Conversation No. 807-1

Date: October 26, 1972
Time: Unknown between 8:09 am and 8:12 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President’s schedule
- John D. Ehrlichman
- Agenda
- Forthcoming veto

Bull left at an unknown time before 8:12 am.

Conversation No. 807-2

Date: October 26, 1972
Time: 8:12 am - 9:05 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with John D. Ehrlichman.

Legislation
- House Resolution [HR] 1
  - Senatorial candidate film session
  - Winton M. (“Red”) Blount
- Pressure to sign
- John Sherman Cooper
- Louie B. Nunn
- Administration strategy
  - Vetoes
    - Timing
      - News story
  - Taxes
    - News story
- Kentucky visit
  - Cooper
- Telephone call to Ehrlichman
- Nelson A. Rockefeller
  - Telephone call to Ehrlichman
  - Position on signing bill
  - New York benefits
- George Meany
  - Position on signing bill
- Blount
  - Senior citizens organization of Alabama
- Candidates
  - Interest groups
- Feel for pressures
- Blount
- Reconsideration of veto
  - Water bill veto
  - Elliot L. Richardson
- Political problems
  - Ronald L. Ziegler
- Dollar problems
  - 1974
- Liquidation problem
  - Payroll taxes
- Bill’s arrival
  - Timing
  - Pressures
- Veto message
  - Pressures building
  - Veto timing
- Mixing of vetoes and signings
- Strategy
  - Pressures
  - Assessment of bill
  - Water bill
    - Columbia River
  - Announcement timing
  - 1972 election
- Department of Health, Education and Welfare [HEW] bill
- HR 1
  - Delay on decision
- Budget
  - 1973
  - Payroll tax
-1974
-Written summary of bills by Ehrlichman
  -Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger
  -Contents
-Veterans
-Job Corps
  -Great Society programs
  -Need for jobs for kids
  -Rehabilitation
  -Elevator operator story
    -Unknown man
      -Death
      -Background
      -California
      -New York
      -Oregon
      -Civilian Conservation Corps [CCC]
  -Need for program
    -Social workers
    -Congressional leadership
-Need for written summary
  -The President’s schedule
    -Campaign film session
-HR 1
  -Rockefeller opinion
    -Load off of state in rehabilitation payments
      -Compared to revenue sharing
    -Control of hospital costs
    -Medicaid
-Nunn
-Cooper’s opinion
  -Care for old people
  -Compassion
  -Campaign benefits
-Vetoes
  -Education bill
  -Water bill
  -Welfare bill
  -Old, blind people
  -Blind people
    -Support for Administration
-Congressional action
- Increase over Administration proposal
- Interpretation of signing
  - Payroll tax implications
    - Signing with reservations
- New proposals for funding
  - Clean water tax
    - Treasury Department
  - Value-added tax [VAT]
- Announcement
  - Payroll taxes
  - Self-liquidation
    - 1974
- Reasons for opposition
- Interpretation of the President's action by public
  - 1972 election
    - Pledge not to raise taxes compared to influence of voting bloc
- Possible course of action
  - Pay-as-you-go provision
  - Study bill
  - Importance of bill
  - Cut of existing expenditures
  - Priorities
  - Buy-off argument
    - Food stamps
  - Cooper
    - Pressure
  - 1972 election outcome
    - George S. McGovern
- Written summary
  - Schedule of meetings
    - Weinberger, George P. Shultz, Herbert Stein
- Charles W. Colson's opinion
  - Taxes, prices
  - Veto recommendation
    - Taxes
- Written summary
  - Alternatives
- Budget cutting
- Water bill
  - Colson
- Education
- Veterans
Motorcade

Press
- Quality of stories
- 1972 campaign
-- Endorsements
--- Editorials
---- Readership
----- Television commentators
------ Related to political polls
- Roscoe Drummond
  - Meeting with Ehrlichman, October 25, 1972
- Anticipation of next four years of the President's administration
- Possible appointment with the President
  - Series
    - Washington Post
- Washington Post
  - Colson
  - Story on Maurice H. Stans
  - Accreditation
    - Possible denial
      - Effect
        - Ehrlichman’s conversation with Ziegler
- Press conferences
  - Recognition
- Ziegler
Tape Subject Log
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- Dealings
- Returning of calls
  - White House staff
  - Cabinet officials
- Alleged libel of [John N. Mitchell and Stans]
- Social functions
  - White House parties
    - Washington Star
- East Wing
  - Constance M. (Cornell) (“Connie”) Stuart

