Conversation No. 803-22/804-1

Date: October 18, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:23 pm and 5:43 pm
Location: Oval Office

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

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

Vietnam negotiations
   - Nguyen Van Thieu
     - The President’s view

The President's schedule
   - Camp David
     - Ronald L. Ziegler
       - Radio talks
     - Raymond K. Price, Jr.
       - Radio talks
     - John D. Ehrlichman
       - Work on legislative backlog
         - Photograph session
       - Timing of October 19, 1972 scheduled departure
     - Radio talks
       - [Philosophy of Government] October 21, 1972
       - Time
         - Repeat cycle
       - Veterans speech on October 22, 1972
         - Timing of broadcast
           - Church service
           - West
             - Live audience
             - News coverage
       - Veterans Day
         - Arlington National Cemetery
         - New York

Vietnam
-Prisoners of war [POWs]
-Recent National League of Families meeting
-Carol Hanson's endorsement of the President
-The President's policy on the return of POWs
-Statement regarding George S. McGovern's Vietnam policy

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 5m 19s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

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The President's schedule
-News value
-October 17, 1972
-Charles W. Colson
-Cabinet, Cost of Living Council [COLC]
-Labor leaders
-Meeting with Caspar W. (“Cap”) Weinberger, George P. Shultz, Herbert Stein
-Budget cuts
-Spending ceiling legislation
-Ehrlichman
-Ehrlichman
-Judgement
-Colson, Weinberger
-Timing of announcements during 1972 campaign period
-Department of Health, Education and Welfare [HEW]
-School lunch programs
-Transportation department
-Washington Metro construction
-Impact
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-Veterans issues
  -Bill signing ceremony
    -John M. O'Neill veterans group
      -Young labor group
        -Television [TV] coverage
      -POW event
  -Press conference
    -Colson
  -Frequency
  -Issues
    -Watergate
    -Vietnam
    -Sarah McClendon, Clark R. Mollenhoff
  -Colson’s meeting recommendations
    -Elliot L. Richardson, James D. Hodgson, Ehrlichman,
      Daniel P. (“Pat”) Moynihan, Congressional leaders
      -Welfare reform
        -Family Assistance Program [FAP]
        -Employment
        -Press briefing
          -Questions
            -1972 election
          -Announcement
        -Defense budget
        -Church attendance in Annapolis, Maryland
          -US Naval Academy
        -Price Commission
          -Donald H. Rumsfeld
          -Pay Board
  -Church attendance
    -Gettysburg
    -October 29, 1972
    -Ohio
    -October 22, 1972
      -Radio speech timing
        -1972 election
    -West
      -William F. (“Billy”) Graham

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at 3:47 pm.
Congressional schedule
- Debt ceiling

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 3:58 pm.

- Price commission
- Budget meeting
  - Weinberger
  - Ehrlichman's role

The President's schedule
- Kentucky
- Vietnam War
  - Possible Settlement
    - Timing
  - Conversation with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
    - Thieu
  - Henry A. Kissinger’s possible meeting with Le Duc Tho
    - Kissinger's Possible Itinerary
      - Vientiane, Saigon, Hanoi, Washington, DC
    - Thieu

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: __5m 46s__]
END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7
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The President’s schedule

Haldeman talked with Ehrlichman at an unknown time between 3:47 pm and 3:58 pm.

[Conversation No. 803-22/804-1A]

Request for a meeting with Ehrlichman
[End of telephone conversation]

The President’s schedule

The President left and Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 3:47 pm.

The President’s schedule
  - Telephone

Bull left and The President entered at an unknown time after 3:58 pm.

[Bonsai?] trees
  - Value
    - Haldeman’s possession

The President talked with an unknown person [Haig?] at an unknown time between 3:47 pm and 3:58 pm.

[Conversation No. 803-22/804-1D]

Request for a meeting

[End of telephone conversation]

[Bonsai?] trees
  - Value
    - Nellie L. Yates
      - Trip [to Peoples Republic of China [PRC]?
    - Possible gift to the White House

Ehrlichman entered at 3:58 p.m.

Memorandum
  - Arthur F. Burns
    - Rose Mary Woods

The President talked with Woods at an unknown time between 3:58 pm and 4:01 pm.

