Conversation No. 860-1

Date: February 21, 1973
Time: Unknown between 2:13 pm and 3:12 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 43-151]

Conversation No. 860-2

Date: February 21, 1973
Time: Unknown between 2:13 pm and 3:12 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

First anniversary of trip to People's Republic of China [PRC]
-Pen

President’s schedule
-Hafez Ismail
-Henry A. Kissinger
-Representative from Saudi Arabia

Bull’s calendar

Bull left at an unknown time before 3:12 pm.
Date: February 21, 1973
Time: Unknown between 2:13 pm and 3:12 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Postponement of a trip
- Rescheduling

President’s meeting with Hafez Ismail
- Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft
- Henry A. Kissinger
- Timing
- Length of meeting

President's meeting with Charles S. Rhyne
- Scheduling
- Length

Meetings
- Paul Findley
- Frequency
- Maurice H. Stans
- List of people

Meeting with Gen. Walter R. Tkach
- John B. Connally
- Calls

Party by Strom J. Thurmond
- Capitol
- Carl T. Curtis and wife
- President's attendance
Congressional reception
  - Timing
  - Conflicting schedules
    - Congressmen, Senators
  - Response

Meetings
  - Scheduling
  - Congressmen
    - William E. Timmons

President’s schedule
  - Fridays
  - Length of meetings
  - Lists of meetings
  - Findley
  - Afternoons

Bull left at 3:12 pm.

Date: February 21, 1973
Time: Between 3:12 pm and 3:15 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Sen. John C. Stennis.

[See Conversation No. 43-152]
Conversation No. 860-5  
Date: February 21, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 3:15 pm and 3:23 pm  
Location: Oval Office  

The President talked with Manolo Sanchez.  

Refreshment [?]  

Conversation No. 860-6  
Date: February 21, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 3:15 pm and 3:23 pm  
Location: Oval Office  

The President talked with the White House operator.  

[See Conversation No. 43-153]  

Conversation No. 860-7  
Date: February 21, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 3:15 and 3:23 p.m.  
Location: Oval Office  

The President met with an unknown person.  

Delivery  
-Ronald L. Ziegler  

Unknown person left at an unknown time before 3:23 pm.
Conversation No. 860-8

Date: February 21, 1973
Time: Unknown between 3:15 and 3:23 p.m.
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 43-154]

Conversation No. 860-9

Date: February 21, 1973
Time: 3:23 pm - 3:26 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Gridiron dinner
-Message to William P. Rogers
-President's nonattendance

White House Correspondents Association dinner

Ziegler's press briefing

Henry A. Kissinger
-Meetings with President

Edgar Poe and Garrett D. (“Jack”) Horner
-Meeting with President

Gerald L. Warren
-Briefing
-Kissinger communique
President's radio speech
  -News coverage

Watergate
  -E. Howard Hunt, Jr. and G. Gordon Liddy stories
    -Ziegler's response
    -Dita Beard
    -News stories
    -Warren's response
    -Ziegler's response to story on Beard and Hunt
      -Newsday

-Hunt
  -Visit with Beard
  -Association with Charles W. Colson
    -Stories
  -John D. Ehrlichman
    -Leaks
  -White House response
    -Hearings in Senate

Ziegler left at 3:26 pm.
Conversation No. 860-11

Date: February 21, 1973
Time: Unknown after 3:28 pm - 3:30 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

John B. Connally's arrival
-Meeting with President
-Departure

Bull left at 3:30 pm.

Conversation No. 860-12

Date: February 21, 1973
Time: 3:30 pm - 3:58 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with John B. Connally.

Greetings

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 3:30 pm.

