Conversation No. 842-1

Date: January 25, 1973
Time: Unknown between 11:06 am and 11:18 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez at an unknown time after 11:06 am.

The President's schedule

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 11:18 am.

Conversation No. 842-2

Date: January 25, 1973
Time: Unknown between 11:06 am and 11:18 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull at an unknown time after 11:06 a.m.

Translation

Press Relations
- Oliver F. (“Ollie”) Atkins

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:18 a.m.

Conversation No. 842-3

Date: January 25, 1973
Time: Unknown between 11:06 am and 11:18 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.
Photographs
- Days of mourning
- Oliver F. (“Ollie”) Atkins

W. Marvin Watson letter
- Raymond K. Price, Jr.

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:18 am.

Date: January 25, 1973
Time: Unknown between 11:06 am and 11:18 am
Location: Oval Office

The President dictated a letter to W. Marvin Watson.

Lyndon B. Johnson
- Eulogy by W. Marvin Watson

Watson’s abilities

Date: January 25, 1973
Time: Unknown between 11:06 am and 11:18 am
Location: Oval Office

The President dictated a letter to George R. Davis, Minister of the National Christian Church.

Lyndon B. Johnson’s funeral service
- Choir

Davis’s qualities
Vietnam settlement
   -Criticisms

Date: January 25, 1973
Time: Unknown between 11:06 am and 11:18 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown person.

Letters to be transcribed
   -Rose Mary Woods
   -Marjorie P. Acker

The unknown person left.

Date: January 25, 1973
Time: Between 11:18 am and 11:39 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman at 11:18 am.

The President's schedule
   -Yitzhak Rabin
   -Golda Meir
   -Meeting

Secret Service staffing
   -Robert H. Taylor
   -William L. Duncan
   -Edward L. Morgan
   -Presidential detail
Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 11:18 am.

Order of refreshment

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 11:39 am.

Secret Service staffing
  -Certificate
  -Letter
    -Duncan
    -Raymond K. Price, Jr.
  -Taylor
  -Duncan
  -James J. Rowley
  -Duncan
    -Appointment

Lyndon B. Johnson's funeral service
  -Wreath

Press relations
  -Radio
  -Television
    -Taxes
    -Budget
    -Scheduling
    -Networks
    -Johnson funeral
  -Radio

John D. Ehrlichman
  -Charles W. Colson
  -Confirmation strategy
    -Charles H. Percy
  -The President’s speech
  -"New majority" theme
    -Appointments
  -Colson's advice to President
    -Ehrlichman’s opinion
Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 11:18 am.

The President's schedule
- Rabin
- Henry A. Kissinger

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:39 am.

Ehrlichman
- Colson's advice to President
  - Speech by President
    - Roy L. Ash
    - George P. Shultz
  - The President's activities
    - Inauguration
    - Vietnam settlement
  - Executive privilege
  - Role
    - Kissinger
  - Speech by President
    - Ash
    - Shultz
- Colson's advice to President
  - "New Majority" theme
- Speech by President
- Budget
  - Colson
    - "New Majority"
- Colson's advice
- Shultz
- Ash
- Speech by the President
- The President's TV appearances
  - "Today Show
- Price
- Colson's advice to President
  - Strategy and substance

Haldeman left at 11:39 am.
Date: January 25, 1973
Time: Between 11:39 am and 12:43 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Yitzhak Rabin; the White House photographer was present at the beginning to the meeting.

Rabin's schedule

Golda Meir
  -Speeches
  -Honorary degree
  -Lyndon B. Johnson

Henry A. Kissinger entered at 11:40 a.m.

