Composition of group
       -Directors of programs
         -Speaker Program
         -College Program
         -Press Relations Program
         -"Nixonettes"

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 10:22 am and 10:24 am.
[Conversation No. 761-3A]

[See Conversation No. 29-12]

[End of telephone conversation]

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 10:22 am.

Refreshments

The President's forthcoming trip [to Thomas B. McCabe, Jr. residence]

The President talked with Tricia Nixon Cox between 10:24 am and 10:25 am.

[Conversation No. 761-3B]

[See Conversation No. 29-13; one item has been withdrawn]

[End of telephone conversation]

Sanchez and Haldeman left at 10:25 am.

Conversation No. 761-4

Date: August 4, 1972
Time: Unknown between 10:25 am and 10:36 am.
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown person.

The President's schedule
-Forthcoming meeting with youth group

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 10:36 am.
Conversation No. 761-5

Date: August 4, 1972
Time: Unknown between 10:25 am and 10:36 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 29-14]

Conversation No. 761-6

Date: August 4, 1972
Time: 10:36 am - 10:37 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Charles W. Colson.

[See Conversation No. 29-15; one item has been withdrawn]

Conversation No. 761-7

Date: August 4, 1972
Time: Unknown after 10:37 am - 1:48 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with H.R. (“Bob”) Haldeman.
Edward R.F. Cox and Tricia Nixon Cox entered at 10:41 am.

Kenneth C. Rietz, George K. Gorton, Kenneth M. Smith, Angela M. Harris, Angela L. Miller, Lea D. Jablonsky and Thomas M. Davis entered at 10:43 am. Stephen B. Bull and the White House photographer were present at the beginning of the meeting.
The President’s policies
  - Ending of the draft
  - Vietnam
  - Lottery

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 3m 33s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 43s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

US foreign policy
  - The public’s view of the future
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-Louis P. Harris poll
-War in Vietnam
  -Lyndon B. Johnson, John F. Kennedy
  -The Administration’s strategy for ending the war
    -Need to deter aggression
    -US-Soviet Union relations
    -Arms race
    -US-People's Republic of China [PRC] relations
      -Nascent power of the PRC
      -Population
      -Nuclear capability
-US relations with communist nations
  -The President’s knowledge of communist nations
  -PRC and the Soviet Union
    -The President’s trips to the PRC and the Soviet Union
-Importance of the Pacific region to the US
  -World War II, Korean War, war in Vietnam
  -US relations with the PRC
  -US relations with Japan
-US relations with the Soviet Union
  -Arms control
    -Effectiveness of nuclear test ban
    -Limit on defensive nuclear weapons
    -Limit on offensive nuclear weapons
    -Phase II of arms control
    -Leonid I. Brezhnev
      -[George S. McGovern]
      -Henry A. Kissinger
-US relations with the PRC
  -Pacific region
    -California
    -Washington
    -Oregon
-US relations with the Soviet Union
  -Trade
  -Exchanges of information
    -Dwight D. Eisenhower
    -Space, science, medicine
    -Cooperation of scientists
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-Cancer research
-Joint space missions
-Soviet people
-Chinese people
-Women leaders
- [Golda Meir]
- [Indira Gandhi]
- Outlook toward end of century
  -US relations with the PRC
  -US relations with the Soviet Union
    -Arms control
    -Limits on defensive weapons
    -Need for new limits on offensive weapons
- Situation at the start of the Administration
  - War in Vietnam
  -US-PRC relations
  -US-Soviet Union relations
    -Arms race
- Administration efforts to end the war in Vietnam
  -Respect for US in the Middle East, Europe, and among allies
- US relations with the PRC and the Soviet Union
- The President’s experience in foreign policy
  -US policy toward the PRC
  -Arms control
  -The President's relationship with Chinese and Soviet leaders
- The President's travels as Vice President and as a private citizen
  -The President's knowledge of world leaders
    -Nicolae Ceausescu
    -Emilio Garrastazu Medici
      -Brazil
    -Lt. Gen. T.N.J. Suharto
      -Indonesia
    -Kakuei Tanaka
      -Japan
- Football analogy
- The President's trip to the PRC
  -Significance
    -Relationship between North and South Korea
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- Improvement in world affairs
  - Exception of relationship between India and Pakistan
    - Bangladesh

Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
- McGovern supporters
- The President’s view of Agnew
  - Thomas F. Eagleton
    - The President’s response at a previous press conference
      - Agnew’s reaction in decision-making process
        - Cambodia
        - May 8, 1972 decision
        - Arms control
      - Agnew’s strength and emotional stability
        - Edmund S. Muskie
- Responsibilities
  - Cabinet and National Security Council [NSC] meetings
  - Foreign policy
    - McGovern
    - Role of Vice President
      - The President’s responsibilities during the Eisenhower Administration
        - Lebanon
          - Relative strength of US compared to the Soviet Union
      - Kennedy Administration
        - Cuban missile crisis
          - Relative strength of US compared to the Soviet Union
        - May 8, 1972 decision
          - Relative strength of US compared to the Soviet Union
            - Mutual desire for US-Soviet Union summit
      - Agnew’s participation in decision-making
  - Relationship with the press
  - Relationship with young people
  - Strength
- Responsibilities
  - Membership on the NSC
  - Cabinet meetings
    - Agnew’s role
- Strength
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-Need for strength in positions of great responsibility
  -Winston S. Churchill
  -Eisenhower
-Quotation by Finley Peter Dunne
  -“Mr. Dooley’s” view of the vice presidency
  -Alben W. Barkley
  -Theodore Roosevelt
  -McGovern

Gift presentations
  -Cufflinks

The President's schedule
  -Political events
    -Republican National Convention

Presidential seal

Cufflinks

Furnishings of Oval Office
  -Painting of the White House
  -Steuben crystal [“Star of the President”]
    -Walter H. Annenberg
  -Julie Nixon Eisenhower's crewel work
    -1968 campaign

[General conversation]

Rietz, Gorton, Smith, Harris, Miller, Jablonsky and Davis left at 12:04 pm.

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 17m 1s]
Edward and Tricia Nixon Cox left at 12:14 pm.

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8

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Watergate
- Andreas
  - Call to Clark MacGregor
    - Money given to Dahlgren [Dahlberg]
    - Possible statement
      - Hubert H. Humphrey
      - Support for the President
      - Importance
    - Ten million dollars
    - Reporting law
    - Statement content
      - Humphrey
      - MacGregor
    - Impact of statement
      - Haldeman, John D. Ehrlichman
- General Accounting Office [GAO] investigation
- Political impact of Democratic support
- Indictments
- GAO investigation
- Magruder’s involvement
- John N. Mitchell's involvement
- Magruder
  - Testimony
  - Possible inclusion in group meeting with the President
    - Executive Office Building [EOB]
- Andreas statement
  - Ehrlichman
  - John W. Dean, III
  - Content
    - Humphrey
  - Legal aspects
Tape Subject Log
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-Ehrlichman’s view
-Hughes's view
-Dahlberg delivery
-Stans
-Hughes
-GAO
-Retirement

The President's schedule
-Republican National Convention
-Philadelphia
-Wilkes-Barre
-The President's forthcoming acceptance speech
-Revenue Sharing bill signing ceremony
-Timing
-Publicity

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 9
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 4m 36s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 9

Ronald L. Ziegler entered at 12:37 pm.

Press conference
-Vietnam
-US bombing dams and dikes in North Vietnam
-Edward M. Kennedy’s statement
-Question to Ziegler
-Reuters
-Ralph Harris
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-Ziegler's answer
-US policy on bombing
  -Extent of bombing
  -North Vietnam propaganda
-Edward Kennedy’s staff

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 10
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 42s _____]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 10

Vice Presidency
  -Dunne
    -“Mr. Dooley”
  -Quotation
  -Barkley
    -Anecdote
      -Possible use by Robert B. Semple, Jr.
      -The President’s recent meeting with youth
        -Photograph

Press conference
  -Watergate
    -Contributions
      -Question from Robert Pierpoint
        -Stans
    -Question by Pierpoint
      -Hugh Scott
        -Nobel Peace Prize possibility for the President
  -McGovern
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- Watergate
  - Contributions
  - Committee to Reelect the President
    - Knowledge
    - Investigation
- Campaign
  - The President's meetings with groups
    - Young people
    - MacGregor, Mitchell
    - Youth
      - Photograph
      - Timing for beginning of campaign
- Vice presidency
  - Semple
  - Barkley
    - Dunne quotation
    - Other quote

Ziegler's use of quotations
- Rudyard Kipling quote
- Aldo B. ("Elbow") Beckman
  - The President's visit to the PRC

Watergate
- Public relations

Press

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 11
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 4m 32s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 11
Watergate
- Press
  - Pierpoint’s questions
  - Stans
- Investigation
  - Cooperation by the Administration

Vietnam
- *Washington Post* column
  - Editorial
    - The President’s previous press conference
    - Previous article on the press conference
      - Ben H. Bagdikian
      - Photograph of North Vietnamese dikes under repair
        - Age of photograph
          - Kenneth W. Clawson
        - Bagdikian
        - Haldeman’s view
  - Bombing
    - Gen. John D. Lavelle
    - Popular sentiment
      - Edward Kennedy
      - May 8, 1972 decision
      - Dikes
      - Louis P. Harris poll
        - Support for mining of harbors
        - McGovern supporters

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 12
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 3m 8s]

Ziegler left at 1:01 pm.
Ehrlichman

Haldeman talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 1:01 pm and 1:05 pm.

