Conversation No. 861-1

Date: February 22, 1973
Time: 9:50 am - 9:51 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 43-162]

Conversation No. 861-2

Date: February 22, 1973
Time: Unknown between 9:51 am and 9:55 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

Schedule
-Stephen B. Bull

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 9:51 am.

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 9:55 am.

Dictabelt for private file
-Rose Mary Woods

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 9:55 am.
Date: February 22, 1973
Time: Unknown between 9:51 am and 9:55 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Breakfast
- Scheduling

Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft
- Calls for the President
  - Answers

Play
- "Irene"
- President's attendance with Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
- Publicity of President's appearance
- National Theater

Evening at the White House
- Date
- Invitations
- Mailings
- Hugh Scott
- Republicans
- William E. Timmons

Bull left at an unknown time before 9:55 am.
Date: February 22, 1973
Time: 9:55 am - 10:06 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

The President's telephone calls
- Two women
- Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft
  - Previous dealings

Congressional relations
- Michael J. (“Mike”) Mansfield
  - Conversation with Kissinger
  - Importance
    - Support on aid to North Vietnam
    - Trip
    - President’s advice to Kissinger for conversation
- Aid to North Vietnam
  - Earl B. Albert

Press relations
- Opposition to aid for North Vietnam
- Howard K. Smith
- Communist victory
  - Laos settlement
- Boston Globe
  - Cartoons
    - Contents
- Press opposition to President
  - Reasons
    - Anger at President for successes
      - Relevance
      - John F. Kennedy
The President talked with Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon between 9:58 am and 9:59 am.

[Conversation No. 861-4A]

[See Conversation No. 43-163]

[End of telephone conversation]

Kissinger interview with Barbara Walters
- Scheduling
  - Return from Camp David
- Camp David meeting
  - Time
  - Length
- Date
- Compared with Marvin L. Kalb
- Anecdotes about President
  - Congressional leaders meeting

The President's February 1972 trip to PRC
- Commemorative gift

US-Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] summit
- Leonid I. Brezhnev’s letter
-USSR stalling
  -Possible summit in 1973
  -Nuclear treaty
-USSR push for June 1973 summit
-Agreements
  -Preparation

Israeli plane
-Latest report
-William P. Rogers
  -Hafiz Ismail
    -Meeting
    -Scowcroft’s role
    -Kissinger’s role

Meeting with Ismail
-New York
-Kissinger’s appearance
  -Scowcroft
  -Roger’s knowledge of meeting
    -President’s role

Aid to North Vietnam
-Laos
  -US goals
    -Cease-fire in Laos
    -Laotian self-determination
    -Withdrawal
-Kissinger’s role
-Criticism
  -Communist
  -Cease-fire agreement
    -North Vietnam’s withdrawal
-Mansfield
  -Contradictions in positions
Kissinger left at 10:06 am.

Date: February 22, 1973
Time: Unknown between 10:06 am and 11:14 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Refreshment

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

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Sanchez left at an unknown time before 11:14 am.
Date: February 22, 1973
Time: Unknown between 10:06 am and 11:14 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President’s schedule
- Rose Mary Woods
- Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon
- Tricia Nixon Cox

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:14 am.

Date: February 22, 1973
Time: Unknown between 10:06 am and 11:14 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

John D. Ehrlichman
- Meeting with President

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:14 am.
Date: February 22, 1973
Time: Unknown between 10:06 am and 11:14 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

John D. Ehrlichman
- Meeting
  - John W. Dean III
  - H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman

President’s schedule
- Camp David
  - Departure
    - Henry A. Kissinger
- George P. Shultz
  - Meeting
  - Executive Office Building [EOB]
  - Time
- Camp David

Radio speech
- Delivery
  - Time
  - Place

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:14 am.
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Franklin R. Gannon [?]
Bull left at an unknown time before 11:14 am.

Conversation No. 861-10

Date: February 22, 1973
Time: Unknown between 10:06 am and 11:14 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

William E. Timmons

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:14 am.

Conversation No. 861-11

Date: February 22, 1973
Time: 11:14 am - 11:17 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with William E. Timmons.

