Conversation No. 801-24/802-1

Date: October 17, 1972
Time: Unknown after 3:03 pm - 6:24 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with H.R. (“Bob”) Haldeman and John B. Connally. This recording began at an unknown time while the meeting was in progress.

[An unknown portion of this conversation was not recorded while this tape was changed.]

Issues
- George S. McGovern
- Charges against John D. Ehrlichman
- Response
  - Ehrlichman’s performance on television [TV]

John N. Mitchell, Clark MacGregor and Ehrlichman entered at 4:07 pm.

Greetings
- Connally’s recent press conference

Connally’s recent press conference
  George Embry
    - The President’s view
      - The Left

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 3m 33s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

1972 campaign television [TV] broadcasts
- Connally's broadcast
  - Significance and impact
    - The President’s view
    - Foreign policy and national defense issues
  - McGovern support
  - George Christian's speech text
  - Production
    - William Drummond
  - Nguyen Van Thieu
- Defense
- Presidency
- Vietnam
- Franklin D. Roosevelt
- Timing
  - World Series
    - Oakland
  - Delay
    - Weather
    - TV
    - Cincinnati

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: _3m 20s_]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

Issues
- McGovern
  - Vietnam, amnesty
  - Taxes on wealth
- Tax reform plan
  - Timing
  - The elderly
- The President’s radio address on Federal spending, October 7, 1972
- McGovern's use of issue
  - McGovern’s forthcoming TV address
- The President’s schedule
  - Radio
- The President's schedule
  - Radio
  - New York

[Thomas] Hale Boggs
  - Airplane crash
    - Air travel in Alaska
      - Anchorage
        - The President’s previous experience
    - Search efforts
      - The President’s telephone call to Corrine (Claiborne) (“Lindy”) Boggs
    - Memorial service
  - Status on ballot in forthcoming election
    - [Nicolas J. Begich]
  - Congressional action
    - The President's call to Lindy Boggs
      - Ronald L. Ziegler
    - Lindy Boggs
    - Anecdotes
      - Dinner
        - Peter H. Dominick
          - McGovern analogy
    - Gridiron Club
      - Parren J. Mitchell

The President's schedule
  - Radio talks
    - Education
      - Equal Educational Opportunities Act
        - Senate
        - House of Representatives
      - McGovern
        - Absence of vote
    - Parochial school aid issue
    - Busing
    - Blacks
      - The President's meeting with Gale E. Sayers
      - Black colleges
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Tape Subject Log
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- James Brown, Sammy Davis, Jr.
  - Support for the President
  - Reaction
    - Records, concerts
- Jim Brown
- Text release
  - Use by surrogates
- Crime
- The President's voice
  - The President’s meeting with prisoners of war [POWs] families, October 16, 1972
    - Jo Anne (Horton) Haldeman’s view
  - Roosevelt's fireside chats
  - Radio compared to television
- Schedule
  - Veterans
    - Veterans Day
  - Paternalism compared to free society address, October 21, 1972
  - Education
  - Address to the nation; “Look to the Future”, November 2, 1972
    - Peace, economy
  - Paternalism address
- Presentation of administration record
  - Department of Health, Education, and Welfare [HEW] and Domestic Council drafts
  - Unlimited ceiling of opportunity
    - Sayers
    - Jobs, business, education
- Length
- Impact
  - Crime and drug abuse address, October 15, 1972
    - Audience
    - The President's delivery
    - Timing and frequency
- Revenue sharing signing ceremony
  - Independence Hall
  - Hale Boggs
    - Service
  - John A. Love
    - Richard B. Ogilvie
    - Illinois
  - Milton J. Shapp
- Frank L. Rizzo
  - Conversation with Haldeman
- Rizzo
  - R. Sargent Shriver
  - Unknown woman
- Radio
- New York regional meeting
  - Nelson A. Rockefeller
- Rally
  - Nassau
- Partisan perception
  - Advertisements
  - Republican Party
  - Democrats for Nixon
  - Committee to Re-Elect the President [CRP]
  - Republican National Committee
  - Georgia
  - Labor
  - Atlanta
  - Instruction for R. Burdell Bixby

Connally
  - Schedule
    - Idanell (Brill) (“Nellie”) Connally
    - Receipt of Distinguished Alumni Award from University of Texas
      - Oveta Culp Hobby, Claudia A. (Taylor) (“Lady Bird”) Johnson