HR 1
- Financing
  - Richardson
    - 1974
    - Raise taxes
- Signing of bill linked with cuts within HEW
- Richardson's recommendation
- Budget of HEW
- HEW cuts
  - Personnel cuts
    - Check writing, nurses
- Personnel cuts in general
  - Research office
  - Press office
  - Attitude of offices
  - Government size
    - Reorganization
- Signing bill
  - Results
    - Fiscal conservatives
      - Effect of election on attitudes
        - McGovern
    - Spending limit for Fiscal Year [FY] 1973
      - Congress’ recent override of water bill veto
- Colson
  - Albert E. Sindlinger and other pollsters
  - Unknown person
  - Perspective
- Strategy
  - Veto of bill
    - Timing
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Tape Subject Log
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- Blind
- Old people
- Financial considerations

Watergate
- *Washington Post* story
  - Colson
  - H.R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
  - Foundation of stories
- Propriety of campaign tactics
  - Sabotage charge
- Heckling
  - Tricia Nixon Cox's visit [to Morgantown, West Virginia]
    - John A. Volpe
  - Double standards
  - San Francisco incident
  - Los Angeles incident
  - Statue of Liberty
  - Planning by Democrats
  - Motorcade
- History of Republican campaign problems
- Collecting campaign intelligence
  - Dwight L. Chapin
- John W. Dean, III's report
  - Chapin
    - Recruitment of [Donald H. Segretti]
      - Purpose
- Tactics of *Washington Post*
  - Haldeman story
    - Benjamin C. Bradlee
    - Pressure on reporters
- US Attorneys
  - Calls from reporters
  - Verifying leads
    - Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]
- FBI
  - Calls to US attorneys
  - Verifying leads
    - Haldeman, Mitchell, Ehrlichman
- Success of tactics
  - Bradlee
    - Pressure on reporters
- Yellow journalism
  - Use of term
    - 1968 campaign
      - New York Times article on Vice Presidential candidate Spiro T. Agnew
  - Public perception
    - Washington Post denial
    - McGovern stories
    - Washington Post
      - Denial
        - Reasons
          - Response to Ziegler's statement
            - Preparation
        - Possible strategy
          - Attack on Haldeman
          - Sunday paper
            - Unknown woman
          - Interviews of Haldeman's associates
            - Compared to Sherman Adams case
      - Haldeman advantages
        - Anonymity
          - Compared to Ehrlichman
          - Compared to Adams
      - Short term effect
        - Neutralizing television coverage
      - McGovern corruption speech
        - Washington Post denial
        - Inside Washington Post story
        - Effect of Ziegler's response
      - Robert J. Dole and Clark McGregor
        - Television coverage
      - Chicago Tribune story by Frank C. Starr [News summary item]
      - Effort to contact and inform
        - Opponents tactics
          - Ziegler's response to the Washington Post
        - Radio stations
        - Starr
      - Press
        - Motive
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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

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Campaign practices
   -Agnew
      -Yellow journalism charge
         -News reports of charges
   -Use of rhetoric
   -Ziegler's counterattack on Washington Post
      -Opportunity
   -Dole
      -Tactics
   -Ehrlichman's talk with Drummond
      -Effect of Ziegler's denial
      -Nature of administration in second term
   -McGovern
      -Campaign rhetoric
      -Press treatment
         -[News summary item]
            -Baltimore Sun’s John Carroll’s view

Press conference in Oval Office
   -Reason
      -Scandal
       -Vietnam
        -Negotiations
   -Announcement

Radio story on Vietnam
   -North Vietnamese
      -Paris negotiations
      -Publication of terms of agreement
   -New York Times story
      -Henry A. Kissinger
Possible meeting

R. Sargent Shriver's statement [News summary item]
- Administration's foreign policy
- Democratic supporters of the President
  - John B. Connally
- Attack on the President
  - War record of Nixon compared to McGovern
  - Connally
- War records

Watergate
- The President's press conference
- Administration position
  - Drummond
  - Public perception
  - Basis of stories in press
  - Timing
  - Compared to the President’s Fund broadcast [Checkers speech of 1952]
- Hugh W. Sloan, Jr.
  - Deposition
  - Sloan's attorney
    - Haldeman
    - FBI
    - Secret fund
    - Ziegler statement
- McGovern statement
  - Dole and MacGregor
- Next move
  - Statement on yellow journalism for surrogates
    - Haldeman story

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 8:12 am.

