Date: February 15, 1973
Time: 9:02 am - 9:12 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Pentagon visit
- Service secretaries
  - Press representative
  - Elliot L. Richardson
  - Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft

Operation Homecoming
- Command center
- Coincidence with Pentagon visit
- Public relations [PR]

Cabinet meeting
- Deputy Secretaries
- Earl L. Butz
  - Absence
- Staff attendance
  - John D. Ehrlichman
  - H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
  - Peter M. Flanigan
  - William E. Timmons
  - Kenneth R. Cole, Jr.
  - Raymond K. Price, Jr.
  - Scowcroft
  - Gerald L. Warren [?]
  - William L. Safire [?]
  - Ziegler
  - Timmons
Briefing meeting
- Flanigan
- International monetary situation
- Length
- Scowcroft
- George H. W. Bush
- John A. Scali
- Ehrlichman
- Haldeman
- Roy L. Ash
- George P. Shultz

President's schedule
- Next week
- Ehrlichman

Sir Christopher Soames
- European community
- Meeting with President
  - Henry A. Kissinger’s recommendation
- Cabinet meeting
- Official position of Soames
- Purpose of visit with President
  - European relations
  - Kissinger

Cabinet meeting

Haldeman
- Appeal

US-Cuba hijacking agreement
- Fidel Castro
- President’s letter
- Delay
Conversation No. 857-1 (cont’d)

-Haldeman’s opinion
-Scowcroft’s role
-Reply from President
  -Ambassador to deliver message

Flowers to Prisoners of War [POWs] wives
-Response
  -Timing
    -Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo

Washington Star article
-News summary
  -Washington Post, New York Times
-Content
  -Herblock

Command cantor

Dr. Walter R. Tkach
-Editorial
  -London paper

Bull left at 9:12 am.

Conversation No. 857-2

Date: February 15, 1973
Time: Unknown between 9:12 am and 9:20 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President’s schedule
Conversation No. 857-2 (cont’d)

-Request for Ronald L. Ziegler
-Meeting with John D. Ehrlichman
-Executive Office Building [EOB] [?]

President’s meetings
-White House staff departures
  -John A. Scali
  -Donald H. Rumsfeld
-Need for balance
-List
-Secretary of Transportation
-Woman supporter of President
  -1972 campaign
  -H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
-James M. Beggs
-Photographs, handshakes
-Arrangements
-Administration friends
-Ziegler

Bull left at an unknown time before 9:20 am.

Conversation No. 857-3

Date: February 15, 1973
Time: 9:20 am - 10:40 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Press briefing
-Environment
-William D. Ruckleshaus
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Conversation No. 857-3 (cont’d)

- Meeting with President
- Pentagon visit by President

Photographs
- Ruckelshaus
- Gen. Andrew J. Goodpaster
  - Meeting with President

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[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Donald W. Riegle, Jr.
- Switch to Democratic Party

Garry Brown [?]

Charlotte Reid

Paul N. McCloskey, Jr.
- Party change
  - “Fraud”

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

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Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon
- Reception
  - Volunteers
    - Ziegler’s role
  - Fundraiser
WASHINGTON, DC
-Photographs
-Washington Star
-Washington Post
-Publicity

Corsages to Prisoners of War [POWs] wives
-Press coverage

POW press coverage
-News summary
-Capt. Jeremiah A. Denton, Jr.
  -News of “peace with honor”
  -Effect on POWs
  -Whistling “California here we come”
-Tom Jarriel's story
  -Raising of flags

President's message on environment
-American Broadcasting Company [ABC]
-National Broadcasting Company [NBC]
-Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
-Reports

News stories about President
-Associated Press [AP]
-“New Nixon”
-President's isolation
-President's visit to Trader Vic's
  -Effect

Pentagon visit
-Ziegler's attendance
-Freehan [?]
-Purpose
-POW jobs program
-Recognition for POWs
  -Adm. Thomas Moorer’s suggestions
-Medal for POWs
-Ziegler's statement
  -Suggestion for recognition
  -Defense Department’s recommendations
  -Congress
-North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO] policy
-Implementation of cease-fire
  -Withdrawal schedule
-Back pay to POWs
  -Sums
  -Congressional authorization
  -Korea
-Ceremonial protocols
  -Joint Chiefs of Staff [JCS]
-Service secretaries
-Cabinet