Congressional relations
-Invitations to White House events
  -Worship service
    -Recipients
    -Regrets
Conversation No. 861-11 (cont’d)

- Mailings
- Telephone calls
  - Changes
- Rose Mary Woods
- Democrats
- Republicans
  - Donald W. Riegle, Jr.
  - Paul N. McCloskey, Jr.
- Mailings
  - Timing
  - Regrets
  - Democrats
- William B. Saxbe
  - Voting record
  - Taxes
  - Invitation
  - Reasons for inviting
  - President’s staunch supporters
    - Saxbe’s comments
    - Saxbe’s attendance
- Samuel L. Devine
  - Advice

Timmons left at 11:17 am.

Conversation No. 861-12

Date: February 22, 1973
Time: 11:28 am - 11:37 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Henry A. Kissinger's briefing
-Time
  -Length
-Release of John T. Downey, Robert J. Flynn and Philip E. Smith
-Liaison office
-Questions
-Aid to North Vietnam
  -Defense
  -Justification
-Laos
  -Questions
  -Communist victory
  -1962 accords
-Middle East
  -Visit of Hafiz Ismail
-People’s Republic of China [PRC]
  -Communique
  -Trip to Hanoi
-Television [TV] and radio coverage

PRC
  -Liaison offices
    -Washington, Peking
    -Associated Press [AP] report

White House Correspondents Association dinner
  -Acceptance publicized

Gridiron dinner
  -Rejection
    -Meeting with Gridiron invitation committee
    -Timing
    -Reason
  -Vice President’s attendance
  -William P. Rogers’s attendance
  -President’s attendance
White House Correspondents Association dinner
- Gift
  - Inkwell
  - Thomas Jefferson quotation
- Entertainment
  - Sammy Davis, Jr.
    - Evening at the White House

Norman Vincent Peale
- Sunday worship service

Davis
- Call to Ziegler
  - Thanksgiving
  - Support for President
- Criticism by other blacks
- Letter

White House Correspondents Association dinner
- Sonny and Cher Bono
  - Compared to Karen and Richard Carpenter
  - Invitation
    - White House pressure
    - President’s choice
- Awards
  - Edgar Allen Poe
  - Presentation
    - Watergate
    - President’s presence
    - Scholarship fund

Poe
- Gift to the President
- Eleanor Stegeberg McGovern [?]
- Cuff links [?]
Ziegler left at 11:37 am.

Date: February 22, 1973
Time: Unknown between 11:37 am and 11:47 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Meeting with Charles S. Rhyne

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:47 am.

Date: February 22, 1973
Time: 11:47 am - 12:21 pm
Location: Oval Office

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

Greetings

Photographs

Wallace Wade
- Coaching at Duke University
- Record
- Professional coaching
- Invitation to the White House
National Institute of Justice Commission
- Warren E. Burger
- Membership
- Origins
  - American Bar Association [ABA]
  - Compared with National Science Foundation [NSF]
  - Controversial topics in justice
    - Legal education, police, prosecutors
  - President’s administration
    - Conflict with Chief Justice Burger
    - Law Enforcement Assistance Act [LEAA]
    - Conflict
- Criminal justice system
  - Problems
- Labor, ABA, industry support
- Recommendations
- Organization
- 1972 campaign
- Newspapers

Lawyers
- Conservatism
- Judges

Rhyne's proposal
- Need for reform of justice system
- Malcolm Wilkey
- President's interest in commission
  - Report
  - Meeting with the President
  - Cabinet

Publicity
- Jaris Winter [?]
  - Chief Justice Burger
Prison system
  -Investigation

State courts
  -Investigation
  -Federal courts

Federal agency
  -Need for funds
    -Purpose of money

Horace Jeremiah (“Jerry”) Voorhis

International affairs
  -Support for the President
    -US strength
  -International law
    -Agreements
      -Federal law
    -Permanency
    -World Law Court
    -State Department
      -Support
    -Problem of money
      -Arm Control and Disarmament Agency [ACDA] budget
    -The President's role
      -Commission on international law
    -Amount of money

