Conversation No. 818-1

Date: December 5, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 11:42 am and 11:43 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

[The conversation was in progress when the recording began.]

The President’s schedule
- Barber
- Timing
- Lucy A. Winchester
  [Christmas season]

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:43 am.

Conversation No. 818-2

Date: December 5, 1972  
Time: 11:43 am - 12:05 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman, Lucy A. Winchester, and Stephen B. Bull.

The President’s schedule
- Christmas season
  - Hanukkah
  - Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon
- Decorations
  - Timing
- Press and media relations
  - Mrs. Nixon’s walk-through
    - Timing
    - Washington Post
Conversation No. 818-2 (cont’d)

-Betty Beale
- Receptions and Blair House dinners, December 12-14
  - Timing
  - White House tours
- Mrs. Nixon
  - Political groups
- Timing
- Refreshments
- The President’s role
  - Speaking
    - Hand-shaking
    - Group size
    - State Dining Room
  - Tour
    - Refreshments
- Christmas tree lighting
  - Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
- Group size
  - Reception
    - Mrs. Nixon
    - The President’s role
      - Speaking
      - Hand-shaking
    - 1972 campaign
- Cabinet dinner, December 16, 1972
  - Dwight D. Eisenhower Cabinet members
  - Republican National Chairmen
- Church service
- Church service, December 17, 1972
  - Attendance
    - New Majority
    - Republican National Committee [RNC] Chairperson
    - John Cardinal Krol, Terence Cardinal Cooke
  - Timing
    - Cabinet dinner
    - Platform
      - Expenses
      - Mrs. Nixon’s schedule
    - Diplomatic children’s party
- Surrogates Reception
Conversation No. 818-2 (cont’d)

- Timing
  - December 19, 1972
- The President’s role
  - East Room
  - Center Hall
- Duplication
- Diplomatic children’s party
  - Timing
    - December 18, 1972
- Congressional relations
  - Candlelight tours
- December 20, 1972
- Mrs. Nixon
  - Diplomatic children’s party
- Open House
  - White House staff
  - Timing
    - December 21 or 22, 1972
- Press Party
  - December 23, 1972
- December 24, 1972
  - Candlelight tours
  - Mrs. Nixon
  - Press Party
  - Open House
    - White House staff
  - Surrogates reception
    - Clark MacGregor

Winchester and Bull left at 11:53 am.

Col. Richard T. Kennedy

Henry A. Kissinger
  - Message to the President, December 5, 1972

The President’s schedule
  - Adm. Thomas H. Moorer’s location

Message from Kissinger, December 5, 1972
Conversation No. 818-2 (cont’d)

-Vietnam Negotiations
-Breakdown
-The President’s possible television [TV] appearance
-Duration
-Tone
-Record
-Details
-Tone
-October 1972
-Consultations with South Vietnam
-North Vietnam
-Pham Van Dong’s interview with Newsweek
-Coalition government
-Offensive
-Timing
-Cease-fire
-Additional Talks
-US allies’ concerns
-Democratic Republic of [DRV]
-Purposes
-Cease-fire
-National Council of National Reconciliation and Concord [NCRC]
-Coalition government
-October 8, 1972 agreement
-Mutual withdrawal
-North Vietnamese troops in South Vietnam
-October 1972
-NCRC
-Administrative structure
-South Vietnam
-Government of South Vietnam [GVN] survival
-Settlement agreement
-Cease-fire
-Vietnamization
-GVN
-Bilateral deal
-Prisoners of War [POWs]
-US Public Opinion
-Louis P. Harris poll
-Settlement agreement
-POWs
-Peace with honor
-Duration
-US military and propaganda action
-Haldemen’s and the President’s view
-Charles W. Colson’s forthcoming reading
-John B. Connally’s forthcoming reading
-Message from Kissinger, December 4, 1972
-Failure
-Kissinger’s responsibility vis-à-vis the President’s

-Press relations
-The President’s possible TV appearance
-Negotiations
-North Vietnam
-US military action
-Congressional relations
-Cut off of US funds

Bull entered at an unknown time after 11:53 am.