Cabinet meeting
-Ziegler's statement
-Purpose
  -Vice President Spiro T. Agnew's report on trip
  -George P. Shultz's report on trade

William P. Rogers’s press conference
-Ziegler’s role
-People’s Republic of China [PRC]
  -Normalization of relations

Press relations
-Vietnam settlement
  -Telegrams from abroad
  -Public release
-Distribution
  -World reaction
  -Environment
    -John D. Ehrlichman
  -POWs, veterans
    -Jobs
    -Difficulties
    -Jobs for veterans program
    -Recognition
    -Amnesty
    -Effect of administration efforts

Press conference
  -Henry A. Kissinger’s trip
  -Briefing
    -Barbara Walters’s role
  -President’s statement
  -Vietnam settlement
    -Aid to North Vietnam
    -Kissinger’s abilities
  -Kissinger’s plans
    -Cable to Ziegler
    -H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 9:20 am.

President's meeting with Haldeman and Ehrlichman.

Bull left at an unknown time before 9:39 am.

CBS news program
  -Problems
    -Communique
  -Dan Rather
    -Story on PRC
    -Walter Cronkite assessment
Haldeman entered at 9:39 am.

Press relations
- Kissinger's cable to Ziegler
  - Press conference plans
  - Statement by President
    - North Vietnam aid
  - Kissinger's style
    - Pham Can Dong
  - Plans for press conference
  - President's role
  - Television [TV]
  - Joint communiqué
    - Kissinger's promise to North Vietnamese
- Kissinger's return to US
  - Date
  - Stop in Japan
- Background briefing
  - Press conference
    - Congress
- Briefings
  - President
  - Cabinet
  - Congress

Pentagon visit
- Command center
  - Public relations [PR]
- Purpose
  - Jobs for veterans
  - Troop withdrawal, cease-fire
- Press conference
  - Informality
  - President's statements to press
-Ziegler’s role

Ziegler left at 9:45 am.

Kissinger
- Joint communiqué
  - President’s knowledge
- Aid to North Vietnam
  - Kissinger’s abilities
- Press conference
- Trip to Hanoi
  - POWs
  - Purpose

Bull entered at an unknown time after 9:45 am.

Request for Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft

Bull left at an unknown time before 9:49 am.

Press relations
- Kissinger
  - Press conference
  - New policy
- President's statement
  - Delay
- Public relations
  - George P. Shultz
    - International monetary policy
  - John B. Connally

Bull entered at an unknown time after 9:45 am.

William E. Timmons
Bull left at an unknown time before 9:49 am.

Invitation to White House church service

Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft entered at 9:49 am.

POWs
- Pentagon visit
- Recognition
  - Congress
  - Medal of Honor
  - Presidential unit citation
  - Ribbon
  - Star for each year of captivity
- Jobs
  - Ehrlichman
  - Veterans
  - Statement
    - California
  - Cabinet meeting
    - Service
- National heroes
  - Let-down
- Physical and psychological
  - Sense of euphoria
    - Let-down
- Need for psychiatric help, let-down
  - Family problems
  - Children
    - Problems
- Pornography
  - Television [TV]
  - Movie
- Bad language
  - Children, women
-Recognition
  -Citation
  -Missing in action [MIAs]
    -Posthumous citation

MIAs
  -Similar status of Killed in action [KIA]
    -Reasons
  -Help for families
  -Presidential letter
    -Content
    -Delicate language
      -Someone to write
        -Raymond K. Price, Jr.
        -Claudia A. (Taylor) (“Lady Bird”) Johnson’s role
  -Accounting
  -Correspondence
    -Specialists
      -Offer to Mrs. Johnson
      -State Department

Kissinger's proposed press conference
  -Problems
  -Ziegler's statement
  -Need for salesmanship
  -Aid to North Vietnam
    -Difficulty of issue
      -President’s statement

Joint communiqué
  -Copy to President
    -Scowcroft’s role

Aid to North Vietnam
  -Sensitivity of issue
Conversations No. 857-3 (cont’d)

- POWs
  - Horror stories
  - Kissinger’s perception
- Reasons
  - Guarantee of peace
  - Reconstruction
  - Michael J. (“Mike”) Mansfield
  - Leverage
- Timmon’s comments
  - Bilateral compared to multilateral aid
  - Congressional reaction
  - Timmon’s style
  - Positive line
  - Peace
- Multilateral approach
  - Lack of leverage