Ambassadors

Middle East
  -Meir
  -Anwar Sadat

Rabin
  -Knowledge of US
  -Knowledge of Israel
  -Knowledge of world
  -Experience in US

The President's election victory in 1972

US foreign policy
  -Vietnam settlement
  -World War II

Johnson
Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassination

US aid to Israel

Israel's history
  - United Soviet Socialist Republic (USSR)
  - US actions
  - Jordan

Middle East options for future
  - Egypt
  - USSR
  - Change from war to peace
  - USSR
  - Israeli strength
  - Cease-fire
  - Negotiations
    - Strategy and goals
    - French-Germans
    - Germans-Poles
    - Poles-Russians

Foreign policy makers
  - Attitudes
  - Winston S. Churchill
  - Austrian diplomat during World War I
  - Major world power
  - British
  - French
  - Germans
  - Italians

Middle East
  - Balance of power
  - Negotiations
    - Golan Heights
    - Syrians

Rabin's trip home
Rabin left at 12:06 pm.

Vietnam settlement
- Press relations
  - Washington Post

- American diplomacy
  - Edward R. G. Heath
  - Georges J. R. Pompidou
  - Australians

- Negotiations
  - Location
- Spiro T. Agnew
  - Schedule
  - Kissinger's schedule
    - Trip to Hanoi
  - Cabinet meeting
  - Press relations
  - Future
  - The President's advice

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 12:00 pm.

Refreshment

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 12:43 pm.

Agnew
- Trip to South Vietnam
- Kissinger
  - People's Republic of China [PRC]
  - Hanoi
- Nguyen Van Thieu
- President's schedule
  - Domestic speech
- John Negroponte
- Col. Richard T. Kennedy
- Schedule
  - Press relations
    - Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia
-Australia
-Charles A. J. M. deGaulle

Australia and New Zealand

Pompidou

-Charles A. J. M. deGaulle

Italy

France

Vietnam settlement
-Kissinger's briefings of Congress
-Location
-Content
-Press relations
-Mary McGrory
-The President's critics
-Kissinger's remarks
-Bombing
-Kissinger's conversation with Col. Richard T. Kennedy
-Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
-Press relations
-Washington Star
-Negotiations
-North Vietnam
-Joseph W. Alsop
-Richard ("Dick") Wilson
-Ronald L. Ziegler
-Alsop, William S. White, Dick Wilson, Robert Allen
-McGrory, Peter Lisagor, James B. ("Scotty") Reston, Thomas G. ("Tom") Wicker
-Washington Post, Washington Star
-The President's judgement
-Howard K. Smith
-Barry M. Goldwater
-John G. Tower
-PRC, USSR
-Johnson
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Conversation No. 842-8 (cont’d)

-Lisagor

The President's meeting with Rabin
- Johnson
- Martin Luther King, Jr. assassination
- US Civil unrest
- King
- Robert F. Kennedy assassination
- Washington, DC
- Detroit
- Watts

The President's foreign policy
- PRC
- USSR
- Vietnam
- John F. Kennedy
- Cuban Missile Crisis
- Henry Fairlie's book

British press
- Opinion of the President
- Compared to John F. Kennedy
- Characterized

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 12:06 pm.

Book on Benjamin Disraeli
- Kissinger

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 12:43 pm.

British ambassadors
- John Freeman
- R. Anthony Eden

Anatoliy F. Dobrynin

Freeman
The President read from a book on Disraeli.

- William E. Gladstone
- Charles Darwin

Daniel P. ("Pat") Moynihan

Harvard
- Kissinger's daughter

President's Vietnam policy
- Prisoners of War [POWs]
- Opponents of policy
- POW wives
- Timing of settlement
- Cambodia
- Laos
- Bombing
  - Goldwater
- Press relations
  - Bernard Gwirtzman
- Charles H. Percy
- Charles McC. Mathias, Jr.
- Charles E. Goodell
  - Goldwater
- William B. Saxbe
- Bombing
- Le Duc Tho
- North Vietnam
- PRC
- Congressional leaders
  - Hugh Scott
  - John C. Stennis
  - J. William Fulbright

Johnson
- Dean Rusk's eulogy
- The President’s remarks
- Vietnam
  - Ngo Dinh Diem
Conversation No. 842-8 (cont’d)

-Application of power

John F. Kennedy
-Health
-Max Jacobson

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The President’s schedule
- Ehrlichman
- Kissinger
- Sleep

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H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
- Domestic concerns

Vietnam settlement
- The President’s role
- Chairmen of Joint Chiefs of Staff [JCS]
- William P. Rogers
- Melvin R. Laird

Kissinger left at 12:43 pm.