International law
  -Codification
  -Rhyne’s talk with Haile Selassie
    -Address to League of Nations
    -Ethiopia
      -Treaties
-People’s Republic of China [PRC]
  -President’s role
  -United Nations [UN]
    -Capabilities
    -General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade [GATT]
  -US
    -Leadership role
    -Treaties
  -Nigeria
  -Selassie
    -Compilation of laws and treaties
    -Adherence
    -World parliament

International compared to domestic justice
  -Commission

President’s statements in support of justice
  -Phrases

Rhyne's speech to Rotary Club
  -Support for President

PRC
  -Communique
  -Liaison offices
    -Washington, Peking
    -Taiwan
    -Significance
  -Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
    -Reaction
  -President’s policies
    -Dangers, opportunities

Laos
  -Cease-fire agreement
Conversation No. 861-14 (cont’d)

-Critics of the President’s policies
-Communist victory

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 11:47 am.

President’s schedule
-Meeting

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:07 pm.

Laos agreement
- Souvanna Phouma
- North Vietnamese withdrawal

International peace and security
- India and Pakistan
- North and South Vietnam
- North and South Korea
- Communist and free world
- Differences in free world

International law
- Growth
- Common law
- Constitution
- World government
  - Constitution framing
    - League of Nations
    - United Nations [UN]
- Common law
- US leadership role
- Need for justice
  - Communists
    - Justice system
USSR
  - Rhyne’s visit to Moscow
    - Supreme Court
    - Smeil [?] [First name unknown]
    - Alexander K. Gorkin
      - Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
      - Meeting when President was Vice President
    - Smirnoff [First name unknown]
    - Aspirations

International law
  - President's role in development

Rhyne's work

John D. Ehrlichman entered at 12:07 pm.

Dwight D. Eisenhower
  - Conversation with Rhyne

Follow up meetings
  - Ehrlichman and John W. Dean, III
  - Joseph T. Sneed
  - Commission

Rhyne left at 12:07 pm.

Meeting with Boy Scouts
  - Norton Clapp, Chairman of Weyerhaeuser Company
    - Contribution
    - President of Boy Scouts

Dave Todd, William Lee England, Paul R. Ried, Amilcar Matos Perez, and Richard Louis Toler entered at 12:13 pm.; the White House photographer was present at the beginning of this meeting.

Photo session
- Lineup for photo
- President’s entrance
- Arrangements
- Presentation

Introduction
- President
- Ehrlichman [?]

[General conversation]

Members of the press entered at an unknown time after 12:07 pm.

Introduction
- Boy Scouts

Presentation of honorary award to the President
- Leaders
- Volunteers

Annual report to the President
- 1972 Highlights
  - Project Store [?]
  - Conservation
- Project Reach
  - Drug abuse prevention
- Explorers Congress
- Manual

Presentation of plaque, book and flag to President
- Regions
-Book on flag

Physical fitness
-Colorado State University
-Plaque [?]

Boy Scout projects
-Significance
-Press coverage
-Drug abuse prevention
-Environment
-Volunteers
-Meetings with the President
-Military service
-Hope for peace

[Applause]

Tour of the White House

Presentation of gifts
-Tie bars
-Cuff links

[General conversation]

Ehrlichman, Clapp, et al., left at 12:21 pm.
Stephen B. Bull and unknown people entered at an unknown time after 12:21 pm.

Cleaning

President’s schedule

Bull and unknown people left at an unknown time before 12:23 pm.

Date: February 22, 1973
Time: 12:23 pm - 12:32 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Walter E. Washington, Mrs. Walter E. [Bennetta (Bullock)] Washington, Egil Krogh, Jr., John D. Ehrlichman, William Bullock, Portia Bullock, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bullock, Frances Frazier and Wilhelmina Thomas; members of the press, the White House photographer and Stephen B. Bull were present at the beginning of the meeting.