Foreign aid
- Congress
- Multilateral aid
  - Disadvantages
    - International Bank for Reconstruction and Development [World Bank]
  - Bilateral aid

Vietnam settlement
- Agnew’s briefing of Cabinet
- Kissinger’s return to US
- Cabinet meeting with Kissinger
  - President’s opposition
- National Security Council [NSC] meeting
  - Control
  - Anne Armstrong
-Pham Van Dong
-Cabinet
 -Complexity of issue of aid to North Vietnam
-Aid to North Vietnam
 -Ash
 -Sales pitch
   -Defense spending
   -1974 budget
-Congressional relations
 -Kissinger’s return
 -Budget
   -Aid to North Vietnam
   -Reparations
   -Domestic social programs
 -Kissinger
   -Sales pitch
     -Aid to North Vietnam
 -Kissinger
   -Portrayal of North Vietnam leaders
     -Experience in Hanoi
     -Chou En-Lai
 -1974 budget
 -Ash
 -Defense budget estimates
   -Vietnam
   -Laos
 -Optimism about aid appropriations

Pentagon visit
 -Ziegler, Scowcroft
   -Dress
 -Ash
   -Purpose
     -Kissinger
     -POWs
Scowcroft left at 10:09 am.

Bull entered at 10:09 am.

President’s schedule
  -Goodpaster [?]
  -Ash
  -Ehrlichman

Bull left at 10:09 am.

William E. Timmons entered at 10:09 am.

White House social events
  -Evening at the White House
    -Entertainment
      -Army choir
      -Quality
    -Congress
    -Scheduling
  -Number attending
    -Couples
      -Number
  -Church services
    -Number attending
  -Invitations
    -Republican congress members
      -Evening or church services, dinners
        -State dinner
          -Golda Meir
    -Loyalists
    -Freshmen
      -Reception
      -Republicans
      -Democrats
Timmons left at 10:16 am.

The President talked with Woods at an unknown time between 10:16 am and 10:40 am.
Washington, DC
Administration officials
New Executive Branch employees
Congress members
Winchester
Timmons
List
Mailing
Loyalists
Others
Republican
Richard S. Schweiker
Riegle
Party switch

[End of telephone conversation]

Woods
William L. Duncan
Support
Edward L. Morgan
Birthday party for Dr. Walter R. Tkach
San Clemente
Robert H. Taylor's presence
Demeanor
Helen Thomas’s story on Secret Service controversy
Time of release
Conversation with Dwight L. Chapin
Haldeman’s role
Julie Nixon Eisenhower’s note
Woods on airplane

Secret Service controversy
Duncan and Taylor
Meeting with President
-Woods
  -Delay of farewell letters
  -President's signing
-Farewell letters
  -Delay
-Woods
-Tkach
-Taylor story
  -Ziegler's role
-New York Times
-Taylor
  -Meeting with Haldeman
  -Job change
-Administration's image
-Farewell letter
  -Memorandum
-Bull
-Delay

Bull entered at an unknown time after 10:16 am.

Letters to Duncan and Taylor
  -Drafts
    -Price
    -David R. Gergen
  -President's signature
  -Preparation

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:40 am.

Woods
  -Problems
  -Chapin
    -Visit to office
Bull entered at an unknown time after 10:16 am.

Ash's location
  - Shultz

Woods
  - Letters to Duncan and Taylor
    - President's signature

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:40 am.

Woods
  - Haldeman's role
  - Ehrlichman's advice

Announcement
  - Taylor
    - Decision to stay
  - Secret Service

Woods
  - Internal fights
  - Julie Nixon Eisenhower
  - Thelma C. (Ryan) (“Pat”) Nixon
  - Taylor and Duncan
  - Duncan
  - Patricia R. Hitt
    - Memo
      - Ehrlichman’s answer
  - Robert H. Finch
  - Conversation with Woods
  - Conversation with Haldeman

Bull entered at an unknown time after 10:16 am.
Letters to Taylor and Duncan
- Retirement

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:40 am.

Woods
- Conversation with Haldeman

Morgan

Taylor
- Plans to move
- Ehrlichman and Haldeman’s roles
- Promotion
- Offer of promotions
  - Treasury Department
- Duncan
  - Directorship
  - Tkach
  - Julie Nixon Eisenhower

Letters to Taylor and Duncan
- Signature
- Note
- Date

Taylor
- Retention
- Job changes
  - Court administrators
  - Leave of absence
- Job opportunities
  - Morgan’s suggestion
- Treasury Department
  - Promotions
Hitt

-Ehrlichman’s responsibility

Bull entered at an unknown time after 10:16 am.