[Conversation No. 761-7A]

Ehrlichman's schedule
- Oval Office

[End of telephone conversation]

The President left at an unknown time after 1:01 pm.

Haldeman talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 1:01 pm and 1:05 pm.

[Conversation No. 761-7B]

The President’s schedule

[End of telephone conversation]

The President entered at an unknown time before 1:05 pm.

John W. Gardner
- Democrats
- Press

Public relations
- News summary
  - MacGregor
- Presidential commendations
  - Need for increase
Ehrlichman entered at 1:05 pm.

Hides legislation
  -Peter G. Peterson
  -George P. Shultz
  -Peterson
    -Herbert Stein
    -Henry C. Cashen, II
    -Decision by the Department of Commerce
    -Earl L. Butz
    -Peter M. Flanigan
    -Press release
  -Congress
    -Shultz's view
      -Withdrawal of legislation
    -Thomas C. Korologos
    -The President’s forthcoming conversation with Richard K. Cook
    -Ehrlichman’s forthcoming conversation with members of his staff

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 1:05 pm and 1:09 pm.

[Conversation No. 761-7C]

[See Conversation No. 29-16]

[End of telephone conversation]

Ehrlichman talked with an unknown person in his office at an unknown time between 1:05 pm and 1:09 pm.

[Conversation No. 761-7D]

Korologos's schedule

The President and Haldeman can be heard in the background.
White House staff
  -Cabinet

[End of telephone conversation]

The President talked with Cook between 1:09 pm and 1:12 pm.

[Conversation No. 761-7E]

[See Conversation No. 29-17; one item has been withdrawn]

[End of telephone conversation]

  Hides bill
    -Senate

Economy
  -Price freeze
    -Ehrlichman's schedule
      -Shultz
      -Arthur F. Burns
      -John B. Connally
    -Shultz
    -Food prices outlook
      -Controls
        -Timing

Watergate
  -Tax audit on Lawrence F. O'Brien, Jr.
    -Shultz
    -Joseph A. Califano, Jr.
    -Investigation
      -Howard R. Hughes

Dahlgren [Dahlberg]

Andreas contribution
  -Stans
An unknown person entered and left at an unknown time between 1:12 pm and 1:35 pm.
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-US Attorney
-Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]
-Immunity
  -Fifth Amendment
-Previous grand jury appearance
  -Campaign Spending Act violations
-Liddy's role
-Role in Watergate
  -Stans's knowledge
-Campaign Spending Act
  -Stans
    -Knowledge
    -Use of funds
      -Liddy

Hides legislation
-Council on International Economic Policy [CIEP]

Watergate
-Stans
  -Possible testimony
  -Richard G. Kleindienst
    -Effect on campaign
    -Mitchell
  -Kleindienst subordinate
  -Forthcoming statement
  -Effect of Watergate on fund raising
  -Grand jury
-Sloan
  -Testimony
-Possible indictments
  -Burglars, Liddy, E. Howard Hunt, Jr.
  -Pleas
  -Trials

Arthur H. Bremer
-Previous attempt to assassinate the President
  -Charles W. Colson
    -Patricia Colson’s reaction to story
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- Possible public relations impact
  - Canada
- Bremer’s diary
  - Haldeman’s view
  - Journal entries
    - Visit to New York massage parlor
    - Bremer’s attempt to smuggle gun into Canada
    - Accident with gun in Canadian motel
- Assassination attempts in Canada, April 1972
  - Demonstrators
  - Gas station
  - Airport
  - Parliament Block
    - Demonstrators
      - Royal Canadian Mounted Police
      - Pierre E. Trudeau
      - Instruction to write memorandum
      - [Timothy Porteous?]
  - Secret Service
    - Ottawa
- Possible presence of Bremer in Haldeman’s movies
- Assassination attempts in Washington, DC
  - PRC table tennis exhibition, April 18, 1972
  - The President’s visit to the Treasury Building
- Assassination of the President compared to assassination of George C. Wallace
  - Burial of first portion of Bremer’s diary
  - Possible sale of diary
  - [Furman v. Georgia]
    - Effect on death penalty

Ehrlichman’s schedule
  - Forthcoming meeting with John J. Rhodes
    - Platform committee
      - Women’s liberation
      - Republican women

Polling results
  - View of abortion
Ehrlichman left at 1:35 pm.

Watergate
-Andreas
-Statement
-Midwest finance chairman
-Dahlgren [Dahlberg]
-Gift disclosure date
-Contribution publicity
-Humphrey
-Democrats' views

The President's schedule
-Forthcoming signing ceremony [for the Revenue Sharing bill]
-Possible meeting with women’s group
-Possible meeting with group including Magruder
-California
-Possible meeting with unknown public relations official
-Forthcoming trip to Thomas B. McCabe, Jr.’s residence
-Weather
-California
-Connally dinner

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 16
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 8m 23s____]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 16

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The President and Haldeman left at 1:48 pm.