Football
  - University of Texas vs. University of Oklahoma
    - Commentator Charles B. (“Bud”) Wilkinson
    - Washington Redskins
      - University of Michigan
      - Fielding H. Yost

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: __50s__]
END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6

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The President's schedule
- Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT) II announcement, October 19, 1972
- US-Soviet Union agreement on trade
  - Treasury Department
  - Lend-lease
    - Henry A. Kissinger, Leonid I. Brezhnev
- Radio talks
- Vetoes

Congressional relations
- Forthcoming water bill veto
  - Financial cost
    - Tax increase
    - 1972 election
  - Environmentalists
  - Pork barrel
    - Gerald R. Ford
  - Ford’s recent telephone call to Ehrlichman
    - Retroactive provision of bill
      - 1956-1962
      - Grand Rapids, Michigan
  - Mandatory spending
    - Effect on credibility of the President’s tax increase position
      - Environmental issue
  - Congress
    - Veto override
    - Quorum
    - Ford

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 10m 5s]
END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8

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Jesse A. Helms
- Stand on issues compared to the President
  - William L. Scott of Virginia
  - Patriotism
  - Scott
- North Carolina poll
  - James E. Holshouser, Jr.

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 9
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 25m 58s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 9

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Vietnam negotiations
- Kissinger’s schedule
  - Paris to Saigon
    - Announcement
    - Return to [Washington, DC]
- Kissinger’s efforts

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 10
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 8m 4s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 10
Congress
   -Possible help from the President's campaigning
   -Support for the President
      -Charles H. Percy of Illinois
      -1966
      -Voting record
      -William B. Saxbe
   -Loyalty to the President

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 11
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: __2m 14s__]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 11

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 13
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: __3m 10s__]
END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 13

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Issues
   -Vietnam
      -Time required for coverage
         -The President’s meeting with POW families, October 16, 1972
   -Written statements
      -Aid to parochial schools, busing
         -Grand Rapids
      -Water bill veto
         -Ford
      -Local tie-in
         -Press releases
         -Crime statement
      -Preparation
         -Deadline
   -Speechwriters
      -Raymond K. Price, Jr.
      -Research team
   -Taxes and spending
      -Veto
      -Tax Reform Act of 1969
         -Public awareness

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 14
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: ___14m 34s___]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 14

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The President's accomplishments
   -Vietnam War
- Peace efforts
  - Withdrawal of US forces
- Trips to the People's Republic of China [PRC] and Soviet Union
- Crime, narcotics interdiction and law enforcement
- Economic gains for American people

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 15
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 9m 53s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 15

1972 campaign
- Criticism of the President's schedule
  - White House
    - “Hiding” charge
    - TV
      - Public perception
        - Poll
          - Congressional adjournment
          - Bill signing

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 16
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 12m 5s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 16
Media

The President's schedule
  -The President’s experience as Vice President
    -1956
      -Dwight D. Eisenhower
  -Vietnam War
    -The President’s May 8, 1972 decision on bombing Hanoi and mining Haiphong harbor
      -Impact
  -Visit to fifty states
  -The President's role as President
    -Head of state
  -Contact with people
      -Conversation with the President
  -Public perception
    -Savannah
      -Blacks
    -Fargo, North Dakota
      -Farmers and the President's farm program
        -Effect of press coverage
  -Mississippi visit, September 8, 1969
    -Hurricane [Camille]
    -James Eastland, William M. Colmer
    -John N. Mitchell
  -Public reaction
    -Regional pride, national pride
    -TV
    -Unemployed
    -TV
  -Ambassador from Austria [Karl Gruber]
    -Presentation of credentials
    -Travels through US
      -Impressions
        -West Coast, Texas, Midwest
        -Washington, DC
  -Cambodian decision [1970]
    -Public reaction
      -Washington, DC compared to rest of country
    -Media
Date: October 17, 1972
Time: Unknown between 6:24 pm and 6:26 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time.

[See Conversation No. 31-105]

Date: October 17, 1972
Time: Unknown between 6:24 pm and 6:28 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

Schedule
- Legislation
  - Water bill veto

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 6:28 pm.
Conversation No. 802-4

Date: October 17, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 6:24 pm and 6:28 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President’s schedule  
- Pegge (Jendro) Begich  
- Corrine (Claiborne) (“Lindy”) Boggs

The President talked with Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon between 6:26 pm and 6:27 pm.