Arrival of Rogers C. B. Morton

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:40 am.

Hitt

-Meeting with Ehrlichman
-President’s support
-Job
  -Finch’s memorandum
  -Reorganization
    -Caspar W. (“Cap”) Weinberger
  -Finch’s memorandum
    -ACTION position
-Conversation with Ehrlichman
-Complaints
-President's reaction
-Woods's reaction
  -Conversation with Haldeman
    -John E. Nidecker
    -Herbert G. Klein
  -Chapin’s departure
  -Motivation
    -Relations with Chapin

Woods’s conversation
-Conversation with Charles G. (“Bebe”) Rebozo
-Secret Service, Hitt
-Discussion with Helen Thomas
  -Airplane ride
-Conversation with Haldeman
  -Haldeman's approach

Haldeman left at 10:40 am.

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The President met with Ronald Ziegler.

Pentagon visit
  -Arrangements

Rogers C. B. Morton, J. Phil Campbell, Russell E. Train, William D. Ruckelshaus, John D. Ehrlichman, and Richard M. Fairbanks entered at an unknown time after 10:40 am. Members of the press were present at the beginning of the meeting.

Environmentalists

Photograph session
  -Arrangements.

Sea life
  -Ecosystem

Purpose of meeting
  -Briefing statement
    -Land use planning
    -Mineral development
      -Mining
-Conservation guidance
  -Endangered species
  -Parks
-Interior Department
  -Land use planning
  -Mining
  -1970 financial priorities
    -Water
    -Sewer plants
  -Change in priorities
    -Air quality
  -Legislative proposals
    -Criticism
    -Press, Congress
  -Cut-backs
    -Counterattack
  -New thrust
    -Land management
    -Power plants
-State responsibility
-Funds
  -New money
    -Land use bill
    -Mining
    -Power plants

Environment budget
-Programs
-Problems
  -Limitations
  -Debate over amounts
  -Answer to critics
    -Objectives
    -Need to act
-New funding
-President’s statement
  -California
  -Effectiveness
    -Clean water
-Demand on budget
  -Diminishing returns
  -Congress
-Record of last four years
  -Reversal of environmental destruction
  -Results
-Crash programs
  -Manufacturing
  -Waste
-Esoteric programs
  -Land use
    -Beautification
    -Clean water
    -Clean air
    -Farmers
    -POWs
  -Emphasis on conservation

Public attitudes
  -Indifference to clean water and clean air
    -Cities
      -Florida
      -Los Angeles, New York, and Washington, DC
  -Beauty of country
  -Environmentalists
  -Legacy
    -Parks
    -Quality of life
    -Beauty of countryside

Poll by conservationists
Land use
  - Top priority
  - Energy
- Administration’s record
  - Clean air and clean water
  - Food
- Individual responsibility
  - Neighborhoods

Energy message
- Location of refineries, atomic generation
- Relation to environment
- Land use planning
- Free enterprise system
  - Development

Florida Everglades
- Mangrove swamps
  - Preservation
  - Bird sanctuaries
  - Golf course at Key Biscayne
  - Canal development

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 10:40 am.

Mangrove trees

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 11:10 am.

Everglades
- Gulf fisheries
- Development and conservation
- Danger of excessive conservation
- Environmental beauty
  - Cities
Environmental policy
  -Positive thrust
  -Spending
  -Adequacy
    -Military, schools
  -Land use
  -Energy
  -Progress
    -Publicity
    -Turn-around in last four years
    -Restoration of environment

Alaska pipeline
  -Necessity of choice
    -Conservation or energy
    -Environmental safeguards
    -Interior Department Studies
  -Court case
    -Technicalities
      -Right of way
  -Option
    -Legislation

Energy problem
  -Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS] news story
    -Vietnam
  -Scope
  -Crisis
    -Reasons
      -Supply
        -Increase in demand worldwide
    -Worldwide demand
- President's Southeast Asia trip, 1953
  - US Ambassador in Saigon
  - Hong Kong water
- Compared to meat crisis
- Positive light
  - New sources
- Distribution
- Legacy of parks
- Public indifference
  - Power shortages
  - Fuel oil prices

Public attitude
- Concern for beauty of countryside
- Housing subdivisions
- Traffic jams

Energy message
- Congressional action
- Highway Trust Fund
  - Traffic jams
    - California, New York
    - Smog
  - Mass transit
- Freeway traffic
  - Single occupancy vehicles
    - President's experiences
      - California
      - Washington, DC traffic
      - President’s experience
        - California
        - Key Biscayne, Florida
        - Highway 1

- Highway Trust Fund
  - Mass transit
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Location: Oval Office

The President met with Gen. Andrew Goodpaster and Gen. Brent Scowcroft. Members of the press were present at the beginning of the meeting.

