Date: March 6, 1973
Time: Unknown between 8:06 am and 8:20 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule
- Meeting with Sudanese ministers
  - Time
  - Condolences
  - Scheduling
- Meeting with Earl L. Butz on March 6, 1973

Ronald L. Ziegler
- Attendance at luncheon
  - Paul N. ("Pete") McCloskey, Jr.
  - Presence

Bull left at an unknown time before 8:20 am.

Date: March 6, 1973
Time: Unknown between 8:06 am and 8:20 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

Schedule
- John W. Dean, III [?]

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 8:20 am.
Conversation No. 869-3

Date: March 6, 1973
Time: Unknown between 8:06 am and 8:20 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Messages received

Diplomats’ views
  - Attendance at meetings
  - Wives [?]

Bull left at an unknown time before 8:20 am.

Conversation No. 869-4

Date: March 6, 1973
Time: 8:20 am - 8:24 am
Location: Oval Office

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

President's meeting with William E. Timmons
  - Items for discussion
    - Congressional leaders
      - Meetings with President
    - Hugh Scott’s request
  - President's availability for meetings with Congress members
    - Haldeman’s guidance for Timmons

John D. Ehrlichman's meeting with Hugh Scott and Gerald R. Ford
  - Desire for meetings with President
  - Ehrlichman's opinion of meeting

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 8:20 am.
John W. Dean, III
   -Arrival
   -Meeting with President
   -Time

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 8:24 am.

Congressional relations
   -Chowder and Marching Club, policy group luncheon
   -Desirability
   -Ehrlichman
   -Problems in scheduling
     -Meeting with mayors’ group
   -Surrogate operation
     -Administration’s appeal to people

President's meetings with Congress members
   -Benefits
   -Capitol compared with White House

Haldeman left at 8:24 am.

Date: March 6, 1973
Time: 8:25 am - 8:30 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with John D. Ehrlichman and William E. Timmons.

Congressional relations
   -Ehrlichman's meeting with Hugh Scott and Gerald R. Ford
     -Ehrlichman's briefing
     -Ford
     -Scott
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Conversation No. 869-5 (cont’d)

-Attitude

-President's visit to Congress
  -Senate policy lunch
  -Scott
  -Scheduling conflict
  -Democratic study group

-Ehrlichman's meeting with Scott and Ford
  -Republican senators’ support for President
  -Responsibility for tax increase

-Presidential veto
  -Support in Senate, House
    -Ford

-Senate
  -Carl T. Curtis's visits to White House
  -1972 election results
  -Ehrlichman’s evaluation of Republican Senators
    -Curtis
    -Ted Stevens

Republican leaders
  -Ford
    -Positive feedback
  -Scott
    -Subjects of discussion
    -Meeting with Ehrlichman

Press relations
  -Democratic reforms
    -Analysis
      -Conservative columnists
      -Charles W. Colson
        -Compared with 1972 campaign, convention

President's meeting with Scott and Ford
  -Arrival
Ehrlichman and Timmons left at 8:30 am.

Date: March 6, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 8:30 am and 8:35 am  
Location: Oval Office  
The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Arrival of Republican leaders

Bull left at an unknown time before 8:35 am.

Date: March 6, 1973  
Time: 8:35 am - 9:57 am  
Location: Oval Office  
The White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

Greetings  
Seating  
Schedule  
Foreign ministers  
Administration's programs  
  -Public awareness  
  -Termination
-Expansion of programs
-Criticism of administration budget cuts
-Special revenue sharing
-Headstart program, school lunch program, Office of Economic Opportunity [OEO]
-Public awareness of administration's actions
-Public statements about program cuts
-Effects on Congressional Republicans