Photo session
- Lineup for photo

[General conversation]

Introduction of President

Bible

Swearing-in ceremony
- Administration of oath

The President's remarks
- George Washington's birthday
- Mayor's term in office
-Washington, DC
  -Pride of inhabitants
  -Safety
  -Beauty
  -Leadership of mayor
  -Bicentennial celebration

Walter Washington
  -Past service
  -Consideration for Federal positions
  -Heads of state
    -Mrs. Washington
  -Importance of present position

Washington's remarks
  -The President's help for the city
  -Washington's third term

Washington Redskins
  -Superbowl

Photo session
  -Judge

Appreciation
  -Judge
  -Walter Washington

Presentation of gifts
  -Tie bar

Washington, et al., left at 12:32 pm.
Date: February 22, 1973
Time: 12:33 pm - 12:42 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

State of the Union
Samuel L. Devine
William B. Saxbe

Invitations
-Proofs
-Worship services
-Republicans
  -Cancellations
-Gridiron dinner

Worship Service
-William F. (“Billy”) Graham
  -Edward V. Hill
-Catholic
  -Democrats
-Dr. Hill
  -Graham

Evening at the White House
-Entertainment
  -Irving Berlin
  -Sammy Davis, Jr.
-Invitation
  -Rose Mary Woods
  -Wallace Wade
  -Coach at Duke University
-Wife
-Age

-Entertainment
  -Sammy Davis, Jr.
  -Berlin
  -Lawrence Welk
  -Berlin
    -Orchestra
    -Les Brown
    -Ray Bly [?]
    -1973 Inauguration
    -Sue and Norman Turak [?]
    -Producer

Apollo astronauts
  -Invitation
  -Wives
  -Evening at the White House
  -Camp David
  -Davis
  -President’s preference
  -Recognition

Berlin
  -New York producer
  -Works
  -Producers
    -Support for the President
      -Ethel Merman
  -Age
  -Army Chorus
    -Finale
    -"God Bless America"

Biographical list
  -John D. Ehrlichman
Congressional reception
  - Bryce N. Harlow and Clark MacGregor
  - Invitation
  - Votes

Calls from Prisoners of War [POWs] or POW wives
  - Acceptance
  - Handling

Meeting with Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft

Bull left at 12:42 pm.

Date: February 22, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:42 pm and 12:44 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

  H.R. ("Bob") Haldeman
    - Meeting with Anne L. Armstrong

  Meeting with William E. Timmons

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:44 pm.
Date: February 22, 1973
Time: 12:44 pm - 12:46 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft.

Scowcroft's calls to Prisoners of War [POWs]
- Reaction to call
  - Mrs. Landon, Mrs. Holmes [?]
- POWs
- Support for President
- Adjustment to freedom

POW statements
- Press charges
- Roger Shields
  - Defense Department
  - POW statements
- Public reception

POW wife
- Reaction to call

The President's meeting with Henry A. Kissinger

Scowcroft left at 12:46 pm.

Date: February 22, 1973
Time: 12:46 pm - 1:08 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with William E. Timmons.
Congressional relations
- Evening at the White House
  - Invitations
    - Gerald R. Ford
    - Carl B. Albert
    - Michael J. (“Mike”) Mansfield
    - Hugh Scott
    - Sammy Davis, Jr.
    - Irving Berlin
  - Invitations
    - Mansfield
      - Reluctance
      - State Dinners
    - Thomas P. (“Tip”) O’Neill
      - President’s reluctance
    - Ford
      - Frequent meetings
    - Veterans
    - Church service
  - Cancellations or regrets
    - Supporters
      - Future invitations
    - Opponents
    - William B. Saxbe
      - Remarks
        - Samuel L. Devine
    - Apology
    - Church service

Henry A. Kissinger entered at 12:49 pm.
Timmons left at 12:50 pm.

Ronald L. Ziegler’s view on press briefing

Metropolitan Club
-Kissinger’s meeting with Joseph W. Alsop
-Column
-People’s Republic of China [PRC]’s press coverage

Kissinger’s press briefing
-Press coverage
-People’s Republic of China [PRC] liaison office
-Importance
-List of Prisoners of War [POWs]
-John T. Downey’s release

Questions
-Taiwan
-Aid to North Vietnam
-Reconstruction
-Meaning
-Real issue
-North Vietnam’s foreign relations
-US
-Neutral countries
-PRC, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
-Peter Lisagor
-Questions

-Laos
-Murrey Marder
-Question
-Discussion in Peking
-Laos, Cambodia

-Cease-fire
-Withdrawal of foreign troops
-Support of Savang Vatthanana
-Royalty
-Political settlement
 -Souvanna Phouma
-US commitments
 -Cease-fire, withdrawal of foreign troops