Prisoners of War [POWs]

Vietnam settlement
  -President's accomplishment

Pentagon visit
  -Goodpaster's attendance
  -North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO]

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time after 11:12 am.

Request for Elliot L. Richardson or Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
Pentagon visit
- Goodpaster’s attendance
  - NATO
  - Joint Chiefs of Staff [JCS]

[Photograph session]

Military
- Year of Europe
- South and Southeast Asia
- Latin America

Europe
- Importance
  - Economics and military
- Mutual and Balanced Force Reductions [MBFR]
- Agenda
- Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe [CSCE]
- Military implications

Scowcroft talked with Moorer between 11:14 am and 11:15 am. The President and Goodpaster can be heard in the background.

Meeting with the President and Goodpaster

[End of telephone conversation]

Meeting with Joint Chiefs of Staff [JCS]
- Goodpaster’s attendance
- Defense Secretary
- Service Secretaries
- Report to Joint Chiefs
  - Return of POWs
  - Withdrawal
  - Cease-fire implementation

Relations with Europe
- Troop levels in NATO
-CSCE
  -Discussions
    -Edward R. G. Heath
  -Economic considerations
    -Trade
  -Security arrangements
  -Vietnam
  -Vietnam settlement
    -Demonstration of US will and credibility
      -US allies
        -Japan, Thailand
      -Mutual security
  -Vietnam
    -Peace with honor
  -US goals
    -May 8, 1972 speech
  -Consequences of failure
    -Allies’ loss of confidence
    -Encouragement of aggression
  -Europeans’ confidence
    -US commitment to NATO
  -Strengthening
    -President's statements about NATO
  -Negotiations
    -Position of strength and stability

Members of the press left at an unknown time before 12:02 pm.

President’s statement
  -European confidence

European negotiations with the Union of Soviet Socialists Republics [USSR]
  -President’s commitment
  -European confidence in Supreme Allied Commander, Europe [SACEUR]
    -Dwight D. Eisenhower

December 1972 bombing
  -European reaction
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Conversation No. 857-5 (cont’d)

-Great Britain
-Greece
-Turkey
-European communist
-Helmet H.W. Schmidt
-Australia
-New Zealand
-Japan
-Heath’s support
-Schmidt
-Socialists

President’s policies on NATO
-European interests
-Friendship
-US in Vietnam
-Impact of early withdrawal
-Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines
-Aggression
-USSR, People’s Republic of China [PRC]
-US allies’ support
-Canada

Canada
-Relations with US
-United Nations [UN] vote on Taiwan

US allies
-Reaction to US policies
-Criticism of December 1972 bombing
-Canada
-Pragmatic relationship
-UN vote on Taiwan
-Leftists, press, youth
-Heath
-Luncheon with Goodpaster
-Relations with US
-Behavior during December 1972 bombing
NATO
- Nixon Doctrine
  - Application
- Mutual interests
  - National Security Council [NSC] study
  - Importance of Europe
- MBFR
- CSCE
- Negotiations with USSR
  - Gen. Lauris Norstad
  - Status of forces
  - Stability
  - Problems
  - Psychological impact
  - Arbitrary deadlines

USSR
- Proposals
  - Common sea lanes
  - Principle of party
  - Mixed packages
    - Adjustments
    - Détente
- US view
- Negotiations
  - Phases
  - Results

MBFR
- Staff views
- Goals

Military Unity in Europe
- Rationalization of forces
  - European commitment
    - Economies
    - Flexibility
-Unity
-US cutbacks

New Technologies
-Smart bombs
-Experience in Vietnam
-Anti-tank technology
-Helicopter
-Application