Senate Republicans
-Attitudes
-Split
-Compared with House Republicans
-Ford
-Support for President's vetoes, programs
-Statements
-Harold E. Hughes, Senators
-Senate compared to House
-Scott and Ford as leaders, spokesmen
-Compared with Birch E. Bayh, Jr., Carl T. Curtis
-Work with Senators compared with Representatives
-Discouragement, disorganization
-Meetings with President
-Amount of time
-Compared with House republicans
-[Unintelligible name], John Sherman Cooper

Senators
-Malaise
-Republican support
-1972 compared with 1973
-Scott's dealings
-Social interaction with White House
-Failure to support vetoes

House of Representatives
-Problems
-Conservative trend
-Compared with Scott
  -Liberalism
  -Carl B. Albert
  -Republicans
    -Support for President's fiscal policies
      -Press conference
      -Freshmen
    -Approach
      -Ford's opinion
    -Paul W. Cronin
      -Bradford F. Morse
      -Support for President's programs

Senate
  -Freshmen
  -Congressional seat
    -Security compared to senior Congress members
      -Support for vetoes
      -Political effect

Congressional relations
  -President's vetoes
    -Scott
    -Public perception
    -Work with House compared to Senate
  -Senate
    -Irresponsibility
    -Support for administration
    -Foreign aid and trade issues
      -Scott’s role
    -Vetoes
      -Support
      -House
  -Work with Administration
    -Ted Stevens [?]
    -Vetoes
    -Trade
    -Cooperation on trade and aid to North Vietnam
-deal making

-Senate
-Positive votes
-Cooperation on vetoes
-Appearance of irresponsibility on spending
-Compared to House during President’s tenure
-Aid to North Vietnam
-Need for support

Vetoes
-Support
-Number of bills
-Overrides
-Number
-Opponents' strategy
-Flood control bill
-Support in House
-Number sustained
-Overrides
-Vocational rehabilitation
-Rural water and sewer bill
-Number of votes for sustaining
-Senate
-Vocational rehabilitation
-Vote on override
-Senate
-Passed
-House
-Concurrence
-Administration defeat
-Morale
-Rural Environmental Assistance Program [REAP] [?]
-Senate
-House
Vocational Rehabilitation
-Modifications of bill
-Ford's strategy
-Scott's strategy
-Republicans in Senate, House
  -Public relations [PR]
  -Votes
  -Scott's vote
    -Antihijacking bill
      -Senate vote
    -Federal police force
    -Antihijacking bill
      -Lone dissenting vote
      -Margin of vote
  -Vocational rehabilitation veto
    -Scott's position
    -Senate
  -Past vetoes
    -Dwight D. Eisenhower [?]
    -Draft of workers into armed services
      -Robert A. Taft and Harry S Truman
      -Position of Senate
      -Compared to Congress in 1973

Spanish
  -Thomas Kuchel's comment
  -Manolo Sanchez
    -Spanish swear words
    -Translation

Vocational rehabilitation
  -Votes in House
    -Ford's count
  -Authorization
  -House version
    -Albert H. Quie
    -Spending provisions
      -Mandatory compared to discretionary
      -Ehrlichman
  -Quie
    -Education and labor committee
    -Ranking member
-Vote in House
  -Sustaining President's veto
  -Ford’s opinion

Vetoes
- House supporters
  -Letters from President to loyalists
- Senate supporters
  -Letters
- Reasons for vetoes
- Vocational rehabilitation veto
  - Ash’s statement
  - Record of spending compared with Congressional [?] recommendations
- President's message
  - Length of statements
- Background material for supporters
  - Reduction of volume
  - Timmons's office
  - Need to reduce volume to Congress members
    - Senators
    - Time for study
    - Compared to judges
- Vocational rehabilitation
  - Spending compared to appropriations
  - Administration proposals
    - George P. Shultz
- Mandatory spending
  - Problems with budget
- Action if defeated
  - Budget
  - Tax increases
- Study material on vetoes
  - Impact on budget
  - Administration proposals
    - Compared to Democratic proposal
  - Scott's speech
- Veterans medical benefits
  - VA hospitals
-Dependants of veterans
-Administration answer to critics
  -Increases in spending
    -Veterans
    -Health Maintenance Organizations [HMOs]
    -Cancer
  -New approaches
-Domestic spending
  -Change in priorities
    -Monthly spending
  -Food stamps
  -Civil rights
    -Emphasis on gains and increases
-Albert's appearance with Ford on television [TV] show
-Vocational rehabilitation
  -Possibility of loss
-Publicity
  -White House statements on vetoes
    -Support for Ford
    -Danger spots
    -Domestic Council
    -Risks
  -List of President’s vetoes
    -Ford, Scott
    -Republican unity
  -Statement on bills
    -Ziegler
    -Timing