Conversation No. 842-9

Date: January 25, 1973
Time: Between 12:43 pm and 12:44 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown person.
Conversation No. 842-9 (cont’d)

The President's schedule

The President and unknown person left.

Conversation No. 842-10

Date: January 25, 1973
Time: Unknown between 4:55 pm and 5:00 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

The President's schedule

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 4:55 pm.

Expression of thanks

Sanchez and the unknown man left at an unknown time before 5:00 pm.

Conversation No. 842-11

Date: January 25, 1973
Time: Unknown between 4:55 pm and 5:00 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule
   - John D. Ehrlichman
   - H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman

Bull left at an unknown time before 5:00 pm.
Date: January 25, 1973
Time: Unknown between 4:55 and 5:00 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule
- State Dinner, 1/31/73
  - Eisaku Sato
  - Donald M. Kendall
  - John D. Rockefeller III
  - Hugh Scott
  - William P. Rogers
  - Peter M. Flanigan
  - Head of Mitsui in New York
  - Nobuhiko Ushiba, Ambassador from Japan to the US
  - Frederick B. Dent
  - Kendall
  - Frank Zarb

Georgia O'Keefe dinner
- Press
- Entertainment

Howard Stevens
- Speech copy
- Press

Bull left at an unknown time before 5:00 pm.
The President met with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman.

Meeting
- William F. Rhatigan
- Henry A. Kissinger
- Talking paper for the President
  - William E. Timmons
  - Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger
    - Budget concerns
    - Entitlement programs
    - Previous work

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 5:00 pm.

Talking papers
- Ehrlichman

Bull left at an unknown time before 5:09 pm.

Meeting with George P. Shultz, Roy L. Ash, and Ehrlichman

Meeting with the President's counselors
- Ehrlichman
- Kissinger

Cabinet
- Melvin R. Laird
- Participation during meetings
- Future format of meetings
- Budget
  - Weinberger
  - Legal justifications of impoundments
    - Richard G. Kleindienst

Spiro T. Agnew
- Contacts with Senators

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 5:00 pm.

Kissinger's schedule
The unknown person left at an unknown time before 5:09 pm.

Agnew
- Bryce N. Harlow
- Conversations with Haldeman, Kissinger, and John N. Mitchell
- Trip

Foreign Policy
- Defense
- Intelligence
- Defense
   - Possible 1974 budget cuts

Meetings format

Kissinger entered at 5:09 pm.

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 5:09 pm.

Refreshments

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 5:34 pm.

Agnew
- Trip to Southeast Asia
- Vietnam negotiations
   - Nguyen Van Thieu
   - Alexander M. Haig
- Kissinger
- The President’s letters
- Bombing halt
- Pictures
- Meeting with the President prior to Inauguration
  - Vietnam negotiations
    - Kissinger in Paris
- Egypt
  - Anwar el-Sadat
- Federal-state relations committee
- Iran
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Conversation No. 842-13 (cont’d)

- Oil consortium deal
- Visit to Moscow
- Vietnam
- Dean Rusk's eulogy of Lyndon B. Johnson
- Nixon's trips as Vice President
  - Substance