[Conversation No. 803-22/804-1B]
Letter from Burns
   -Ehrlichman

[End of telephone conversation]

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 3:58 pm.

Refreshment

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 4:01 pm.

The President’s schedule
   -Budget meeting recommendation
      -Stein, Weinberger, Shultz, Ehrlichman
      -Spending limit
      -Briefing by Weinberger
   -Proposed cuts
      -Pre-election period
   -Cabinet meeting
   -News value
   -Meeting at Camp David
      -William E. Timmons
      -New York

Woods entered at 4:01 pm.

Memorandum from Burns
   -Weinberger’s draft

Haig entered and Woods left at 4:02 p.m.

Foreign Relations
   -US-Soviet Union trade agreement
      -William P. Rogers’s view
      -State Department
         -Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty [SALT], Shanghai Communiqué,
           Berlin agreement
         -U. Alexis Johnson
      -Vietnam Negotiations
         -Possible settlement
         -Kissinger’s forthcoming meeting with Thieu
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-Political issues
  -Coalition government in South Vietnam
  -Kissinger’s forthcoming meeting with Thieu
    -State Department
    -Security issues
    -North Vietnam
    -POWs

-Kissinger's schedule
  -Thieu
  -William H. Sullivan
    -Vientiane, Phnom Penh, Bangkok
  -Philip C. Habib
    -Seoul
    -Park Chung Hee
    -Thieu

Haig left at 4:08 p.m.

The President's schedule
  -Camp David budget meeting
    -Veto announcement
    -Revenue sharing signing ceremony
      -Shultz, Weinberger
    -Transportation arrangements
      -Helicopters
  -Philadelphia revenue sharing ceremony trip
    -Press pool
      -Ehrlichman
    -Story
      -Photograph opportunity
        -Recent Senate vote override
  -New York
    -Press relations
  -Legislation vetoes
    -Announcement
      -The President's role
        -Colson
        -Taxes
        -Questions
          -1972 election
-Mollenhof
-McClendon
-Colson's perception

-Radio statement
 -News value
 -Ehrlichman
-Veterans legislation
 -Colson
 -Arrangements for signing ceremony
  -Young veterans group
   -GI Bill
   -O’Neill
   -Labor group
   -Badges
 -Impact of event
 -New York
 -Photograph opportunity
 -Veterans issue

-Radio speech on education, October 25, 1972
 -Preparation
  -Schedule
   -Butterfield

-Radio speeches
 -Veterans, New Majority topics
  -William L. Safire

-Appalachian trip
 -Airport
  -Ashland, Kentucky

-Release of statement by the President
  -Rural development, black lung
   -Accomplishments and proposals

-Robert C. Byrd
 -McGovern
  -Kentucky, West Virginia

-Auditorium
 -Louie R. Nunn

-New York speech
 -Theme
  -Goals for future
 -John B. Connally's foreign policy speech
  -Broadcast
-Tone
-The President's goals for the future
-[McGovern's] programs
-World peace, prosperity
-Press corps
-Nelson A. Rockefeller’s home
-Connally broadcast
-Audience reaction
-Tone
-Positive nature of the President's appearances
-Kentucky and Appalachia
-John Sherman Cooper
-Support for the President
-Lucy A. Winchester
-Stump speeches
-Press reaction
-Audiences
-Fund raising speeches
-Reading a speech
-Rallies
-Radio
-Issues and events
-Welfare programs meeting
-Colson
-Richardson
-Moynihan
-Congress
-Price Commission
-Rumsfeld briefing
-Price increases
-Consumer Price Index [CPI]
-Timing of release
-Gross National Product [GNP]
-Revenue sharing
-Meeting with young voters for the President
-Colson
-East Room
-Defense budget
-Defense officials
-Kissinger
-Austerity effort in budget matters
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-Vietnam
-Trips
  -Kentucky
    -Film of Connally speech
    -New York
    -Statement on plans for the future
-News value of events
  -Rallies
  -Georgia, Michigan, Texas remarks
  -New York
    -Fund raiser
  -California
    -Los Angeles
-Public enthusiasm
  -Kentucky
    -Appalachia
  -Expression of views
    -Peace, world view, economy, goals for America
    -The President’s trip to Independence Hall
-Revenue sharing
  -Price's draft of speech
    -Length
    -Talking points
      -Substance, anecdote, theme
  -TV
    -George Washington on the Constitution
    -The President’s 1970 trip to Philadelphia
      -Philadelphia Orchestra
        -John K. Andrews, Jr.
    -Winston S. Churchill quote
  -TV coverage
-Effect of issue
  -General public
  -Mayors, officials
  -Stewart J.O. Alsop
  -Trust in localities compared to Washington, DC
-Water bill
  -Veto
    -House of Representatives
    -Chances for sustaining
      -Colson’s view
- Gerald R. Ford, Leslie C. Arends
  - Environmentalists
  - News coverage
  - Trade agreement with the Soviet Union
    - Lend-Lease agreement
  - The President's trip to Kentucky
    - Airport
      - Louisville
      - Huntington, West Virginia
        - Possible Air Force base
        - Portsmouth, Ohio
        - Ashland, Kentucky
        - Charleston, West Virginia
      - Symbolism of the President's visit to West Virginia
        - Arch A. Moore, Jr.
        - Charleston, West Virginia