Weather in Florida, California

Refreshments

Connally's meeting
-Date

Manolo Sanchez left at an unknown time before 3:58 pm.
President's schedule
- Washington, DC
- Congressional reception

Connally's law firm
- Washington office
- Richard G. Kleindienst
  - Discussion with Connally
  - Career plans
  - John N. Mitchell
  - Law firm
  - Disadvantages

- Problems
  - Justice Department
  - Conflict of interest
  - Antitrust action
- Legal abilities
- Honesty
- Controversies
  - G. Harrold Carswell, Clement F. Haynsworth
  - International Telephone and Telegraph [ITT]
- Watergate
- Value to firm
- Problems of a law firm
- Personal relationships
- Harmony in firm
- Number of partners
- Washington office
  - Purpose
  - Lobbying
- Staffing
  - Tax, antitrust, and Federal Power Commission lawyers
- Washington business
  - Government
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-Taxes
  - Kleindienst
    - Career plans
    - Residence
    - Modesty
    - Executive committee
    - Salary
    - George Smathers
    - Stable law firm
    - Independent law firm
    - Productivity
    - Mitchell’s law firm
      - Conflicts of interest
        - El Paso
        - Tennessee Gas
        - Referral to Kleindienst
  - Kleindienst
    - Assistants
    - Age
    - Political skills
      - 1968 election, nomination

Harry S. Dent
  - Meeting with President
  - South Carolina trip
    - Governor
      - Support for President
    - President's visit to State legislature
      - Address
  - South Carolina
    - Allegiance to Democratic Party
    - Nullification
    - Andrew Jackson
    - Enthusiasm for President
    - Budget problems
    - Prisoners of War [POWs]
POW return
   -Airport reception

POWs
   -Captivity
      -Conditions
   -Statements on return
      -Support for President, country
   -Public reaction
      -Amnesty

Budget
   -Spending
   -Limits
   -Congressional relations
   -President's position
      -Fiscal policy, taxes
   -Public support
   -Special interests
      -Opposition

Welfare demonstration
   -Number
   -Jesse L. Jackson
   -Bella S. Abzug
   -Shirley Chisholm
   -Attendance by senators
   -Poverty programs
   -Republicans
      -Clifford P. Case
   -Attacks on President
   -Increases in health, education spending
   -President's response to charges of unconcern
      -Demagoguery
      -Spending
-Special interests
-Press relations

Jamaica
-Charles G. (“Bebe”) Rebozo and Robert H. Abplanalp
-Government
 -Security
  -Connally’s investment
-Nassau
 -Investment
-Independence
-Michael Manley
 -Physical appearance
 -Intelligence
-Connally’s visit
 -Idanell (Brill) (“Nellie”) Connally
-Intelligence
 -Knowledge of Jamaicans
-Unemployment
-Nationalization of industry
-Cattle operations
 -John Rollins, Pollard Simons, Al Cohen
-Agricultural self-sufficiency
-Manley
 -Control of government
 -Assistants
 -Meeting with President
-Security

Caribbean
-Future
-Nassau
 -Independence
  -Lunden O. Pindling

Jamaica
-Relations with US

Caribbean
- Communist threat
- Association with the US
  - Nassau, Jamaica
  - Maintain status
  - Objections
    - Welfare
    - Citizenship
- Communist threat
- Manley
  - Conversation with Connally
    - Special trade relationship with US
    - Common market
    - Sugar quota
- Trade with US
  - Preferential trade
  - Trade bills
  - Import duties
    - Effects on US economy
  - Unemployment
    - Rebozo
    - Labor
- Jamaica
  - Agricultural labor
    - Compared with US Blacks, Mexicans, Cubans
- Manley
- US policy
  - Commonwealth
- Jamaica
  - Independence
  - Population
- Bahamas
  - Population
  - Army, navy, air force
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- Diplomatic corps
  - British Commonwealth
  - US policy

US trust territories in the Pacific
  - Retention
  - Connally’s memorandum
    - Henry A. Byroade
  - Peace Corps
  - Association
  - Independence
    - Liberals’ support