[Conversation No. 802-4A]

[See Conversation No. 31-106; one item has been withdrawn]

[End of telephone conversation]

The President’s schedule  
- Begich’s schedule  
- Boggs’s schedule

Bull left at an unknown time before 6:28 pm.

Conversation No. 802-5

Date: October 17, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 6:27 pm and 6:28 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 31-107]
Conversation No. 802-6

Date: October 17, 1972
Time: 6:28 pm - 6:29 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Pegge (Jendro) Begich.

[See Conversation No. 31-108]

Conversation No. 802-7

Date: October 17, 1972
Time: Unknown between 6:29 pm and 6:30 pm
Location: Oval Office

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

Haldeman's schedule
- Request for a meeting with the President

Conversation No. 802-8

Date: October 17, 1972
Time: Unknown between 6:29 pm and 6:30 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 16s]
Sanchez left at an unknown time before 6:30 pm

Conversation No. 802-9

Date: October 17, 1972
Time: 6:30 pm - 7:17 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull and Alexander P. Butterfield.

The President's schedule
- Call to Pegge (Jendro) Begich
- Ronald L. Ziegler

Bull left at an unknown time before 6:34 pm.

Congressional relations
- Congressional adjournment
- Talking points
- John D. Ehrlichman
- Schedule

H.R. (“Bob”) Haldeman entered at 6:34 pm.

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 6:40 pm.

Congressional relations
- Previous dinner
- Telephone calls
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[Thomas] Hale Boggs
-Memorial service

Haldeman’s schedule

Gift
-Japanese artwork
-Chinese jade

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 7m 17s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

Ziegler entered at 6:40 pm.

Winston S. Churchill
-Schedule
-Ziegler's telephone call
-Washington, DC, London
-Randolph Churchill, Winston S. Churchill
-Washington Post article
-Possible meeting with the President
-Washington, DC

Ziegler left at 6:41 pm.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 4m 44s]
END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

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Bull entered at an unknown time after 6:41 pm.

Request for a meeting with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Bull left at an unknown time before 6:48 pm.

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 1m 38s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

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Haig entered at 6:48 pm.

Vietnam negotiations
- Henry A. Kissinger's schedule
  - The President’s forthcoming location
    - Executive Office Building [EOB]
  - Kissinger’s trip to Saigon
  - Agreement status
  - Kissinger's trip to Saigon
- Messages to and from Kissinger
- Leaks
  - Hanoi
    - Kissinger's schedule
    - Inquiry to Ziegler
- Kissinger
  - Schedule
- Hanoi
  - Peace settlement
  - Bombing halt instructions
- Schedule
  - Hanoi
  - Peace settlement
  - W. Ramsey Clark
  - Memorandum from the President
  - Haig’s conversation with Kissinger
- Nguyen Van Thieu
  - Position
  - 1972 election
- Saigon's military situation
  - Possible cease-fire in place
    - North Vietnamese movements in South Vietnam
    - Routes One, Thirteen, Seven
  - Messages from Haig to Kissinger
- Cease-fire
  - Desirability
- Timing of possible settlement
  - 1972 election
  - George S. McGovern

Haig left at 6:54 pm.

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: ___1m 18s__]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7
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1972 campaign
- Criticism of the President's schedule
  - Charles W. Colson
  - Media
- White House
  - Camp David
- Camp David
  - Television and radio
  - Ziegler's announcements
    - John D. Ehrlichman, budget
- Forthcoming weekend trip
  - Philadelphia
  - Ehrlichman
    - Pending legislation

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: __7m 16s__]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 10
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: __1m 10s__]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 10

The President's public appearances
Tape Subject Log
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-The President’s meeting with prisoners of war [POWs] families, October 16, 1972
  -Ehrlichman’s view
  -Media coverage
  -Amnesty and Vietnam issues
    -The President's October 16, 1972 appearance before POW families
    -The President’s public appearances

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 11
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 9m 17s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 11

The President and Haldeman left at 7:17 pm.

Date: October 17, 1972
Time: Unknown between 7:17 pm and 11:59 pm
Location: Oval Office


  The President's location

  [Unintelligible]

  Schedule

  [The conversation was cut off at an unknown time before 11:59 pm.]