Al-Fatah
  - Terrorism committee report
    - David R. Young, Jr.
  - 1972 election
    - The President
  - Yitzak Rabin
  - Response
    - White House
    - L. [ouis] Patrick Gray, III
      - Use of Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]
-Authorization by the President
  -Rabin
  -R. Sargent Shriver
  -The President
  -Rabin
    -Israeli security
      -Ehrlichman's airplane flight with Abba Eban

Statements
  -Theme
    -The President's next term
      -Peace, economy, welfare
    -Goals
      -Peace, prosperity, growth

Congress
  -Adjournment
    -Telephone call to the President
      -House of Representatives, Senate
    -Possible meeting with the President
      -Timmons
    -Schedule
  -The President’s view
  -The President as freshman Congressman
    -Daylight savings time
      -District of Columbia
    -Debate
      -Virginia farmers
  -Ehrlichman’s schedule
  -Michael Gravel, John V. Tunney, Frank F. Church, Warren G. (Maggie”) Magnuson
  -Charles H. Percy
  -Vote on spending limitation
  -McGovern
  -Edward M. Kennedy
    -Parliamentarian [Floyd M. Riddick]
      -J. Mark Trice
Inaugural
-Progress
-Stands
-Seats, framework
-Routes
-Brookings Institute
-Transition planning
-Franklin B. Lincoln, Jr.
-Telephone call after Democratic National Convention
-Placement of people in government agencies

Brookings Institute
-Establishment
-Richard P. Nathan's new job
-Welfare program
-Personnel

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 10
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 12m 59s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 10

Senate
-Votes on Watergate investigation, spending limit, Water bill
-Charles McC. Mathias, Jr.
-Kennedy
-Charles E. Goodell
-The President's role during campaign
-Surrogates
-Daniel J. Evans
-Ehrlichman
-Watergate
-Mathias
-Kennedy
-Edward J. Gurney
-Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
-Mathias
- Agnew
-Percy, William B. Saxbe
-Support
- Fredrick, Maryland
-Percy
-Downstate Illinois
-Opposition to the President
- Jacob K. Javits
-Edward W. Brooke
-Clifford P. Case
-Javits
-Comparison to Percy, Mathias, Hugh Scott
-Scott
- Water bill
- Pennsylvania Association of Industries
-Re-election as minority leader
- Breakfast conversation with the President
- Fund raising
-Composition
-Possible changes in leadership
-Nunn's election
-Scott
-Robert P. Griffin, Howard H. Baker, Jr., William E. Brock, III
-Baker as possible leader
-Scott
-Gordon L. Allott, Jack R. Miller
-Leadership qualities
-Robert J. Dole
-[Republican National Committee]
-Wallace F. Bennett
-Roman L. Hruska
-Milton Young
-Peter H. Dominick
-Brock

House of Representatives
Possible change of leadership
  - Ford
    - Rumsfeld
    - Grand Rapids
    - Rumsfeld
  - John J. Rhodes, John B. Anderson
  - Anderson
    - Scott
    - Cooperation
    - Comparison to Ford
      - John C. Stennis

