Conversation No. 859-1

Date: February 21, 1973
Time: 8:27 am - 8:40 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President’s schedule
- Henry A. Kissinger, William E. Timmons
- Ambassador Dr. David K. E. Bruce
- President’s meeting with leaders from Pakistan
  - Kissinger’s recommendation (March 8 and 9)
  - President Ali Bhutto
  - Mustafa Khar
  - Azid Ahmed
- Bhutto
  - Meeting with President
  - Delay
    - US elections
- US arms
- Political support
- President’s previous meeting
- Monday and Tuesday
- Wednesday
  - Open day
- Thursday and Friday
- Boy Scouts of America
  - President’s appearance at convention
    - Honorary chairman
    - Scouts’ Report to the Nation
- Harry S. Dent
  - Meeting with President
- Departure
- Joe O. Waggoner, Jr.
Conversation No. 859-1 (cont’d)

-Mardi Gras king and queen reception
-Meeting with President
  -Haldeman’s opposition
  -Reasons
  -Attendance at Congressional supporters’ reception
  -Timmons’s support
  -Atlantic Union
  -Helmut Sonnenfeldt’s meeting with Findley
-Paul Findley
  -Meeting with President
    -Haldeman’s opposition
    -Reasons
    -Attendance at Congressional supporters’ reception
    -Timmons’s support
    -Atlantic Union
-Scheduling
-Breakfast for Republican Congressional freshmen, leaders
  -Format
    -Press photographs
    -Briefing
-Mayor Walter E. Washington
  -John D. Ehrlichman, James T. Lynn, Dana G. Mead
    -Swearing-in ceremony
      -Length
-Swearing-in of James Keogh
  -Meeting with President
- Irving Kristol
  -Public Interest magazine editor
  -Ehrlichman’s support
  -Meeting with President
    -Scheduling
-National Association of School Administrators
  -National Convention
    -President's appearance
      -Ehrlichman's recommendation
-Closing session, February 28, 1973
-Atlantic City
-Scheduling
-Purpose
  -New priorities in education
    -Ehrlichman’s views
    -Primary and Secondary compared to higher education
  -William L. Duncan and Robert H. Taylor
    -Meeting with the President
    -Photographs
  -Rex W. Scouten
    -Plans on bowling alley
    -Meeting with President
    -Scheduling
  -Governors and wives
    -National Governors Conference attendees’ dinner
      -Cabinet and Vice President’s attendance
      -Number of people
    -Kenneth R. Cole, Jr., Ehrlichman, Charles W. Colson
    -Tables
    -Cameras
    -Entertainment
      -Army Chorus
    -Norman Vincent Peale
    -Speaking engagement
      -Length

Bull left at 8:40 am.

Conversation No. 859-2

Date: February 21, 1973
Time: Unknown between 8:40 am and 9:06 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.
Conversation No. 859-2 (cont’d)

[See Conversation No. 43-134]

Date: February 21, 1973
Time: Between 9:06 am and 9:23 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with William P. Rogers.

[See Conversation No. 43-135]

Conversation No. 859-3

Date: February 21, 1973
Time: Unknown between 9:23 am and 9:27 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 43-136]

Conversation No. 859-4

Date: February 21, 1973
Time: Unknown between 9:23 am and 9:27 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.
Request for Ronald L. Ziegler to join him

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 9:27 am.

Date: February 21, 1973
Time: Between 9:27 am and 9:30 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Lida Freeman.

[See Conversation No. 43-137]

Date: February 21, 1973
Time: 9:31 am - 9:43 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Gridiron dinner
-George S. McGovern's attendance
-Women attendees
- Wives
- Shirley Chisholm
- Helen A. Thomas
- Eleanor (Stegeberg) McGovern
- Career women
- George H. W. Bush
- Republican speaker
- McGovern
-Democrat speaker
-Traditional role
-Invitation Committee
  -Invitation to President
  -President's response
-McGovern
  -President’s viewpoint
  -Press relations
  -Speech
-President’s attendance
-Press relations
  -Ziegler's opinion
    -Criticism
    -Firmness
    -Press corps
    -Effect on Presidency
    -Social events
-Photographs
-Ziegler’s conversation with Robert Roth
  -McGovern
    -Speech
    -Speech writers

President’s attendance at social functions
-Brief attendance
  -Remarks
  -White House Correspondents Dinner
  -White House Photographers Dinner
  -Radio and television
    -Correspondents dinner
      -Invitation
-Gridiron Dinner
  -Alternatives
  -Church service
    -Congress
    -Timing
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Conversation No. 859-7 (cont’d)

- President’s attendance
  - Entertainment
    - White House Correspondents dinner
      - Speech
    - US News and World Report
      - Reporter’s behavior
    - Length of time
  - Awards ceremonies
    - Types
  - Entertainment
  - Remarks
    - Timing
  - Drop-by attendance format
  - Limiting number of engagements
    - Effects

Gridiron Dinner
- President’s attendance
  - McGovern
    - 1972 campaign
  - Avoidance
    - Compared with McGovern missing Inauguration
  - Invitation
    - Roth
      - Invitation Committee
      - Meeting with the President
    - Declining
      - Response

White House Correspondents Dinner
- Invitation
- Acceptance
- Gridiron Dinner

Ziegler left at 9:43 am.
Date: February 21, 1973
Time: Between 9:43 am and 9:44 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 43-138]

Date: February 21, 1973
Time: 9:44 am - 9:55 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Gridiron dinner
-Date

White House Correspondents Association Dinner
-Date
-Edgar Allen Poe
  -President of Gridiron
  -President of White House Correspondents Association
  -Robert Roth
  -Meeting with President
  -President’s invitation