People’s Republic of China [PRC]
  - Press announcement
  - Relations with US
  - US flyers
    - Release
  - John Downey
    - Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
    - Release
      - President’s letter
      - Chou En Lai
  - Relations with the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
  - Relations with Japan
  - US ties
    - PRC concessions
    - Taiwan recognition
  - Formal diplomatic relations
    - US office in Peking
    - PRC office in Washington
    - Trade
    - Impact
      - Taiwan
      - USSR
  - Chou
-Japan-US cooperation  
  -Pipeline in Siberia  
  -USSR influence  
  -Eastern Siberia  

Connally’s trip around the world  
  -Pollard Simons and wife  
  -Idannell Connally  
    -Airplane  
      -British Aircraft III  
      -Grummand II  
    -Length  
  -PRC visit  

PRC  
  -Western symphony orchestras  
    -Trip  
      -Chou’s conversation with Henry A. Kissinger  
      -Eugene Ormandy  
    -Ormandy  
      -Philadelphia  
      -Inauguration  
      -Invitation to visit  
      -President’s support  
    -Political leanings  
    -Position on USSR  

-Connally visit  
  -Pollard  
  -Value  
  -Length of stay  
  -Peking  
  -Hong Kong  
  -Shanghai  
  -Arrangements  
    -President’s assistance
Idanell Connally

Golda Meir dinner
- Invitation to Connally
- Guest list
  - Democrats
  - Jews
  - President’s supporters
  - New York, Los Angeles

Connally left at 3:58 pm.

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Date: February 21, 1973
Time: Unknown between 3:58 pm and 4:02 pm
Location: Oval Office

Unknown men met.

  President’s location
  - Reception

Unknown men left at an unknown time before 4:02 pm.

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Date: February 21, 1973
Time: Unknown between 3:58 pm and 4:02 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown person.
Meeting with John D. Ehrlichman

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 4:02 pm.

Date: February 21, 1973
Time: Unknown between 3:58 pm and 4:02 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger.

President’s schedule
- John B. Connally
- John D. Ehrlichman
- Meeting

Date: February 21, 1973
Time: 4:02 pm - 5:30 pm
Location: Oval Office


Poe
- Presidency of Gridiron
  - White House Correspondents Association [WHCA]

Photographs
John D. Ehrlichman entered at 4:06 pm.

Invitation to WHCA dinner
- Gridiron
- President's attendance
  - Entertainment
    - Music compared with comedy
    - Julie Andrews
    - Francis A. (“Frank”) Sinatra
    - Sammy Davis, Jr.
    - Young groups
    - Japan
    - Cell group
      - Black group
      - Recognition
    - Pam Powell
    - Inaugural show
    - Youth
    - Andrews
  - Acceptance
- Gridiron
  - Drum and Bugle Corps
- Entertainment
  - Young people
  - Appeal
  - Country music
    - President’s viewpoint
  - Young people

Horner, Poe and Ziegler left at 4:08 pm.

Taxes
- Energy
- Study
- Telephone calls
  - George P. Shultz
Capital gains
- Treasury Department

President’s schedule
- Counsellors
  - Meeting
    - Caspar W. (“Cap”) Weinberger
- Meeting with Ehrlichman

Domestic Cabinet officers
- Congressional relations
- Meetings
- Urban League
  - Whitney Young
  - Vernon Jordan
    - Cooperation with administration
    - Symbolism

Welfare demonstration
- Riots
  - Size of crowd
  - Office of Economic Opportunity [OEO] employees
    - Professional social workers
    - Government payroll
    - Blacks
      - Young, middle-age
    - Young Men’s Christian Association [YMCA], Urban League,

Post Office
- New York
  - Busses
- Unemployed
- Middle-class blacks
  - Homeowners
  - Children in school
  - Cars
- Protest compared to rioting
-Government jobs
-Hiring of blacks
  -Balance
-Professional blacks

Jordan
-Meeting with President and Cabinet
  -President's appearance
-Meeting with President Spiro T. Agnew
  -Prejudice
-Domestic Council meeting
  -President's attendance
  -Photographs

Dairy question
-Earl L. Butz
-Milk producers
  -Temporary action
  -Publicity
    -President’s news summary
-Budget
  -Farmers
  -Funds
-Budget cuts
-OEO
  -Blacks
  -President's constituency
-President’s press conference
  -Farm statistics