Votes in Congress for week
  -Veterans hospital, national cemetery, Veterans drug program
  -Federal Highway Bill

Veterans bill
  -Vietnam veterans
    -Support from President, Congress
      -Compared to World War II veterans’ benefits
    -"Professional veterans’" support
-Appropriations for Vietnam veterans
  -Support from President
  -Rights under GI Bill of Rights
    -Reemployment, education

-Congressional relations
  -Administration’s support for Vietnam veterans
    -Compassion
  -Administration’s record on veterans
    -Education, home loans, medical care, employment
  -President’s support for a bill
    -Veto
    -Vietnam veterans

-Health care for dependents
  -Problem
    -National health insurance plan
  -Vietnam veterans
  -Support of veterans’ organizations
    -Position on Veterans Administration [VA] services

-President's veto
  -Compared with vocational rehabilitation
    -Publicity
  -Statement of speech
    -House of representatives

Republican Congress members
  -Increased contact
  -Senators
    -Social contacts at White House
      -Evenings, dinners, church services
    -Exceptions
      -Paul N. ("Pete") McCloskey, Jr., Donald W. Riegle, Jr.

-Vetoes
  -Curtis
  -Supporters
  -House of representatives
    -Freshmen
      -Visit to White House after first vote
        -Problems
-Reward for support
  -Senate
    -Telephone calls for supporters
      -Timmons

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Congressional candidates
  -Marlow W. Cook, Henry L. Bellmon
    -President’s encouragement
    -1974 election
  -Wallace F. Bennett
  -Norris Cotton
  -Age factor
  -Milton R. Young
    -Decision to run
  -William B. Saxbe
-President’s support for Republican candidates
  -Bellmon, Cook
-Ohio seat
  -Senate committee assignment
  -Saxbe
    -Support from President
  -Talks with George H. W. Bush and William E. Brock, III
  -Bellmon, Cook
-Ohio state politics
  -Brock
    -John S. Andrews
    -Study
      -Republican state committee chairman
    -Robert A. Taft, Jr.
    -James A. Rhodes
-Appeals to Democrats to switch parties
  -Dan Daniel of Virginia
    -Timing
  -Mills Godwin
-David E. Satterfield, III
-Thomas N. Downing
-G. V. ("Sonny") Montgomery
  -Mississippi
-Clarence J. ("Bud") Brown, Jr.
  -Recruitment
-Unknown person from Tennessee [Dan Kuykendall?]
  -Qualities
  -Problems
-Robert H. Michel
  -Conflict
    -Desire to be candidate
-Brock
  -Qualities
-Taft, Jr.
  -Leadership
Republican National Committee [RNC] leadership
  -Ford, Scott, Timmons’s role
-Bush
  -Qualities
  -Work with Scott and Ford, candidates

President’s appearances in Congressional campaigns
  -Effectiveness in campaigns
  -1970 election
  -1972 election
  -1974 election
  -President’s appearance in key states
    -Brock, Ford, Brown, Wilson, Michel
  -Discussions with RNC and White House
    -H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
      -Preparations
  -Support for candidates
    -Association with administration’s policy successes
      -Belmon, Cook
  -Preparation
    -Timing
  -Gubernatorial election
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-Opponent of Milton J. Sharp
  -Primary