Nguyen Van Thieu visit
-Date
-Other meetings
  -Gridiron
  -White House Correspondents Association dinner
  -Change of dates
-Press coverage of Thieu visit

White House Correspondents dinner
-Invitation Committee visits
-Gridiron
  -Statement

Gridiron dinner
-Disadvantages
  -George S. McGovern’s attendance
  -Watergate references
-Criticism of President
  -President’s and Dwight David Eisenhower’s experience
-Attendance

White House Correspondents Association dinner
-President's attendance
  -Public statement
  -Poe

White House Photographers awards dinner
-Date
-President's attendance
  -California trip
    -Press coverage of Thieu visit

Radio and Television Correspondents dinner
-Bob Clark, president of American Broadcasting Company [ABC]
-Letter
-Scheduling
  -Dates
  -White House Correspondents dinner
  -Thieu visit
  -Best date
    -60-day troop withdrawal
    -Advantages
-Speech
-National forum
-Timing
-Problems
-Invitation to President
  -In person
  -Clark
  -Pictures
  -Wire service

Invitations
- Meeting with the President
  - Poe
  - Jack Horner
  - Clark
- Acceptances

Gridiron dinner
- President’s schedule
  - Church service

[Telephone rings]

-New York
  - Dinner
    - Hobart D. (“Hobe”) Lewis
-Avoidance
  - Excused compared with unexcused absence
The White House operator talked with the President; Ronald L. Ziegler was present at the beginning of the telephone call.

[See Conversation NO. 43-139]

Stephen B. Bull

Ziegler left at 9:55 am.

Date: February 21, 1973
Time: Unknown between 9:55 am and 9:58 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 43-140]

Date: February 21, 1973
Time: Unknown between 9:55 am and 9:58 am
Location: Oval Office

The White House operator talked with the President.

[See Conversation No. 43-141]
The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

Weather
- Washington, DC
- Florida

Jane Freeman
- President’s call
  - Mrs. [First name unknown] Jordan
- Husband
  - Health

Tony Romney [?]
- Telephone call

Invitations
- Contributor’s list

White House maintenance
- Timing
  - Church service [?]
- Clean up downstairs
  - Problems
    - Sleep
    - Extra pay
- Entrance
- Books
  - Flowers
- Effects on First Family
- Timing
Gridiron dinner
   -Democratic speaker
      -George S. McGovern

Sunday Church service
   -Julie Nixon Eisenhower’s attendance

Woods
   -Conversation with Phil Brannan [?]
   -Correspondence
      -[Robert] Meredith Willson
      -Los Angeles Times
      -Henry Kearns
         -Resignation

[Telephone rings]

   -Kearns

Woods left at 10:04 am.

The President talked with Julie Nixon Eisenhower at 10:04 am.

[Conversation No. 859-13A]

[See Conversation No. 43-142]
Harry S. Dent
- Meeting with President

Press statements [?]

President's schedule
- Meeting with James Keogh
- Henry A. Kissinger
- Briefing
- Keogh
- William L. Duncan and Robert H. ("Bob") Taylor
- Meeting with President
- President’s meeting with Bob Clark and Edgar Allen Poe
- Ronald L. Ziegler
- Timing

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:16 am.

Date: February 21, 1973
Time: Unknown between 10:08 am and 10:16 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 43-143]
Date: February 21, 1973
Time: Between 10:16 am and 10:17 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Harry S. Dent.

[See Conversation No. 43-144]

Date: February 21, 1973
Time: Unknown between 10:17 am and 10:19 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Meeting with Harry S. Dent
-Pictures
  -Oliver F. (“Ollie”) Atkins
  -Ronald L. Ziegler

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:19 am.

Date: February 21, 1973
Time: Unknown between 10:17 am and 10:19 am
Location: Oval Office

Stephen B. Bull talked with an unknown person.
Ronald L. Ziegler

Conversation No. 859-18

Date: February 21, 1973
Time: Unknown between 10:17 am and 10:19 am
Location: Oval Office

The President dictated a letter to Robert Meredith Willson

Thanks for letter in Los Angeles Times
- President's political philosophy
  - Conservatism
- National Anthem
  - Renditions
  - President's travels abroad
- Francis Scott Key
  - Musical composition

Conversation No. 859-19

Date: February 21, 1973
Time: 10:19 am - 10:46 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Entertainment at Gridiron [?]
- Singers
- Dancers
The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger at an unknown time between 10:19 am and 10:26 am.

[Conversation No. 859-19A]

Date of Thieu meeting
  -Correspondents dinner
  -Timing
  -Meeting with the President and Ziegler

[End of telephone conversation]

H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
The President talked with an unknown person after 10:19 am.

[Conversation No. 859-19B]

William F. (“Billy”) Graham
-Return call
  -President's return call

[End of telephone conversation]

Clark
-Date of White House Correspondents Association dinner
  -President's acceptance
  -Other dates
    -Problems in arranging accommodations
-Optional date
  -Congress in recess
  -Affiliate meetings
-Letter to Ziegler
-Scheduling conflicts
  -Foreign travel

Kissinger entered at 10:26 am.