The President’s schedule
-Meeting with Adm. Horacio Rivero, Jr.
-Photograph opportunity
-Oliver F. (“Ollie”) Atkins
-Timing

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:05 pm.

Vietnam negotiations
-Breakdown
-Kissinger
-Return from Paris
-Possible briefings
-Details
-Press relations
-US military action
-Duration
-Settlement agreement
-Congressional relations
Conversation No. 818-2 (cont’d)

- George S. McGovern
- Leaders
  - North Vietnam
- US bombing and mining of North Vietnam
- US troop withdrawal
- The President’s possible TV appearance
  - Effect
  - Press relations
  - Public relations [PR]
- Kissinger
  - Possible message from Haldeman
  - Timing
  - Conversation with Kennedy
  - Haldeman’s conversation with Connally

The President’s schedule
- Camp David
- PR
  - Jack and Helene (Colesie) Drown

Haldeman left at 12:05 pm.

Conversation No. 818-3

Date: December 5, 1972
Time: 12:05 pm - 12:25 pm
Location: Oval Office

President met with Adm. Horacio Rivero, Jr. and Col. Richard T. Kennedy. Members of the press, the White House photographer and Stephen B. Bull were present at the beginning of the meeting.

Greetings

[Photograph session]

Rivero’s Appointment as Ambassador to Spain
- US Trade Relations
Conversation No. 818-3 (cont’d)

-Spain
-Japan
-South Korea
-France
-Great Britain
-Common Market
-Spain
-National Interests
-Spain
-Relations with US
-Tone
-Gen. Francisco Franco
-The President’s Trip to Spain, October 2-3, 1970
-Reception
-Franco’s reception of Rivero [October 11, 1972]
-Rivero’s Spanish-speaking ability
-Franco
-Ministers
-Interpreters
-Nuances
-Joint Committee meetings
-Lopez Lauscano Rodo

-Arabs
-Rivero’s conversations with Lopez-Rodo
-Franco’s Future
-Rivero’s tenure
-Stability
-Spanish Civil War
-Revolution
-Unknown person
-Economy
-Per Capita Income
-Income Distribution
-Compared to Italy
-Management
-Four Year Plan
-Social Aspects
-Housing, education, income distribution
-Public Opinion
-Juan Carlos
-Successors
  -Juan Carlos
  -Luis Carrero Blanco
-Opposition
  -Students, communists, socialists, workers
  -Army, police, National Guard
  -Carrero Blanco
    -The President’s view
-Carrero Blanco
  -Relationship with Lopez-Rodo
-Common Market
  -Spain-Europe Relations
  -Liberalization
    -Carrero Blanco
-Relations with Europe
  -Franco
    -Spanish Civil War
      -Communists
        -Franco
      -Socialists
        -Franco
    -US
      -Netherlands, Denmark, France
      -Britain
  -Franco’s Future
  -Liberalization
-Relations with US
  -Trade
    -Rivero’s forthcoming conversations with Franco, Carrero Blanco, Lopez-Rodo
      -The President’s trip to Spain
        -Reception
        -Trade
        -Great powers in Europe
          -West Germany, France, Italy, Britain, Spain

Bull entered at unknown time after 12:05 pm.

The President’s schedule
Bull left at an unknown time before 12:25 pm.