Energy
-Ehrlichman’s report
-Congressional Advisory Group
  -Henry M. (“Scoop”) Jackson
  -Ernest F. (“Fritz”) Hollings
  -Regular meetings
-Cross sectional character
-John J. Rhodes
-Bipartisan nature
   -Advice
-President's appearance at a meeting
-Purpose
-Need for Congressional advice
-Citizens' groups
-Message
   -Timing
-Deregulation
   -Gas prices
   -Position
-Recommendations
   -Henry A. Kissinger, Shultz, Ehrlichman, Charles J. DiBona
   -John B. Connally
   -Political problems
-Deregulation of gas
   -Russell B. Long
   -Problems
-DiBona
   -Systems analyst
   -Political experience
-Connally
   -Political judgment
-Meeting at Camp David
   -Dinner
   -President’s attendance
   -Timing
-Connally
-Kissinger’s attendance
   -Middle East
   -International aspects
-Peter M. Flanigan
   -Shortcomings
   -Inflexibility
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-Kissinger
  -Lack of knowledge
-Meeting at Camp David
  -Urgency
  -President's schedule
    -Work with energy groups
      -Arrangements
        -Dinner

Taxes
- Shultz
- Minimum tax
- Artificial accounting lawsuit abuses
- Tax reform
  - President’s recommendation
- Reduction of tax rate
  - Effects on wealthy
- Capital gains tax
  - Changes
    - Treasury Department support
    - Rationale
    - Political problems
- Simplification
  - Standard deduction
  - Tax preparation
    - Lawyer
  - Costs
- Municipal bonds
  - Tax on interest
    - John N. Mitchell
- Foreign source income tax
- Property tax relief for elderly
- Credit for private school tuition
- Property tax relief for elderly
  - State initiative
  - Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations [ACIR]
Opposition
-Pension reform
  -Shultz
-Depreciation and job development credit
  -Shultz's opposition
-Estate gift tax
  -Political impact
  -Estate planning
  -Memorandum from John N. Alexander
    -Opposition
-Tax package
  -Minimum tax
    -Revenue
  -Elderly
  -Parochial aid
  -Foreign corporations
  -Political effects
-Alexander
-Long
-Estate tax
  -Treasury Department

Patricia R. Hitt and Michael P. Balzano, Jr.
-Problem
-Letter to Ehrlichman from Patricia Hitt
  -President’s role
-Ehrlichman and H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman’s meeting with Balzano
  -Length
-Balzano
  -ACTION
-Patricia Hitt’s letter
  -State Department job
    -Robert J. Hitt
  -ACTION director
  -Return to California
CONVERSATION NO. 860-15 (cont’d)

-Robert Hitt
-Return
-President’s decision
-Balzano
  -Job in administration
  -ACTION
    -Dissertation
    -Knowledge
  -Motivation
-Patricia Hitt’s job
  -William Rogers
  -President’s influence
  -Letter to Ehrlichman
    -Skills, knowledge
  -ACTION compared with State Department
-Robert H. Finch’s role
-Rose Mary Woods’s role
-President’s role
-Patricia Hitt’s meeting with Ehrlichman
-Woods
  -Work with Hitt
-Balzano
  -Cutbacks in ACTION
    -Peace Corps
    -OEO
-Woods
  -President’s role
    -Florida
    -Call to Woods
-Ehrlichman’s meeting
  -President's message
    -OEO
    -Cutbacks
    -Need for Balzano
    -Hitt’s abilities
    -State Department, Peace Corps
Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 4:06 pm.

Meeting with Kissinger

Bull left at an unknown time before 5:30 pm.