Thieu visit
-Date
  -Troop withdrawals
  -Troop withdrawals
  -Thieu's preference on date
  -Date
    -Options
    -Delays
    -President’s press conference
    -Troops
Meeting in California
  -Press conference in California
-President's press conference
  -Location
    -Washington
    -California
  -Timing with Thieu visit
-Date
  -Troop withdrawals

President’s schedule
  -White House Correspondents Associations dinner
  -Thieu visit
    -California
  -Options

Thieu visit
  -Meeting in San Clemente
-Thieu’s itinerary
    -Visit to Washington, DC
    -Meeting with President, Vice President
    -President’s stay in San Clemente
    -Head of State dinner
      -Size
      -Location
        -San Clemente
        -Washington, DC
    -Talks with President
    -Working dinner
    -Vice President's dinner
      -Blair House
      -Anderson House
  -San Clemente visit
    -Optimistic dates

Ziegler left at 10:34 am.
Vietnam
- Thieu
  - US support
  - Demonstrations
  - Control of visit
    - White House dinner
  - Spiro T. Agnew
    - Host
    - State dinner

Annual report
- Kissinger’s role

President’s press conference
- Date
  - Completion of troop withdrawals
  - Television [TV] coverage
  - Trip to California
    - Return to Washington
    - White House Correspondents Association dinner
    - Timing

William P. Rogers
- President’s telephone call
- Multilateral agreement
  - People’s Republic of China [PRC]
    - Progress in talks
- Office
  - Title
  - Kissinger’s talk with Rogers
    - Rogers’s reaction
- President’s call
  - News summary
- Multilateral agreements
  - News summary
  - Questions
Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 10:34 am.

Harry S. Dent’s arrival

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:46 am.

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
- Economic Commission
- Deal
- Kissinger’s talks with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
- Trade agreement [?]  
  - George P. Shultz’s role
  - Frederick B. Dent
  - Commerce Department
  - Peter G. Peterson
  - Shultz
  - Dent
    - Compared with Shultz

Kissinger’s forthcoming meeting with the President

Report on Mao Tse-Tung
- Secretary
  - Trustworthiness
  - Memoirs, biography

Confidentiality
- Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
- Shultz
-Haldeman
-John D. Ehrlichman
-Hugh Scott
-PRC
  -Strengths
  -US relations with Japan
  -President’s public statements
-John E. Moss [?] 
  -Statements
  -President’s briefing to Congress
  -Effects on talks with North, South Vietnam
-Division of labor

Gridiron dinner
-Kissinger
  -Invitation
-George S. McGovern
  -Democratic speaker
-President's attendance
  -Press relations
  -McGovern
    -Comparisons with the President
      -Applause
      -Jokes
  -Press reports
-White House Correspondents Associations dinner
  -President's attendance
  -Hubert H. Humphrey
  -Edmund S. Muskie
  -1972 election
  -McGovern
    -President's Inauguration
      -Refusal to attend
    -President's attendance at John F. Kennedy's Inauguration
    -Statements on Vietnam
-Kissinger's attendance
-Kissinger’s view on President’s attendance

Dent

Gridiron dinner
- McGovern’s attendance
- Advantages
- President’s attendance
- Disadvantages
- Rogers
  - Attendance
  - President’s non-attendance
- McGovern

Kissinger left at 10:46 am.

Date: February 21, 1973
Time: Between 10:46 am and 10:47 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President’s schedule
- Harry S. Dent
- Rose Mary Woods
- H.R. (“Bob”) Haldeman [?]

Bull left at 10:47 am.
Date: February 21, 1973
Time: 10:47 am - 11:11 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Harry S. Dent; the White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

Photographs

President's South Carolina visit
  - Black out on television [TV]
  - Crowds
  - Newspaper coverage
  - President's demeanor
  - TV coverage
    - President's appearance
    - Extemporaneous remarks

South Carolina Democrats
  - John C. West
    - George S. McGovern supporter
    - Support for the President
    - Graciousness
    - President's popularity
    - South Carolina election results
      - Effects of December bombing

South Carolina visit
  - Strom J. Thurmond
    - President’s comments
    - Ernest Hollings
    - President's statement
    - Mrs. James Thurmond
    - TV coverage
      - President's mixing with crowds
        - Image of young boy
-President’s statements
  -Vietnam
  -Federal and state powers
  -President’s role in Congress
  -Campaign pledges
  -South
-President's conduct
-Mixing with crowd
  -Mrs. Brynes
  -Young boy
-Appearance
-Speech content
-South Carolina Democrats
  -Legislature
  -Governors

Visits to South
-Southern strategy
  -Thurmond’s support
-President’s address to the South Carolina state legislature
  -Recalcitrance
  -Andrew Jackson
  -Start of Civil War
  -Independence
    -Thurmond
  -Significance
    -West

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[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

-President’s statement
  -TV coverage
    -Little boy [?]
  -Closing statement
Book signing

Republican National Committee [RNC]

-Dent’s role
  -General Counsel
  -Dent’s appreciation
  -Prestige
  -George H. W. Bush
    -Statement
  -Southern reaction
    -Fred C. Scribner, Jr.

Solomon Blatt

-Support for President in 1968, 1972
-Jewish ancestry
  -Compared with Benjamin Disraeli
  -Protectionism
Political poll

President’s visit

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Budget
- Rebellion
- Cuts
  - Taxes
- Demonstrations
- Republican
  - Cuts to Rural Electrification Administration [REA]
  - Complaints
- Public support for President
- Protest
  - Agricultural workers
- President's popularity

Pete Strong
- South Carolina Law Enforcement Division
- Statements about support for President

President's policies
- Dent’s statements
  - Meeting with Southeast housing officials
- Prisoners of War [POWs] [?]
- Taxes
- Inflation
- Vietnam ceasefire

South Carolina political issues
- Housing
-Special interest groups
-REA complaints
  -Press reaction
-Newspapers
  -Support for President
  -Dent's contacts with editors
    -President’s appreciation
    -Endorsement
    -Coverage
      -Greenville
      -Columbia
      -Spartanburg
      -Charleston Press
  -TV commentators
    -Coverage