Nelson A. Rockefeller

Agnew
- Role with Senate
- Schedule
- Trip to Asia
  - Indonesia, Malaysia
- Relations with White House
  - Charles H. Percy
- Removal as head of intergovernmental group
- Ehrlichman, Haldeman, and Ronald L. Ziegler
- The President's Vietnam settlement speech
- Kissinger
- Congress
- Changes in behavior
  - Outlook
  - Staff
- Cabinet meeting on 1974 budget
- Role with Congress
- Rusk's eulogy of Johnson
  - Johnson's foreign travel as Vice President
    - Norway
    - Finland
  - Johnson’s support for the President
- Intergovernmental relations
- Kenneth R. Cole, Jr.
- Bicentennial
- Revenue sharing
- Iran
  - Negotiations
    - John B. Connally
- Moscow
  - Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty [SALT] negotiations
Conversation No. 842-13 (cont’d)

-Kissinger
-Leonid I. Brezhnev
-Loyalty of Vice Presidents
- Nixon and Dwight D. Eisenhower
- Johnson and John F. Kennedy
- Hubert H. Humphrey and Johnson
- Agnew and Nixon
- December bombing of Vietnam
- National security briefings

Legislative leaders meeting

Elliot L. Richardson
- National Security Council [NSC]

Agnew
- Trip to Asia
- Economic reconstruction of Vietnam
- Report to Cabinet
  - Shultz
  - Indonesia, Cambodia, Southeast Asia

Kissinger left at 5:34 pm.

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1972 Election
- Agnew
  - Selection as Vice President
    - Connally
    - Mitchell

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Agnew
- Role in administration
Conversation No. 842-13 (cont’d)

-Bicentennial
  -Anne L. Armstrong
  -Leonard Garment
  -Government appropriations
  -Irving Kristol
  -John Mitchell
  -[First name unknown] Diamond
    -Professor
  -John Q. Wilson
  -Edward C. Banfield
  -Wilson
  -The President's role in history
    -Self-reliance
    -Revenue sharing
    -Administration officials
      -Fact-finding
      -Rockefeller
      -Benefits
      -Staff needs
        -Tex McCrary
          -William L. Safire
          -Richard A. Moore

Tax cuts

1974 budget
  -The President's cuts
  -Johnson's funeral service
    -Great Society
    -Blacks
      -Military guard

Agnew
  -Presidency

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1976 Presidential Campaign
Ehrlichman's conversation with Percy
  -Relations with White House
  -Qualifications

Confirmation of Presidential assistants
  -Percy
  -Director of Cost of Living Council
    -Shultz
      -Press office
      -John T. Dunlop
  -Council on International Policy [CIEP]
  -Office of Management and Budget [OMB]
  -Domestic Council
  -National Security Council [NSC]
  -OMB
    -Delegation of powers
  -Ehrlichman, Kissinger, and Peter M. Flanigan
  -Legislation
    -Gerald R. Ford
  -Andrew Johnson's impeachment
Conversation No. 842-13 (cont’d)

- Abraham Lincoln
- Edwin Stanton
- Ehrlichman's conversation with William P. Rogers
- Sherman Adams

Republican leaders
- Hugh Scott
- Ash
- William F. Knowland
  - Compared to Ford
  - Dwight D. Eisenhower
- Ford
  - “Meet the Press”
  - Relations with White House
- Harlow
  - Ford
  - Scott
- Ford
  - Relations with White House
  - Rose Mary Woods
- Governors
  - Cole
  - Rockefeller
  - Reagan
    - Weinberger

Confirmation of Presidential assistants
  - Mood of Congress

Administration's press relations

Letters from President
- Donald M. Kendall
- Rowland Evans and Robert D. Novak
- Ziegler
- Harlow
  - Eisenhower
- Recipients
  - Labor, business, editors
- Vietnam
Conversation No. 842-13 (cont’d)

-Content
-Edward E. David, Jr.
-Desmond J. Barker, Jr.

Reorganization plan to Congress
-Executive Office of the President

Agnew's trip

Briefings
-Budget
-Economy

Television [TV]
-Ehrlichman
-"Today Show"
-"CBS Morning News"
-Peter J. Brennan
-Qualities
-James T. Lynn
-TV presence
-George H. W. Bush
-Qualities
-Armstrong
-Weinberger
-Shultz
-TV capabilities
-Hobart Rowen

The President's schedule
-State of the Union message
-Radio address
-Televised introductions
-Raymond K. Price, Jr.
-Economic State of the Union
-Possible veto message

The President's speech
-Vietnam settlement
-The President's style
The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 5:34 pm and 6:18 pm.