Taxes
- Message
- Ways and Means Committee
- Staff
- Negotiations
- Shultz’s talks with Wilbur D. Mills
- Questions and answers
- Backgrounders and briefings
- Statement
  - Shultz
  - Opening statement
    - Consultation
    - Reforms
- Value of issue
  - Parochial school
  - Minimum tax

-Congress
  - Chowder and Marching Society event
  - Ehrlichman
  - Peter H. B. Frelinghuysen
  - Feedback on budget cuts

-Wall Street Journal
- Support for President
  - Budget

Congressional relations
-Ehrlichman’s recommendations
-Social events with Congress members
  -Evenings at the White House
  -Worship services
-Vietnam loyalists
  -Reception
-Freshman Republicans
  -William E. Timmons
  -Breakfast
    -Gerald R. Ford
    -Value
    -Haldeman
  -Meeting with Ehrlichman, Kenneth R. Cole, Jr., Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
-Value of events
  -Loyalists
  -Leaks
-Chowder and Marching Society
-Wednesday Club
-Freshmen
  -Social events
-Meetings with staff
  -Marina Von N. Whitman
-Evening at the White House
  -Exposure
-Maurice H. Stans
  -New strategy
    -Contributors
      -Stage and State dinners
-Mood
  -Republicans
-Freshman
-Worship service

President’s schedule

Haldeman entered at 4:40 pm.
-Church service
-Evening at the White House
-Meetings

Congressional relations
- Freshmen
  - Capitol Club
  - William E. Timmons
  - Bull
- Meetings with President
  - Difficulties
  - Value
  - Timmons
- Meetings with staff
  - Whitman, Cole, Ehrlichman, Haig

Kissinger entered at 4:44 pm.

Stans
- List of people
  - Contributors
- Commitments
  - Meetings with President
    - 1972 election
    - Inauguration
  - Max Fisher
    - Ambassadorship
      - Netherlands
      - Wife

Timmons
- Briefings for Republicans
  - Mistake

Vietnam
-Congressional votes
-Kissinger’s role
-Meeting with Congressional groups
-Freshman
-Leaders
-Frequency
-Chowder and Marching Society

Congressional relations
-Coordination
-Richard K. Cook
-Kissinger’s briefing
-Chowder and Marching Society
-Value of staff meetings
-Coordination
-Timmons
-Democrats
-Plans

Energy
-Kissinger’s role
-Need for work
-Flanigan
-Interest
-Dogmatism
-Kissinger’s role
-Meeting with Shultz, Ehrlichman, and DiBona
-Camp David
-Scheduling
-Dinner
-Schedule
-Congress
-Briefing papers for Kissinger
-Connally
-Advice
-Political judgment
Deregulation of natural gas
-Conflict of interest
  -DiBona
  -Connally
  -Camp David meeting
    -Kissinger’s briefing
    -Discussion
  -Complexities

PRC
  -President’s meeting with Connally
  -Announcement
  -Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]

Robert Elliot
  -Article
  -Hong Kong
    -President’s meeting
  -Breakthrough
  -Hong Kong
    -PRC representatives [?]
    -Airport
      -Kissinger meeting
      -Television [TV], news media [?]
  -New York Times article
  -Possible role with administration

Energy
  -Camp David meeting
  -Briefing papers
    -DiBona
  -Foreign policy aspects
    -Purchasing shift
  -Study by DiBona
  -Flanigan
    -Recommendations
-Oil imports
- Iraq, Libya cuts
- Saudi Arabia, Gulf States, Iran, Algeria

-Subjects for discussion

Ehrlichman and Haldeman left at 4:58 pm.

Vietnam settlement
- Kissinger’s meeting with Robert Thompson
  - Chances of success for South Vietnam
  - Bombing of North Vietnam [?]
    - Impact [?]  
  - Economic aid to South Vietnam
    - Amount
    - Impact
    - Communists
      - Elections

- Cambodia
- Bombing
- Impact
- John F. Kennedy’s administration’s actions
  - Strategy
    - Entry
    - Troop levels
    - Alternative strategy
  - Laos
  - Cambodia

- Laos
- Ngo Dinh Diem
- Vietnam
  - Ho Chi Minh trail
    - Advisors, helicopters
  - Lyndon B. Johnson administration
    - Advisors