South Carolina visit
  -Coverage
  -Motorcade
  -Byrnea

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[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Dent’s plans
  -RNC
  -Candidate search
    -South
    -Democrats

Republicans
  -President’s support
    -1972 election
    -Exceptions
    -James O. Eastland, John L. McClellan
-Compared with 1974 election
-South Carolina legislature
  -Two women
  -Need for more women candidates
  -South
  -Youth
  -Governor [John C. West]
  -Charles W. Colson

South Carolina Court system
  -Democratic control

John B. Connally
  -Party switch
    -Future in Democratic Party
    -Effects on business community
    -Effect on party alignment
  -Electibility
    -Presidency
  -Opposition to Connally
    -Charles H. Percy
    -Ronald W. Reagan
    -Spiro T. Agnew
    -Nelson A. Rockefeller
    -Percy
    -Lack of support in South
    -Agnew
    -Rockefeller
    -Agnew
      -Attitudes
        -South
        -Public opposition
        -Approval as Vice President
      -Controversy
      -Public fears
        -South
-Republicans
-Democrats
-Public support
-Conversation with Dent
-Party switch
-Delay
-Support at conventions
-Presidential material
-Nomination
-Governor
-Support in South
-Compared with the President
-Midwest
-Illinois, Ohio, California
-Nomination
-Outsider status
-President’s support
-Agnew, Rockefeller, Reagan
-Public respect
-Continuing President’s policies

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]
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Congressional relations
-Fight with President
-Presidential power
-Democrats
-Russell B. Long
-1972 election
-Vietnam cease-fire agreement
-Herman E. Talmadge
-Support for President
-Interest groups
-Cheese imports
Conversation No. 859-21 (cont’d)

-Dairy producers
-Liaison
-Contributions
-REA leaders
-Lobbying groups
-Control of Congress

-Blacks
-Jesse L. Jackson
-Demonstration
-Capitol
-Howard J. Phillips [?]

President's policies
-Second term administration
-Special interests
-Opposition
-Government’s role

Government expenditures
-Great society

Stephen B. Bull
-Governor [West]
-Gift

Dent left at 11:11 am.

Date: February 21, 1973
Time: Unknown between 11:11 am and 11:16 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.
Conversation No. 859-22 (cont’d)

[See Conversation No. 43-145]

Conversation No. 859-23

Date: February 21, 1973
Time: Unknown between 11:11 am and 11:16 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman and Ronald L. Ziegler
    - Meeting with Spiro T. Agnew
    - President's telephone call

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:16 am.

Conversation No. 859-24

Date: February 21, 1973
Time: Unknown between 11:11 am and 11:16 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 43-146]
Conversation No. 859-25

Date:  February 21, 1973
Time:  Between 11:16 am and 11:17 am
Location:  Oval Office

The President talked with Ronald L. Ziegler.
[See Conversation No. 43-147]

Conversation No. 859-26

Date:  February 21, 1973
Time:  Unknown between 11:17 am and 11:19 am
Location:  Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.
[See Conversation No. 43-148]

Conversation No. 859-27

Date:  February 21, 1973
Time:  11:19 am
Location:  Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.
[See Conversation No. 43-149]
Date: February 21, 1973
Time: Unknown between 11:19 am and 11:33 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President’s schedule
- White House Correspondents Association dinner
  - Date
  - Change
- Nguyen Van Thieu visit
  - Dates

Bull’s schedule
- Tom [?] [Last name unknown]
- Alexander P. Butterfield

Prisoners of War [POW] wives
- Calls to President
- Names
- Special telephone line
- Support for President
- List for a visit
  - Gen. Brendt G. Skowcroft
- Casualties
  - Ages
- Statements

White House departures
- Lists
  - Composition
  - Delays
  - Consultants
  - Job search
  - Assistant Secretaries
Conversation No. 859-28 (cont’d)

-H.R. (“Bob”) Haldeman

Meeting with James Keogh
- Time change

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:33 am.

Conversation No. 859-29

Date: February 21, 1973
Time: Unknown between 11:19 am and 11:33 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with an unknown person.

Unknown person's schedule
- Meeting with President

Conversation No. 859-30

Date: February 21, 1973
Time: Unknown between 11:19 am and 11:33 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Zulfiker Ali Bhutto visit
- Date of request
- Date of visit
- Ambassador [?]

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:33 am.
Date: February 21, 1973
Time: Unknown between 11:19 am and 11:33 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Zulfiker Ali Bhutto visit
- Dates
- Henry A. Kissinger
- Changes in date

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:33 am.

Date: February 21, 1973
Time: 11:33 am - 12:04 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

Gridiron dinner
- President's non-attendance
- Ronald L. Ziegler

Zulfiker Ali Bhutto’s visit
- Misunderstanding
- Delegation
  - Stag dinner
  - Level of authority

Foreign visits
-Bhutto’s delegation
  -Meeting with President
-People’s Republic of China [PRC]
-Stag dinner
  -Pakistan
  -India’s reaction
  -Secretary General, Foreign office
  -Foreign visitors
  -Kissinger’s attendance
  -State Secretary’s attendance

Gridiron dinner
  -George S. McGovern
  -Past dinners
    -Invitees
      -Adlai E. Stevenson, II
      -President
  -McGovern campaign
    -Accusations
      -Morality
  -McGovern
    -Attendance at dinner
    -Image

President's schedule
  -Kissinger
    -Reporter

White House Correspondents Association dinner
  -Invitation
    -Time to consider

Thieu visit
  -Arrangements
  -Announcement
Ambassadors
- Graham R. Martin
- William H. Sullivan
  - Philippines
  - Saigon
- Martin
  - Southeast Asia
    - Bangkok
  - Loyalty to administration