Film session
- Blount
- Radio messages
- Blount
  - Possible conversation with the President
- J. Caleb Boggs
- Mark I. Goode
  - Lighting
Telegram from Blount
- Ehrlichman's meeting

Ehrlichman and Bull left at 9:05 am.

Conversation No. 807-3

Date: October 26, 1972
Time: 9:05 am - 9:16 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Mark I. Goode.

- Forthcoming film session with Senatorial candidates Winston M. (“Red”) Blount and J. Caleb Boggs
- Arrangements

Blount and William E. Timmons entered at 9:06 am. Fritz Roland and the White House photographer were present at the beginning of the meeting.
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[Duration: 8m 30s]

BLOUNT LEFT AT 9:10 AM.

BOGGS ENTERED AT 9:11 AM.

BOGGS AND TIMMONS LEFT AT 9:14 AM.

STEPHEN B. BULL ENTERED AT 9:14 AM.

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Veto message
-Recording
    -House Resolution [HR] 1
    -The President’s prior conversation with John D. Ehrlichman
    -Request for a telephone call to Ehrlichman

Bull and Goode left at 9:16 am.

Conversation No. 807-4

Date: October 26, 1972
Time: Unknown between 9:16 am and 9:21 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.
The President's schedule
   -Ronald L. Ziegler

Bull left at an unknown time before 9:21 am.

Conversation No. 807-5

Date: October 26, 1972
Time: Unknown between 9:16 and 9:21 a.m.
Location: Oval Office

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

   The President's forthcoming national defense speech
      -Foreign policy speech
      -Raymond K. Price, Jr.'s staff
         -San Francisco speech
         -American Legion speech
      -San Francisco speech
      -Theme
         -Nuclear retaliation
         -News coverage of political content
      -Foreign policy speech
      -Timing

The President’s schedule
   -Henry A. Kissinger

Conversation No. 807-6

Date: October 26, 1972
Time: 9:21 am - 9:22 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.
Press statement on campaign practices
   - Catch phrases
     - Effect on people
   - Yellow journalism
     - Press coverage of 1972 campaign
       - Washington Post
     - Opportunity for use

Ziegler left at 9:22 am.

Conversation No. 807-7

Date: October 26, 1972
Time: 9:22 am - 9:54 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

New York Times story
   - Ronald L. Ziegler’s possible comment
   - Paris

Release of settlement terms by Democratic Republic of Vietnam [DRV] [North Vietnam]
   - Paris story
     - Leak
       - State Department
     - Demands of North Vietnam
       - Signing of agreement
         - October 31, 1972
     - Kissinger’s forthcoming briefing
       - Purpose
       - Aspects
         - Procedure
         - Substance
         - Future
       - Procedural details
         - Progress during October 1972
         - Hanoi
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-Timing of agreement
  -November 1, 1972
  Deadline
-Progress
  -Shape of agreement
-US goals
  -International machinery
    -Timing of introduction
    -Enemy activity
    -Saigon
    -Bloodbath
-Elections
  -Pham Van Dong interview [with Arnaud de Borchgrave]
    -Timing
    -Clarification
  -Vietnamese compared to English translation
-Signing of document
  -Details
    -Four party compared to two party
-US position on solving problems
  -The President's messages to Dong
  -Deadline
  -Review
    -The President’s May 8, 1972 statement
  -Missing in action [MIA's]
    -Laos
    -Cambodia

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 9:22 am.

Kissinger’s schedule

Vetoes
  -Signings
    -John D. Ehrlichman

The President and Bull left at 9:30 am.

The President entered at 9:33 am.