Dominic Mintoff
-Dealings with PRC
-Malta
-USSR, Libya
-Sweden

PRC
-USSR
-Mao Tse-Tung’s statement to Kissinger
    -President’s name in communiqué
    -Significances
    -President’s visit to Peking

-Daily Telegraph
    -London
    -Cringle [first name unknown]
-Robert S. Elegant
-Joseph W. Alsop
    -Story on President’s visit to PRC
    -Kissinger
-Mao’s call to Kissinger
    -Kissinger’s conversation with Betty Lord
    -Statements on women
    -Mao’s wife
        -Leader of Cultural Revolution
        -Intensity
    -Military situation
        -Preparation
    -Fighter planes
        -Great Britain

President’s initiatives in foreign policy
    -Significance

Briefings by Kissinger
    -PRC
    -Questions
        -Hanoi
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-Aid to North Vietnam
  -Kissinger’s answers to press
  -President’s reasons for aid
  -Aid as tool of foreign policy
  -Significance
  -Details of aid package
    -Economics commission
    -Congressional relations
  -William P. Rogers
    -Statement
      -Defensiveness
  -Administration’s response to Congress
    -Past economic aid
      -Peace with Japan, Germany
  -Announcement
  -PRC
  -Hanoi
  -Bombing damage
    -Civilian destruction
    -Press briefing
    -Michael J. (“Mike”) Mansfield
    -Kissinger’s flight over Hanoi
    -North Vietnam
      -Evolution compared to revolution
      -US interests
  -Mansfield
    -South Vietnam
    -Cambodia and Laos

Kissinger’s conversation with Chou
  -Norodom Sihanouk
    -Friendship
    -Mansfield

Mao’s conversation with Kissinger
  -Comments on President
Vietnam settlement
- Aid to South Vietnam
  - Congress, press
  - USSR, PRC participation
    - North Vietnam
- Mao’s attitude
  - Four states
- Chou
  - Aid to Vietnam
- PRC’s support
- Lao’s ceasefire agreement
  - Hanoi
    - Message
- PRC’s role
  - Vice foreign minister
    - Peking, Paris
- Kissinger’s briefing for Congressional leaders
  - President’s role in settlement negotiations
    - Reports

Cambodia
- Military action
- France
  - Georges J. R. Pompidou
- Casualties
  - Estimate
- B-52 raids
  - Laos
    - North Vietnam’s reaction
- Difficulties
- Provisional government
  - PRC recommendations
- Lon Nol, Sihanouk
  - New candidates
    - Sisowath Sirik Matak
  - PRC’s goals
    - North Vietnam, USSR
    - Neutrality
  - Sihanouk
    - Role
    - Acceptability

Energy
  - Kissinger’s involvement
  - Flanigan
    - Dogmatism

Middle East
  - Rogers
    - Joseph J. Sisco
    - US actions
      - Reactions with Arabs
        - Crises
        - Compared to USSR
    - Libyan passenger plane
      - Israel
      - Kissinger message to Muammar Kaddafi and Anwar
    - Rogers’s statement
      - Call to Hafiz Ismail
      - London
      - Problems
        - Ismail’s visit

Middle East peace negotiations
  - Egypt’s position
    - Stalemate
  - Israel’s position
    - Status quo
-Egypt’s concessions
  -US pressure on Israel
  -Avoidance of war
-President’s position
  -Statements to both sides
  -Commitment to permanent settlement
  -Israel’s resistance
  -Egypt
    -Interim settlement
    -US influence on Israel
-Egypt’s position
  -Land
    -Significance
    -Sovereignty
    -Exchange for security zone
    -Police
    -Bases
-Kissinger’s meeting with Ismail
  -Meeting with President
-Rogers
  -Meeting with Egyptians
    -Knowledge of Kissinger’s meeting
    -Timing
-Kissinger’s meeting
  -Timing
  -New York
  -Announcement
  -Rogers
-President’s involvement
  -Sisco
-President’s meeting with Rogers
  -Conference
  -Scheduling
    -Camp David meeting
  -Instructions
    -Conference
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-PRC

President’s meeting with Rogers
  -Breakfast meeting
  -Kissinger’s presence

Kissinger left at 5:30 pm.