Nguyen Van Thieu visit
- Announcement
  - Washington compared with San Clemente
  - Gridiron
- Trip to Washington
- Spiro T. Agnew
  - State dinner

PRC mission
- Dr. David K. E. Bruce
- Offer of position
- PRC’s reaction
- Congressional reception
  - Vietnam supporters
  - Kissinger's attendance
  - Joint Chiefs of Staff
- PRC position
- Loyalty to administration
- Alfred Le Sesne, Jenkins [?], John H. Holdridge compared with Bruce
- Idea man
- Political appointee compared with career foreign service
  - Contact with White House
  - State Department
- PRC position
  - Career man
Ambassadors
- Emory C. Swank
  - Cambodia
  - Weakness
- Cyrus R. Vance
- Clark M. Clifford
- [First name unknown] Kelsey [?] 

President's public position
- Congressional relations

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 11:33 am.

President's discussion with Kissinger
- Delegation

Foreign visitors
- H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
  - List of foreign visitors
- Gridiron dinner

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:52 am.

Gridiron dinner
- President's non-attendance
  - Avoidance
- Schedule conflict
- McGovern
- Reasons for not going
- McGovern
  - Behavior after 1972 election
    - Boycott of Inaugural
  - Conciliation
- Non-attendance
  - Problems
President's opponents
   - Support for President
   - Kennedy program

Luxembourg foreign minister
   - Conversation with Kissinger
     - Vietnam
     - President’s policies
       - Europe
       - President’s speech before South Carolina legislature
         - Indochina
         - Middle East

Japan

PRC
   - Diplomacy
     - President and Kissinger

Bruce
   - Kissinger’s agreement with President

President's call to William F. Downey

The President talked with an unknown person [Bull?] at an unknown time between 11:33 am and 11:52 am.

[Conversation No. 859-32A]

Call to Downey
   - John Downey
     - Prisoner in PRC
     - Brother

Downey’s return telephone call
   - White House operator
[End of telephone conversation]

Kissinger's telephone call to wives

Kissinger's talk with Downey

A banquet for PRC’s ping-pong team
  - Songs
  - Propaganda film
  - President’s attendance
    - Film
    - President’s image

European relations
  - Joint Chiefs of Staff [JCS]
  - North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO]
  - Gen. Andrew J. Goodpaster
    - Competence
    - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
    - Age
    - Conventional thinking
      - Dwight D. Eisenhower
    - Retirement

  - Chief of Army Staff
  - Melvin R. Laird
    - Competence
    - Compared with Goodpaster
  - Haig
  - Change in position
  - Middle East
    - Take initiative
    - Nightmare
The President talked with Downey between 11:52 am and 11:57 am.

[Conversation No. 859-32B]

[See Conversation No. 43-150]

Kissinger talked with Downey at an unknown time between 11:52 am and 11:57 am.

[End of telephone conversation]

Downey’s statement to Kissinger
- Gentlemanly behavior

Kissinger’s talk with Downey
- President’s discussion with PRC
  - Brother’s release from prison
- Edward M. (“Ted”) Kennedy
  - Issue

John F. Kennedy
- Henry Fairlie's Great Expectations
  - Kissinger’s reading
- Failures
  - Image of success
- President's policies

President's foreign policy legacy
- Major changes
- Impact on “American consciousness”

Vietnam
- December bombing
  - Reaction
    - Inauguration
    - Protests
  - Impact
Conversation No. 859-32 (cont’d)

-US strength
- Credibility
- Prisoners of War [POWs]
- Pride
- Support for President
- Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
- Sacrifice
  - Value
- Intellectuals
  - Bombing
  - Protests
- Killings
- Damage to North Vietnam
  - Kissinger’s team during recent trip
- Airports
  - Military, civilian
- President's decision
- Lyndon B. Johnson
  - Policies
  - Resignation, surrender
- Tet offensive
  - President’s reaction

Bull entered at an unknown time after 11:57 am.

Arrival of James Keogh

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:04 pm.

President's meeting with Keogh
- Kissinger's presence
- Keogh's position
  - United States Information Agency [USIA]

Kissinger
- Visit to office
Kissinger left at 12:04 pm.

Conversation No. 859-33

Date: February 21, 1973
Time: 12:04 pm - 12:05 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Meeting with James Keogh

John B. Connally
- Calls

H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman

Bull left at 12:05 pm.

Conversation No. 859-34

Date: February 21, 1973
Time: 12:05 pm - 12:37 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with James Keogh.

Greetings

Keogh's travels
- Mexico City, Guadalajara
- Budget hearings
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Conversation No. 859-34 (cont’d)

-West Germany
-Eastern Europe, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
-Length

United States Information Agency [USIA] budget
- Hearings
- Keogh's evaluation
- William J. Fulbright
- Attempts to cut
- Tactics
- Support
  - Gale W. McGee
    - University of Nebraska
- Budget cuts
- Importance of USIA
- Keogh's approach to Congress
- Frank J. Shakespeare
  - Congressional relations
  - Statements

Keogh
- Approach to operation
  - Publicity
  - Purpose of USIA

USIA
- Booklet
  - President’s second term
  - Keogh’s authorship
  - Fulbright's comments
  - Purpose
  - Fulbright
    - Criticism

US position in world
- Europe
USIA
- Love, respect for US
- Prisoners of War [POWs] story
  - Publicity
  - POW return
    - Support for President
  - Feedback

USIA magazine
- Paris
  - Information Document
- Story on President's reelection
- Stories
  - Woman's liberation
  - Lesbians
  - Blacks
    - Revolutionaries
- Responsibility
  - Paris office

Press relations
- Time magazine
  - Cover story
    - Immorality
    - Maurice F. Granville’s story
  - Length
- Playboy, Esquire
- Newsweek
- Saturday Evening Post
  - Sensationalism
    - Decline
- Look
  - Sensationalism, scandal
  - Pornography
Henry A. Kissinger entered at 12:15 pm.