Force Restructuring
-Budgetary cuts
-Modernization
-New technology

Future
-Activate
-Relations with NATO and USSR
-NATO
-Consultation
-Sensitivities
-Effectiveness
-President’s foreign policy
-Basis
-Personal relationship
-USSR
-PRC
-US interests
-Need for US-European relationship
-State visits
-Georges J. R. Pompidou, Willy Brandt

US-German relations
-December 1972 bombing
-Germany’s regrets
-Germany’s domestic politics
-Leftists
-Defense minister
Former labor leader
Views regarding US
Schmidt
Political coalition

NATO
- Denmark
  - Cutbacks
    - US opposition
- Belgium
  - Cut in term of service for conscripts
- Germany
  - Restructuring of forces
  - German military’s opposition

Congress
- Willingness to cut back
  - European criticism
  - Effect on Senate
  - Isolationism
- European cut-backs
  - Japan’s view of cut-backs
  - Congressional response
  - Denmark’s proposals
    - Effect

Tactical nuclear policy
- Goodpaster’s opinion of Richardson
- Need for consensus on value and limitations
  - Unresolved questions
  - Studies
  - Modernization
    - New technology

France
- US relations
  - Areas of cooperation
Conversation No. 857-5 (cont’d)

- Michael Debre
  - Role in US relations
- French military
  - Reaction to NATO
  - Cooperation with Goodpaster
- Improvements in relations

Spain
- Horatio Rivero, Jr.
  - Capabilities
- US-Spain relations
  - Richardson’s support
  - Joint committee
  - Lopez-Rabule [?], Rivero, and Gen. Diaz-Allegria [?], Virginal [?]
- Military aid agreement
- Foreign exchange
  - Surplus
- Political interests
  - Gen. Francisco Franco
- Preparations

Goodpaster’s meeting with Donald H. Rumsfeld
- Military matters

Cooperation with allies
- National interests

David M. Kennedy
- Meeting with Goodpaster
  - Cooperation

Rumsfeld
- Experience as NATO ambassador
- Future in politics
- Public appearances
  - Style
  - Intelligence
Mamie G. D. Eisenhower
- Appearance
- Strength
- Goodpaster's visit
  - Augusta, Georgia
  - Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
- Appearances in public
  - Public responses

Henry Fairlie's book
- The Kennedy Promise
- US foreign policy
  - President’s conversation with Ronald W. Reagan
  - John F. Kennedy

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- View on Cuba
- Kennedy’s foreign policy
  - Criticism
  - Assessment of Dwight D. Eisenhower’s foreign policy

President’s foreign policy
- Contrast with Kennedy’s foreign policy
  - Crisis-orientation
  - Mistakes

Cuban Missile Crisis
- Kennedy’s handling
  - Risks
  - Military advantage
  - Fidel Castro
    - Stable position
- Soviet missiles in Cuba
  - Eisenhower’s responses
  - Cienfuegos
Bay of Pigs
  -Reasons for failure
Guatemala
  -Eisenhower’s action
-Middle East Crisis of 1956
  -John Foster Dulles

Vietnam settlement
  -POWs
    -Heroes
      -Casualties
      -Congressional Medal of Honor
    -Press
      -Praise for draft dodgers and deserters
      -Calls for amnesty
    -POWs
      -Heroes to nation
    -Critics of President
      -Campus protests
        -Amnesty

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Fairlie’s book
  -Value
    -Goodpaster
    -Rumsfeld

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-Analysis of American public relations
-American presidency

POWs
  -Support for bombing
    -Answer to critics
  -Moorer’s comment
-December 26, 1972 bombing
  -President’s Christmas vacation
    -Florida
  -Bombing halt
  -Number of B-52s
    -Effects
  -Attitudes of captors
  -Effects of POWs

South Vietnam
  -Chance for survival

Bombing of North Vietnam
  -POWs’ responses
  -Press relations
    -Television [TV]
    -Public statement
    -Reasons
  -Impact on North Vietnam
    -Private negotiations
  -Public support
  -Press criticism
  -Bombing in World War II
    -US infantry
    -German cities
    -Civilian areas
    -Compared to Normandy landing
      -Eisenhower
      -Seine river bridges
  -Gen. Curtis Lemay
  -Impact
    -Moorer’s view
      -Duration
  -White House staff
    -Concern over criticism
  -Press
    -Criticism
      -Churches
-Nitpicking

Flag flying at full staff
   -Claudia A. (Taylor) (“Lady Bird”) Johnson
   -Patriotism

Mansfield-McGovern amendment
   -Bugou
   -POWs in exchange for withdrawal
     -Loss of pride

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 11:12 am.