US-Spain Relations
   -Great powers in Europe
     -Hand metaphor
     -The President’s trip to Spain
       -Reception
     -Future
       -Spain’s work habits
       -Oil
       -Organization
   -Middle East
     -Arabs
     -Israel
     -Egypt, Algeria Morocco, Sudan
     -Israel
     -Soviet Union, Egypt
   -Sixth Fleet

US Defense Policy
   -Europe
     -1972 Election
     -[George S. McGovern’s ] statements
       -Sixth Fleet
       -North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO]
   -Sixth Fleet
   -Massive Retaliation
     -Credibility

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[National Security]
[Duration: 3s]
[Subject: Israel]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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Conversation No. 818-3 (cont’d)

-Sixth Fleet
-Conventional Forces
  -Reduction
  -Effect
  -Soviet Union
  -People’s Republic of China [PRC]

White House Gifts
  -Cuff links

Best Wishes
  -Juan Carlos [and Princess Sophia]
    -Visit to US, January 1971
      -Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon
  -Lopez-Rodo
  -Franco
    -Family
      -Carmen Polo
        -Grandchild
          -Possible visit to US
    -Age
    -Polo
      -Grandchild
        -Conversation with the President
    -Palace
      -Dwight D. Eisenhower
      -Palau de Pedralbes

Spanish Flag
  -Apollo XVI
    -Presentation to Franco

Rivero and Kennedy left at 12:25 pm.

Date: December 5, 1972
Time: 12:26 pm – 12:30 pm

Conversation No. 818-4
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry O. Dormann and Herbert G. Klein. The White House photographer and Stephen B. Bull were present at the beginning of the meeting.

Greetings

Circulation [of National Enquirer]

Photograph
  -Dormann’s meeting with the President as Vice President, 1953
    -Copy to the President

The President’s appreciation for flower arrangement

National Enquirer
  -Circulation
    -Edward C. Nixon
  -Advertising
    -Edward Nixon
      -Dedication of [Florida] plant

White House gifts
  -Ashtray
  -Cuff links
    -Unknown person
    -Presidential seal
    -Pin for wife
      -Flag
    -Dormann’s conversation with Leonard Garment
  -Ashtray
    -Presidential Seal
      -Vice Presidential Seal

Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
  -Unknown person

Dormann’s gifts for the President

The President’s appreciation for Dormann’s support
Photographs
  -Publication in National Enquirer

Klein’s schedule
  -Forthcoming reception honoring administration officials from California

Dormann, Klein and Bull left at 12:30 pm.

Date:  December 5, 1972
Time:  Unknown between 12:30 pm and 12:31 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule
  -Meeting with M. Harvey Taylor, Leroy S. Zimmerman, and Alexander P. Butterfield
    -Photograph session

Bull left at 12:30 pm.

Date:  December 5, 1972
Time:  12:31 pm - 12:37 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with M. Harvey Taylor, Leroy S. Zimmerman and Alexander P. Butterfield.

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[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Introductions
Greetings

1952 Campaign
   -Vice President

Pennsylvania
   -Politics

1972 Election
   -The President’s victory
   -Massachusetts

Employees of Taylor

Gifts
   -Gifts for the President
   -Gifts from the President
      -Cuff links
      -Seal
      -Taylor’s age

1972 Election
   -The President’s leadership
   -Congressional races
      -Republican candidates
      -Pennsylvania election results

Taylor’s return visit to the White House
   -Retirement

Zimmerman
   -District Attorney
   -Age
   -Future plans
      -Judge
      -Money

Nixon’s daughter [not specified]
Vice President Spiro T. Agnew

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

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Taylor, Zimmerman and Butterfield left at 12:37 pm.

Date: December 5, 1972
Time: Unknown between 12:37 pm and 12:42 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President’s schedule
- New York
- Milton Pitts
  - Barber
- Meeting with John B. Connally
  - Connally’s recent telephone call from Houston
- Timing
- Location
  - Executive Office Building [EOB]

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:37 pm.

Date: December 5, 1972
Time: Unknown between 12:37 pm and 12:42 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.
Conversation No. 818-8 (cont’d)

The President’s schedule
-H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman and Charles W. Colson
  -Meeting in the Executive Office Building [EOB]
  -Timing

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:42 pm.

Conversation No. 818-9

Date: December 5, 1972
Time: Unknown between 12:37 pm and 12:42 pm
Location: Oval Office

Manolo Sanchez met with an unknown person.

The President’s schedule
  -Executive Office Building [EOB]

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 12:42 pm.