Shakespeare
- Outspokenness
  - Controversy

Keogh's job
- Mission
- USIA
  - Positive view of America
    - Objectivity
    - Balanced view of US
      - State-owned television [TV]
      - TV, magazines
        - Time, Newsweek

US image abroad
- Paris, Europe
Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 12:15 pm.

Refreshments

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

State Department
- Statements
  - Apologies compared to explanations

Shakespeare
- Loyalty
- Directorship of USIA
- Eastern Europe
  - People’s Republic of China [PRC]
  - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
    - Lack of understanding
      - Resignation
- Compared to Keogh
USIA
- Foreign criticism of Vietnam War
  - December bombing
  - Peace settlement
    - William J. Fulbright
    - Release of supporting telegrams
    - Ronald L. Ziegler
  - World respect
    - Effect of December bombing
    - Importance
- USIA
  - POWs
    - Publicity
- Role
- Vietnam
  - Defense
- Emphasis on positive
- "World Report"
  - Kissinger
  - Excerpts
  - World leaders
  - News summary
  - Congressional objections
  - Vietnam
  - Nature of report
- Exchange program
  - State Department
    - John Richardson, Jr.’s oversight
- Program review
  - US representatives
- Leonard Bernstein
  - Black Panthers
    - Fundraiser
- Orchestras
  - Trips abroad
  - Pittsburgh
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-Cleveland
-Indianapolis
-Los Angeles
-Support for President
-Anti-American people
-Leonard Bernstein
-Inauguration
-Peace mass
-Bombing halt
-Representatives abroad
-Trade fairs
-Exhibits
-Congress
-Commercial exchange
-Eastern Europe
-Production tours
-Selection

Fulbright scholars
-US students
-African and Latin American students
-Attitudes
-Experience in US
-Revolutionaries
-Changes in programs

Peace Corps
-Anti-Americans
-Demonstrations by volunteers
-Micronesia
-Spiro T. Agnew’s travels
-Afghanistan, Tunisia, Nepal

Keogh
-Role in USIA
-Implementing foreign policy
-Shakespeare
  -Statements
  -State Department’s role
  -Reduction
-National Security Council [NSC] meetings
  -Topics of discussion
  -European initiative
-Compared with Shakespeare
  -Energy problems
  -Strategic Arms Limitations Talks [SALT]
-Involvement in decisions
  -Effectiveness at USIA
-Oversight committee
  -Hobart D. (“Hobe”) Lewis
  -Frank Stanton [?]
  -Appointments
  -Chairman
    -Lewis
  -Leonard Wrench
    -Democrat
    -Support for President
-James A. Michener
  -Democrat
  -Legislative mandate
  -Public relations
    -Ronald L. Ziegler
  -Robert J. McCloskey
    -State Department

USIA
  -Keogh's role
  -Strategy
  -Cooperation with Kissinger and President
  -State Department
-Balance
  -Media
-Capitol Hill
-Emphasis on positive
-Anti-Americanism
  -US citizens abroad
  -Media coverage
  -Profit to foreign leaders
  -Domestic politics
  -USIA response

Mexico
-President Luis Echeverria Lavarez
  -President’s conversation with Richard M. Helms
    -Helms’ conversation with Echeverria
    -Mutual affection between US and Mexico
  -Expressions of support
    -Salvador Allende
    -Speeches

Answer to anti-Americanism
-Balance
-USIA mission

Unknown person entered at an unknown time after 12:15 pm.

Message
-Congress [?] 

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 12:37 pm.

Intellectuals
-Anti-Americanism

US image
-Foreign media
-Need for respect
People’s Republic of China [PRC]
- Pro-America propaganda
- Circulation

USSR film
- Anti-American
- Drugs

PRC film
- Contents
  - Table tennis
  - US cities
  - Williamsburg
  - Washington
  - Detroit
  - Los Angeles

PRC
- Ideology compared with practice

USIA
- Selling

Kissinger meeting with President

Keogh meetings with NSC
- Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft
  - Efficiency

Keogh and Kissinger left at 12:37 pm.

Date: February 21, 1973
Time: 12:37 pm - 12:38 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Picture

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:38 pm.

Date: February 21, 1973
Time: 12:38 pm - 12:49 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rex W. Scouten.

Pictures

Scouten’s schedule

White House redecoration plans
  - Draperies
  - Equipment
  - Carpet
  - Wall color
  - Foundations
    - Expense

Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon
  - Color selections

Shop area
  - Expense
    - [Intermediate maintenance facility?] [IMF]
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- Equipment
- Draperies
- Improvement
  - Write offs
  - Fire system
  - Sprinkling system
- Estimate

White House bowling facility
- Costs
  - IMF estimate
- Equipment
- Write offs
  - Improvements
- Kitchen
  - Need for renovations
  - Air conditioning
    - Replacement

Shop area
- Improvements
- Storage space
  - Ceremonies
  - Warehouse
    - Airport
    - Location

Renovation of White House
- Contributions
- Costs
  - Equipment
  - Memorandum
    - Bruce A. Kehrli
  - Donations
  - Amounts, costs
  - Write offs
White House bowling alley
- Cost of renovation
- Recreation area
  - Controls
  - Chairs
- Mrs. Nixon
  - Preferences

Estimate

Renovations
- Contributions
  - Write offs
  - Questions
  - Answers
  - Source of funds
  - Boeing people
  - Friends of the President
  - Press relations

Butlers
- Filipinos
  - Role
- Race of butlers
  - White servers
  - Lower class
  - John [surname unknown]
    - Foreign visitors
- Whites
  - Camp David
  - Difficulties in recruiting
  - Caterers
  - Cubans
  - Security classification

Scouten left at 12:49 pm.
Date: February 21, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:49 pm - 12:54 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President’s schedule
- President's suggestion
  - Note
  - Effectiveness
- Date for meeting
  - Freshmen Congressmen

William F. (“Billy”) Graham's return call

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:54 pm.