Press relations
 -Hostility to President
   -John W. Arbuckle
 -Reasons for hostility
   -Envy
 -Cease-fire announcement
   -Press response

Laos
-Cease-fire
 -Settlement
   -Souvanna Phouma
    -Negotiations
 -Incentives to abide by settlement
 -North Vietnam’s role
   -Aid
   -Cable
   -Congress
   -Incentive

William P. Rogers

The President's schedule
 -Camp David meeting
 -Meeting at the White House, Old Executive Office Building [OEB]
   -George P. Shultz
 -President’s departure for Camp David
 -Kissinger on television [TV]
   -Scheduling

Rogers
Conversation No. 861-19 (cont’d)

-Meeting with Kissinger and President
-Breakfast meeting
-Timing of appearance
-Hafiz Ismail

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 12:50 pm.

Rogers
-Breakfast meeting
-Kissinger’s attendance
  -Arrangements
  -Paris trip

Bull left at an unknown time before 1:08 pm.

-Rogers's trip
  -William H. Sullivan’s, William J. Porter’s attendance on trip
  -Middle East

Bull entered at an unknown time after 12:50 pm.

-Rogers's meeting with Kissinger and President
  -Porter
  -Sullivan
  -Kissinger’s telephone call

Bull (?) left at an unknown time before 1:08 pm.

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 12:50 pm and 1:08 pm.

[Conversation No. 861-19A]

[See Conversation No. 43-164]

[End of telephone conversation]
Breakfast meeting
  -Timing

Press relations
  -Kissinger’s press briefing
    -PRC
    -Vietnam cease-fire and settlement
    -Aid to North Vietnam
    -Budget battle
    -Consequences of rejection
  -Alsop
    -Support for President
    -President’s Congressional dinner
      -Right-wing, isolationist
    -Voting record

Republicans
  -Past isolationism
  -Compared with liberal internationalists’ arguments
    -Vietnam War

Aid to North Vietnam
  -Opposition
    -Domestic spending
      -Schools
      -Ghettos
    -Polls
      -Compared with 1947
  -Congress
    -Support

Kissinger talked with William P. Rogers at an unknown time between 12:50 pm and 1:08 pm.

[Conversation No. 861-19B]

[See Conversation No. 43-165]
[End of telephone conversation]

Rogers
-Role

Kissinger’s schedule
-Leonid I. Brezhnev
-Alsop
-Brezhnev
  -Scheduling
-Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
    -Meeting with Kissinger
      -Camp David
  -Cable

President’s schedule
-Brezhnev’s visit
-France
-Trip to Europe

Press relations
-Alsop
-Foreign aid
  -The President’s support while in Congress
    -Opposition
      -Liberal Democrats
-Vietnam War
  -Responsibility
-Humanitarian
-Alsop
-Japan and Germany
-North Vietnam
  -Liberal intellectuals’ support
  -Aid to Japan and Germany compared with North Vietnam

Congressional relations
-H.R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
-Breakfast meeting with leaders
-President’s statement about aid to Vietnam
-Opposition

William F. (“Billy”) Graham
-Telephone call with President
-Son
  -Age
  -Support for President
-School
  -Support for President
  -Bombing
  -Compared with Harvard University

Bombing
-Support
  -Letters to Kissinger
  -Fear of losing

Withdrawal from Vietnam
-Consequences
-POWs
  -Sense of failure

Alsop

Kissinger met with an unknown person at an unknown time before 1:08 pm.

Identification of person

Kissinger left at 1:08 pm.
Conversation No. 861-20

Date: February 22, 1973
Time: Unknown between 1:08 pm and 1:12 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule
- Breakfast
- The President's departure
- Lobby

Bull left at an unknown time before 1:12 pm.

Conversation No. 861-21

Date: February 22, 1973
Time: Unknown after 1:12 pm
Location: Oval Office

Unknown United States Secret Service [USSS] agents met at an unknown time after 1:12 pm.

Room check

President’s location

Unknown USSS agents met at an unknown time after 1:12 pm.