Senate
  - Stennis
    - Possible party change
    - Possible change in leadership
      - Margaret C. Smith, Byrd
      - Scott, Hruska
  - Harry F. Byrd
    - Possible change in political affiliation
      - Bryce N. Harlow

The press and media
  - MacGregor's Washington Post statement
  - 1972 election
  - TV networks
  - Attitude towards administration
    - White House events
- James B. ("Scotty") Reston
- Katharine L. Graham
- Ziegler
  - Hugh S. Sidey
- TV networks
- Business executives
  - William S. Paley, Frank Stanton, Leonard H. Goldenson, Robert W. Sarnoff
- Reporters
  - Daniel L. Schorr
  - George Herman’s conversation with Ehrlichman
    - Schorr
    - Wife, brother
      - Campaign activities in support of McGovern
- The President's East Room press conferences
  - Frank van der Linden
  - Recognition of reporters
    - *New York Times*
    - Carroll Kilpatrick
    - Robert B. Semple, Jr.
- TV compared to newspapers
  - *Washington Post*
    - Compared to Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
  - *Washington Post* newspaper syndicate
    - Hobart Rowen
      - Ehrlichman’s attendance at Associated Press [AP] editors meeting
        - *Los Angeles Times*
        - Ehrlichman's letter
          - Publication and circulation
  - *New York Times*
    - Story on Watergate
      - Donald H. Segretti's telephone calls to White House
      - Dwight L. Chapin, E. Howard Hunt, Jr.
    - Innuendos, implications
      - Double standard
    - Leaks
      - Pentagon Papers, National Security Council [NSC] leaks
Ehrlichman talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 5:28 pm and 5:37 pm.

Chapin
John D. Ehrlichman talked with an unknown staff member in Timmons's office at an unknown time between 5:28 pm and 5:37 pm.

Haldeman left at 5:28 pm.

Ehrlichman talked with Timmons at an unknown time between 5:28 pm and 5:37 pm.

[Conversation No. 803-22/804-1C]

[See Conversation No. 31-120]

Haldeman entered at 5:32 pm.

[End of telephone conversation]

Congress
- Adjournment
- Highway bill
  - Highways Conference
  - Javits's reaction to Magnuson amendment on unemployment
    - “Pins and needles” bill
  - Tax amendment
  - Senate passage of debt ceiling bill
- Ford
- Javits
  - Debt ceiling bill
- The President's schedule
  - Comparison to 1960s, [1947-1960], [1969-1972]

The President’s schedule
- Huntington, West Virginia
  - Airport
    - Charleston, West Virginia
    - Previous trip during flood
    - Ashland, Kentucky

Ehrlichman’s schedule
- Meeting with Frederic V. Malek
- Congressional adjournment
  - Status
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-Senate
-Javits
-Quorum
-Debt ceiling bill
-Weinberger’s staff

Ehrlichman left at 5:37 pm.

Watergate
-News stories
  -New York Times
    -Chapin
      -Timing of release of stories
      -Colson’s recommendation
    -Time
    -Dan Rather story
      -Responsibility
        -Chapin, Jeb Stuart Magruder
          -The President, John N. Mitchell, Haldeman
    -CBS reporters
      -Rather, Robert Pierpoint, Schorr
    -ABC
      -Thomas E. Jarriel
    -Access to reporters
      -Marvin L. Kalb, Schorr, Rather
      -American Broadcasting Company [ABC]
        -Coverage
      -National Broadcasting Company [NBC] coverage during campaign

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 12
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 1m 55s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 12
The President’s schedule
-Congressional adjournment

Haldeman left at 5:43 pm.

Conversation No. 804-2

Date: October 18, 1972
Time: 5:43pm - 5:45 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon.

[See Conversation No. 31-122; one item has been withdrawn]

Conversation No. 804-3

Date: October 18, 1972
Time: Unknown between 5:45 pm and 5:50 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: __31s__]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
The President and Sanchez left at 5:50 pm.

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Conversation No. 804-4

Date: October 18, 1972
Time: Unknown between 5:50 pm and 11:59 pm
Location: Oval Office


The President's location
- Executive Office Building [EOB]

Telephone calls

The President’s location
- EOB

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at an unknown time after 5:50 pm.

[Unintelligible]

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