Date: February 21, 1973
Time: 12:54 pm - 2:13 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman.

Spiro T. Agnew
- Conversation with Ronald L. Ziegler and Haldeman
  - Uninformed
- President’s announcement of peace agreement
  - Delivery
  - Agnew’s role
  - Joint session of Congress
  - Mistake
Question and answer [Q&A] session
- December bombing
- President’s answer
- Hugh Scott’s knowledge
- Agnew’s staff’s role

Gridiron
- Ziegler
- Agnew’s attendance
- Toasts
  - “Peace with honor”
  - President
- Jokes

White House Correspondents Association
- President
  - Edgar Allan Poe
- Dinner
- Meeting with President
- Gridiron dinner

Meeting with Rex W. Scouten
- Colors
- Bruce A. Kehrli
- White House renovation
  - Budget
  - Congress
  - Bowling alley
    - Taxpayer expense
    - Maintenance
    - Costs
    - General Services Administration [GSA]
    - Write offs and contributions

Contributions for renovations for bowling alley
- Walter H. Annenberg
-Political problems of renovations
  -Key Biscayne
  -Budget
  -Costs
  -Scouten
  -Write offs
-Annenberg
-Robert H. Abplanalp
-Assignment
  -Haldeman
    -Subtlety
-Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo, Abplanalp
  -Contributions
  -Fundraising
-Annenberg
  -Underwriter
-Harry S. Truman precedent
  -Bowling alley
    -Donations
      -Friends of the President
-Discussion
  -Scouten
  -Estimate
  -Equipment
  -Kitchen
  -Air conditioning

White House renovations
-Kitchen
-Contributions
  -Possible controversy
-Kitchen
  -Necessity
  -Prior renovations
  -Budget
    -Renovations
-Air conditioning
-Press relations
-Costs
-Plumbing
-Inefficiency
-Excesses
-Work space
-Scouten
-Storage space
-GSA chief
-Arthur F. Sampson
-Storage space
-Location
-GSA
-Park Service
-Authority
-Ronald H. Walker
-Location near White House
-Scouten
-Airports
-National, Dulles
-Fort McNair
-Furniture
-Scouten
-Arrangements

Public relations [PR]
-Bowling alley
-Questions for Ziegler
-Costs
-Answer
-Contributions
-Truman

Gridiron dinner
-Another event
-Haldeman's opinion
-Florida trip
-Camp David
-Worship service
-Publishers
-President's non-attendance
-Complication
  -George S. McGovern
  -William P. Rogers, Henry A. Kissinger’s opinions
-McGovern
  -Opportunities
  -Possible harm to the President
  -Publicity
-President's non-attendance
-Camp David
-Alternative event
-Repercussions
-White House Correspondents Association dinner
-Press relations
  -McGovern
  -Worship service
    -Editors, publishers
  -Florida trip
    -Disadvantages
-Attendees
  -White House press

Prisoners of War [POWs]
-Events celebrating return
  -Conflict with Gridiron
-White House Correspondents dinner [?]
-Letter from President
  -Corsages to wives
-Letters to Missing in Action [MIA] family
-Letters from President
  -Revisions
-Raymond K. Price, Jr.
-Groups supporting President on Vietnam
  -List
  -Labor leaders
  -Veterans groups
  -Officers
  -Letters
    -Preparation
    -Contents
    -POW, MIA letterhead [?]
-MIA letters
  -Advisability
  -Delay
-Letters to POWs
  -Mailing

President meeting with Kissinger
  -Kissinger
    -Rogers and State Department
      -Relations

Kissinger
  -Return to US from People's Republic of China [PRC], Japan,
North Vietnam
    -Press coverage
      -Kissinger's airplane
      -Television [TV] coverage
    -TV coverage
      -Complaints

    -Meeting with Congressional leaders
      -Opposition
      -Kissinger’s personality
      -PRC
      -Aid to Vietnam
        -Problems
Amnesty
- News summary
- President's stand
  - Republican senators, Congressmen
    - Opposition
- Poll
- Gallup poll

Nguyen Van Thieu visit
- Date
- Arrangements
  - POWs
  - Kissinger
- San Clemente
  - Ziegler
- President's plans
  - Weather
  - Health
  - Announcement
    - Ziegler
  - Length of stay
  - White House Correspondents Association dinner
  - Return to Washington
- Date

Staff position
- Henry [Last name unknown]'s resignation
  - Rose Mary Woods
  - New job
- Prestige, international travel
- Frederic V. Malek
  - Study
  - Bureaucracy
  - International business
Unknown man's forthcoming Asian trip
- Resignation letter
- Report
- Pressures

Anti-poverty rally
- Haldeman’s view
- Coverage
- Past demonstrations
  - Sizes
  - Destruction

Demonstrators and demonstrations
- 1973 Inauguration
  - Number
- Coverage by media
  - Public reactions
    - Democratic National Convention
- Anti-poverty rally
  - Jesse L. Jackson
  - Bella S. Abzug
- Vietnam Veterans Against the War
- Protest against farm cuts
- Equal Rights Amendment [ERA]
- Hatred
- Decline
- Violence
- Number
- Vietnam veterans
  - Incidents
    - National Mall