Vietnam settlement agreement
  -Kissinger’s forthcoming briefing
- Timing
- Procedural details
- Prisoners of war [POW's]
- MIAs
- Imposition of Communist government in South Vietnam
  - Provisions of agreement
    - Cease-fire
    - Elections
- Coalition government in South Vietnam
- Participation of South Vietnamese government
  - Consultation
  - Veto
- Quality of Agreement
  - Timing
    - 1972 election
- US sacrifices
  - Communist government in South Vietnam
- Rhetoric
- Perception of public
  - Reasons for agreement
    - North Vietnam’s publication of terms
    - McGovern campaign
- North Vietnamese position
  - Timing of negotiations
    - Strategy
    - Possible US military action
- McGovern statements
  - Effect on negotiations
  - Argument on when cease-fire terms were available
    - Hanoi statement of new initiative of October 8, 1972
- US options
  - Possible bombing north of 20th Parallel
    - North Vietnam’s cadre
    - Ceasefire
- US position
  - Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
  - US sorties
    - 20th parallel
  - McGovern
    - Chance for peace
  - Pressure on North Vietnamese
    - Timing
-November 8, 1972
-McGovern statement
  -Chance for peace
  -Tone
    -Progress
    -Perception by public
      -1972 election
      -McGovern
-North Vietnamese position
  -Demands for signing
  -Nguyen Van Thieu
    -Position
-Predictions of peace
  -December 1, 1972
-North Vietnamese forces
  -Cadres
  -Communications
-Bombing halt
  -Mining
-Additional meetings
  -Bombing halt
    -Effect on public opinion
      -Public compared to private statement
-Attitude toward Hanoi
-Attitude toward McGovern
  -Effect by McGovern on negotiations
-Timing of peace terms
  -1969
-McGovern position compared to current settlement
  -POWs
  -Cease-fire
  -Help for South Vietnam
  -Withdrawal from Cambodia and Laos
  -Peace with honor compared to peace with surrender
    -The President’s May 8, 1972 statement
  -Position with regard to North Vietnam
  -Public compared with private statements
    -Bombing
-Terms of treaty
-Timing of signing
-Enforcement of terms
-Techinicalities
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Tape Subject Log

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- Thieu
  - Future meeting
- Timing of signing
- Details of agreement
- Laos agreement of 1962
  - State Department
  - Quality
    - Details
      - Compared to current settlement
  - Results
- William P. Rogers
  - Canadian talks on International Commission of Control and Supervision [ICCS]
- Focus of agreement
  - Machinery to enforce terms
  - Permanence of terms
  - Cambodia
  - Laos
  - Laos agreement
- Statement about Hanoi and South Vietnam
  - Terms
    - Satisfaction
  - Necessity of proper terms
- The President’s work on agreement
  - John B. Connally
  - Public perception
    - The President’s messages
    - Credit
- Points to be clarified
  - Peace group influence
- Hedley W. Donovan
  - Forthcoming telephone call from Kissinger
- Timing of agreement
  - 1972 election
  - Public morality
- William F. Buckley, Jr.
- Howard K. Smith
- Richard ("Dick") Wilson
- William S. White
- Joseph W. Alsop
- Interpretation of terms
  - 1972 election
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-New York Times story
  -Leak
    -State Department
    -French
  Inaccuracies
  -Predictions
  -Vietnamese
  -Account of Battle of Tannenberg and Battle of Lemberg
    -Taking advantage of opportunities
    -Paul Von Hindenberg
    -Gen. Erich von Ludendorff
    -Gen. Hermann von Francois
    -Gen. Max Hoffmann
  -Television coverage
    -Location
    -Kissinger’s preference

Bull entered at an unknown time after 9:33 am.

Request for Ziegler to join meeting

Bull left at an unknown time before 9:52 am.

Kissinger’s forthcoming briefing
  -Television coverage

Vietnam settlement agreement
  -McGovern campaign issues
    -Patrick J. Buchanan’s view [News summary item]
      -Vietnam and corruption
        -Supporting editorials
    -Vietnam as campaign issue
    -Signing of agreement
      -Timing

Ziegler entered at 9:52 am.

Kissinger's briefing
  -Press room
  -Cameras
  -Taping
    -Press corps
The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

The President and Sanchez left at 9:57 am.

Date: October 26, 1972
Time: Unknown between 9:57 am, October 26, 1972 and 11:08 am, October 27, 1972
Location: Oval Office
An unknown person [Secret Service agent] talked with an unknown person.

[Conversation No. 807-9A]

The President’s location
-Oval Office, Executive Office Building [EOB]

[End of telephone conversation]

Unknown people [Secret Service agents] met.

The President’s location
-EOB

An unknown agent talked with an unknown person at an unknown time.

[Conversation 807-9B]

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[Agency statute]
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Bill [last name unknown]
EOB

[End of telephone conversation]

[The conversation was cut off at an unknown time.]