Conversation No. 860-16

Date: February 21, 1973
Time: 5:33 pm - 6:00 pm
Location: Oval Office

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

President's meeting with Henry A. Kissinger

Kissinger's press briefing
  -Live broadcast
  -Cameras
  -Advisability
  -Kissinger’s ego
  -Press conference
    -People's Republic of China [PRC]
      -Vietnam
      -Statement
      -Questions

Aid to Vietnam
  -Williams P. Rogers
    -Statement
  -Kissinger
    -Selling of aid package
Kissinger
- Discussion with President
- Consumer price index

Congressional relations
- Briefings
  - Rogers [?]

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 5:33 pm.

John D. Ehrlichman
- Rose Mary Woods
- Patricia R. Hitt
  - Job with ACTION
  - Program cuts

President’s trip to Camp David
- Scheduling
  - Transportation
  - Departure time
  - Lunch, dinner
  - Ehrlichman, George P. Shultz, Kissinger, Charles J.

DiBona
- President’s radio broadcast

Bull left at an unknown time before 5:41 pm.

- Attitude
- Ehrlichman
  - Job offers
- Anne L. Armstrong
- Ehrlichman
- Counsellor position
- California
- Herbert G. Klein
Kissinger’s press conference briefing
   -Live broadcast
   -Filming
      -Evening news
   -Alexander M. Haig, Jr.’s role
   -Kissinger’s schedule
      -Trip to New York
   -Meeting with Nicholas P. Thimmesch
      -Article
   -Vietnam settlement

White House Correspondents dinner
   -Letter
   -Invitation
   -President's acceptance
   -Date
   -Robert Pierpoint
   -Garrett D. (“Jack”) Harner
   -Entertainment
      -Sonny and Cher Bono
         -President’s supporters
         -Peace
      -Karen and Richard Carpenter
   -President's response to invitation

Kissinger’s press briefing
   -Importance
      -Cameras
   -Meeting with Thimmesch
Ziegler left at 5:46 pm.

Armstrong
- Appointment

Job for Hitt
- Difficulties
- Michael P. Balzano, Jr.
  - Meeting with Haldeman
  - Ehrlichman
- Qualifications
  - State Department
  - ACTION
  - Balzano
    - Politicization
  - John F. Kennedy administration

Howard Phillips
- Harry S. Dent
- Performance in job
- Outspoken
  - Charlie Walker
    - Congressional relations
  - Enthusiasm

Balzano
- Public relations
  - ACTION
  - Concern for poor
  - Budget

Hitt
- New job

Armstrong
- Relations with Hitt
-Rose Mary Woods
-Staff
  -Expansion
  -New positions
  -Cost of Living Council
  -Cabinet Committee on Opportunities for Spanish Speaking Americans
  -Donald H. Rumsfeld [?]
    -National Security Council [NSC]
    -Television [TV]
    -Secretary of Labor

Ehrlichman, Kissinger
-Staff

Haldeman
-Staff

Hitt
  -State Department job
    -Abilities for job

Balzano
  -Ehrlichman
    -Domestic Council

President’s schedule
  -Cabinet meetings
  -Meetings with President
    -Bull
    -Counsellors
    -Ehrlichman
    -Domestic council
    -Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
    -Cabinet
    -NSC
      -Kissinger
William J. Baroody, Jr.
- Letter

Taxes
- Budget battle
- National committee
  - Tax increase
- Citizens committees

Letters
- Prisoners of War [POWs]
- Missing in Action [MIA] families
- Confirmed deaths
- President’s approval
- Raymond K. Price, Jr.

Job for Hitt
- Ehrlichman
  - Meeting with President
- Woods
- Assistant secretary
  - Armstrong
  - State Department compared to ACTION

Haldeman left at 6:00 pm.