Spending
- Letters to Congress
  - Report from Haldeman
  - Bryce N. Harlow
  - William J. Baroody, Jr.
-Coordination
-Report on program
  -John D. Ehrlichman
-Impact on Congress
  -“Special interests” letters
-Ehrlichman
-Baroody
  -Charles W. Colson
  -Meeting with Harlow and William E. Timmons

President's schedule
-Press conference
-Address to National Association of School Administrators
  -Atlantic City
  -Ehrlichman's recommendation
  -President’s view
-South Carolina, Mayport trips
  -Audience
  -Secondary school administrators
  -Relevance
  -Governors, Congressmen
-Public relations
  -TV coverage
  -Support for the President
    -Negative signs
    -New Jersey, New York
  -Audience
    -Certainty of support for President
    -National Association of Secondary Schools
      -Administrators, principals
      -History teachers
-Advantages of going
-Disadvantages of going
  -Protests
  -Model cities
Press relations
- Mass demonstrations
- Small protest
  - South Carolina
  - Visit with the President
- Media attention
- Effectiveness compared with mass protests

National Association of School Administrators address
- Crowd turn-out
- Trip to hall
  - Helicopter
- Compared with Columbia, South Carolina
  - Ehrlichman
  - Attendees, demonstrators
- Speech
  - Number of words
  - Delivery
  - Length
  - Ehrlichman's proposal
  - Stephen B. Bull
  - Revisions
- Public relations
  - James Keogh, Harry S. Dent

President's schedule
- Atlantic City address
- National Governors conference dinner
- Press conference

Trade

State of the Union speeches series
- Haldeman
- Domestic issues
  - Ehrlichman
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- Schedule
  - Human resources
  - Community development
  - Crime and drugs
  - Government structure
  - Review
    - Delivery to Congress
  - Revisions

National Association of School Administrators address
  - Haldeman’s view
  - President’s attendance
    - Benefits
  - President's reception
  - Ehrlichman
  - Need to deal with education
    - Compared with the environment
    - Secondary education
  - Speech
    - Length
    - Date

State of the Union speeches series
  - Radio
    - Camp David
    - Live broadcast
  - Scheduling
    - Taping
    - News coverage
    - Camp David
    - TV
    - Timing

Breakfast for Republican Congressional freshmen
  - Haldeman’s view
  - Congressional “Peace with Honor” reception
-Worship service, Evening at the White House [?]
-White House staff meetings with Congress
  -Timmons
  -Ehrlichman
  -Reasons for event
  -Timmons
  -Ehrlichman
    -Chowder and Marching
  -Haldeman
    -Freshman
  -Kissinger
  -Ehrlichman
  -Peter M. Flanigan
  -International economics
-Meetings with the President
  -Value
  -Supporters of the President
  -Haldeman’s meeting with Gerald R. Ford
  -Ehrlichman
    -President’s social interaction with Congress
  -Sunday meetings
  -Reactions of others
  -Breakfasts
  -Kissinger
  -Time

President's meeting with Congressmen
  -Joe D. Waggonner, Jr.
    -Value
  -Supporters of President
    -Congressmen, Senators
  -Charles H. Percy
    -Congressional half hour
    -Value
      -Length of meetings
      -Bull
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-Format
-Freshmen
-Samuel L. Devine
-Conservatives
-“Wednesday group”
-Ehrlichman
-Congressional reception
-Congressional wives
-Freshmen
-Substance
-Number of attendees
-Leadership meeting
-Misinterpretation
-Timmons
-White House staff meetings with Congress
-Ehrlichman
-Haldeman
-Congressional responses

Congressional relations
-Information
-Events
-Speeches

John B. Connally
-Call to Haldeman
-Location
-Message
-Dr. Armand Hammer
-Meeting with President
-Call to Marvin Watson
-Advisability
-Conflicts of interest
-President's interest in meeting with Hammer
-President’s response
-Meeting with President
-Scheduling

Freshmen Congressmen
- Meeting with President
  - Value
  - Bull
  - Arrangements
  - Events compared to meetings

Kissinger
- Incidents upon return to U.S.
  - Airplane
  - Reasons
- Press conference
  - Wire
  - Concerns
    - North Vietnam
    - PRC

Military aide
- Col. John V. (“Jack”) Brennan
  - Qualities
  - Promotion
    - Lieutenant Colonel
    - Colonel
    - Marine Corps
    - Military aide
  - Navy aide
  - Reaction of armed services
  - Qualifications as aide
- Robinson Risner [?]
  - Larsen [First name unknown]
- Brennan and Vernon C. Coffey, Jr.
- Army aide
- Navy aide
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-Transfer
-Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft
-Navy aide

Robert H. (“Bob”) Taylor, William L. Duncan controversy
-Haldeman’s conversation with Duncan
-President’s letters
-Woods
-Taylor’s plans
-Transfer
-Downgrade
-Richard E. Kaiser

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-Talk with Haldeman
-Lilburn E. (“Pat”) Boggs, James J. Rowley
-Opinion of Taylor
-Promotion to Assistant Director
-Transfer
-New job
-Political appointment
-Dangers
-Duncan
-Taylor

Unknown person left at an unknown time before 2:13 pm.

Watergate
-Latest report
-Charles W. Colson
-Dita Beard
-E. Howard Hunt, Jr.
-Leaks
-L. Patrick Gray, III
-W. Mark Felt
Haldeman left at 2:31 pm.