Arrival of J[ames] Curtis Counts

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:02 pm.

Vietnam settlement
   -Success
   -Impact on US people
   -Southeast Asia
     -Self-reliance
   -POWs
     -Impact of return
     -Statement by Denton

Goodpaster and Scowcroft left at 12:02 pm.

Date: February 15, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:02 pm and 12:05 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with unknown person.
President’s schedule [?]

Unknown person left at an unknown time before 12:05 pm.
Date: February 15, 1973
Time: 12:05 pm - 12:19 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with J. Curtis Counts. Members of the press were present at the beginning of the meeting.

Greetings

Photograph session
- Arrangements

Counts's plans
- Construction industry
  - Labor management problems

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 12:05 pm.

Refreshments

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 12:19 pm.

Construction industry
- Importance
- Work with Peter J. Brennan, George P. Shultz
- Counts’s new job

Counts’s job offers
- Bechtel
- United Aircraft
- Salary

Private sector
-Importance
-Consultant offers

Jay C. Counts
-Labor lawyer
  -Texas
-Labor management consultant
  -Sheehy Construction, Inc.

Labor management relations
-Management representatives
  -Problems
-Labor lawyers
  -Jews
    -Competence
-Negotiations
  -Arthur Goldberg
    -Steel
      -Competence
    -Management representatives
-Labor lawyers
  -Unions
    -Competence
    -Dave Freedmont
-Steel workers
  -Legal assistance
-United Auto Workers [UAW]
  -Leonard Woodcock
-Management representatives

Construction industry
-Negotiations
  -Fragmented industry
  -Automobile manufacturers
-Counts's new job
  -Problems

Jay Counts
Southern Methodists University [SMU]
-Charlie Morris
-Business and law school
-California and Texas bar exams
-Opportunities
-Present job

Counts's job
-Government work
-Lobbying
-Labor union reception
-Rapport

California
-New house
-Chevoit Hills
-Janice O. Counts
-McLean, Virginia
-Traffic
-Roosevelt Bridge
-Maintenance

Virginia Counts

Prisoners of War [POWs]
-Reception
-George S. McGovern
-Return
-Impact on public
-Support for bombing

Bombing of North Vietnam
-Necessity
-McGovern
-POWs’ statements to Adm. Thomas H. Moorer

Young people
Conversation No. 857-7 (cont’d)

Appreciation for job
  - President’s gift

Counts’s children
  - Married ones

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 12:05 pm.

Ash trays

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:19 pm.

Gifts

Bull entered at an unknown time after 12:05 pm.

Counts’s grandchildren
  - Boys
  - Girls
  - Gifts

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:19 pm.

Counts’s job
  - Other opportunities
    - Major corporation
    - Salary
    - Labor management relations

Counts left at 12:19 pm.

Conversation No. 857-8

Date: February 15, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:19 pm and 12:47 pm
Location: Oval Office
The President met with an unknown man.

Names on a list
   - Titles
     - Ambassador
     - Circling of names

Letters
   - Preparation
   - First names

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:47 pm.

Conversation No. 857-9

Date: February 15, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:19 pm and 12:47 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman [?]
   - Message [?]

Photographs
   - William L. Duncan [?]
   - Robert H. Taylor [?]

Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft
   - Pentagon visit

Ronald L. Ziegler

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:47 pm.
Conversation No. 857-10

Date: February 15, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:19 pm and 12:47 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown woman.

Letters to be sent out

The unknown woman left at an unknown time before 12:49 pm.

Conversation No. 857-11

Date: February 15, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:19 pm - 12:47 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

Preparation for departure
- Top coat

The President and Sanchez left at 12:47 pm.

Conversation No. 857-12

Date: February 15, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:47 pm and 2:55 pm
Location: Oval Office

Unknown Secret Service agents met.

President’s location [?]

The unknown men left at an unknown time before 2:55 pm.
Date: February 15, 1973
Time: Unknown between 2:55 pm and 2:58 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown person.

President’s schedule

The President and the unknown person left at 2:58 pm.

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Date: February 15, 1973
Time: Unknown after 2:58 pm
Location: Oval Office

Unknown Secret Service agents met.

President’s location
- Someone’s tardiness
- Executive Office Building

The unknown agents left at an unknown time after 2:58 pm.