[Conversation No. 842-13A]

[See Conversation No. 36-112]

[End of telephone conversation]

Energy
Conversation No. 842-13 (cont’d)

-White House assignment
  -Charles J. DiBona
    -Shultz, Kissinger, and Ehrlichman
  -Flanigan
-Need for decisions
-The President's schedule
  -Florida
    -Woods

Trade

Price
  -Preparation of speeches
    -Franklin R. Gannon
  -Quality of work

The President talked with Helms between 6:18 pm and 6:22 pm.

[Conversation No. 842-13B]

[See Conversation No. 36-113]

[End of telephone conversation]

Personnel
  -Frederic V. Malek
  -Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]
    -William D. Ruckelshaus
    -[First name unknown] Curran
      -Head of New York Crime Commission
      -Experience
      -Qualifications
  -DiBona
  -Ruckelshaus
  -L. Patrick Gray

Labor Department
  -Brennan
  -Shultz
Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 6:22 pm.

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The President’s schedule
- Julie Nixon Eisenhower
- The President’s health

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Sanchez left at an unknown time before 6:58 pm.

Welfare reform
- Blacks
- Weinberger
- Daniel P. (“Pat”) Moynihan
- Food stamps
- Office of Economic Opportunity
- Domestic Council operation
- Reagan
- Costs of social programs
- Weinberger

1974 Budget
- Agriculture
- Higher education
  - Change in grant program
  - Weinberger
  - Richardson
  - Kristol
  - University of California faculty
    - Quotas
    - Plochik [?]
Conversation No. 842-13 (cont’d)

- Patrick J. Buchanan

Blacks
  - Johnson
  - Administration's programs
    - Civil rights law enforcement
    - Jobs
    - Social mobility
  - Psychology
  - Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.'s meeting with Ehrlichman
    - Conference at Johnson Library
    - Possible meeting of black leaders with the President
      - Symbolism
    - The President's meeting with Ralph Abernathy
    - Moynihan
  - The President's meeting with Black Caucus
  - Jordan
    - Qualities
    - Limousine seating arrangements
      - Whitney M. Young
      - Communist leaders

Gannon
  - Donald H. Rumsfeld
  - Robert H. Finch
  - Price

Ehrlichman's conversation with C. Gregg Petersmeyer
  - Background
  - David N. Parker

Staffing
  - Delays
    - Assistant secretaryship positions
  - Charles W. Colson's suggested personnel
  - Connally
    - People recommended
    - Sid Richardson law firm
    - Martin E. (“Marty”) Underwood
      - Johnson
Conversation No. 842-13 (cont’d)

-Nixon

-Ehrlichman
  -Agnew
  -Ruckelshaus
-Richard Scaife
  -Colson
-Shultz
-The President's role
  -Charles McC. Mathias
  -John Connally
Connally as possible President
  -George Christian
  -Qualities
  -Sherman Adams

Agnew
  -Staff

Rockefeller's plan
  -Value for administration
  -George W. Romney
    -Letter to Ehrlichman
    -Lenore Romney's activities
    -Age

Presidency
  -Age
    -Rockefeller
    -Romney
    -Eisenhower
    -William Henry Harrison
    -James Buchanan

Staffing
  -Malek
    -OMB
  -Jerry H. Jones
  -Bush
    -Congress
    -Governors
The President's schedule
- Wilbur D. Mills
  - The President’s possible visit to Arkansas
- Domestic Council
- Weinberger
- Cabinet members
  - Romney
  - John A. Volpe
  - Maurice H. Stans
  - Agnew
    - Disarmament

Haldeman and Ehrlichman left at 6:58 pm.