1974 campaign
  -President’s appearances on behalf of candidates
    -Effectiveness
      -Franklin D. Roosevelt

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Trade bill
  -Meeting
  -Vote in house
  -Wilbur D. Mills
    -Release from committee
  -Most Favored Nation [MFN] status for USSR
    -Jewish emigration from USSR
    -Jewish-American reaction
    -President's talk with Golda Meir
    -Jewish-American reaction
      -Impact on USSR’s emigration policy
  -Handling of problem
  -President’s talk with Golda Meir
    -Congress’s support for Jewish emigration
  -President’s talks with Brezhnev
    -Exit visas for Jews
      -Trade issues
      -Soviet sensitivity
  -President, Henry A. Kissinger
    -State Department
    -Work with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
  -Ford's approach
    -Ways and means committee
    -Vannik amendment
    -Escape clause to bill
      -President's discretion
        -Bargaining position
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Conversation No. 869-7 (cont’d)

-People’s Republic of China [PRC]  
  -Taiwan  
  -Henry M. (“Scoop”) Jackson, Scott  
    -Support for President’s foreign policy  
    -Jewish lobby  
    -Financing of campaign  
  -Jewish community  
    -Influence  
      -Administration’s work  
      -Max M. Fisher  
    -Scott’s experience  
      -Spokesman  
      -Helpfulness, intellectualism  
    -Fisher, Taft Schreiber  
      -Private admission  
      -Conspiracy  
  -Kissinger  
    -Talk with Jacob K. Javits  
    -Work with Scott  
    -Javits  
      -Concern for Soviet restrictions on Jews  
  -President’s talks with Golda Meir  
    -Soviet treatment of Jews  
  -Soviet-Jewish emigration  
    -Proper approach  
      -Soviet initiative  
      -President’s, Kissinger’s viewpoint  
  -House Bill  

Leadership meetings  
  -Format  
    -Ford, Scott  
    -“Wild card”  
    -Timmons  
    -Number attending  
  -Invitations  
    -Liberals  
      -Trade issues
Conversation No. 869-7 (cont’d)

-Barry M. Goldwater, Sr.
-New people
  -Korologos, Timmons, study
  -Chowder and Marching members
-Thomas G. Abernathy, [William M. Colmer]
-Mississippi
-White House dinner
  -Appreciation for invitation
-Democrats, Republicans, Democratic Study Group
-Bellmon
  -Wild card invitation
-Frequency
  -Scott and Ford
  -Whips
    -Leslie C. Arends, Robert C. Byrd
-Bipartisan meetings
  -Format
    -Republican, Democratic leadership, White House staff
  -Subjects of discussion
    -Energy
    -Trade
    -Foreign aid
-Scheduling
  -Republican leaders, bipartisan leaders, small group [wild card]
  -Ford, Scott
  -Weekly pattern
Wild card meeting
-Number
-Seating
  -Importance
-Photographs
  -Oliver F. (“Ollie”) Atkins
-Bipartisan invitees
-Problems with vetoes
  -House members attending
  -Senate vote
    -Senate attendees
President's meetings with Congress members
  - Subjects of discussion
  - Format
    - Mixture of House and Senate members

Meetings with candidates
  - Consultations with Bush and Brock
  - President’s support
  - Saxbe
    - Meeting with President
    - Reaction of Ohio Republican party
      - Donald D. Clancy
  - Cook
    - Temperment
  - Meetings with President
    - Cook, Bellmon
    - Problems
      - Saxbe
      - Ohio Establishment
      - Timing

Leadership meeting
  - Wild card
    - Freshmen
      - House
      - Senate
        - Petition circulated
          - John G. Tower
      - Coordination with Scott and Ford, Timmons, Korologos, Richard K. Cook
      - Priority invitations
        - Charles McC. Mathias, Jr.

Vietnam aid vote in Senate
  - Results of a poll
    - Need for public relations [PR] work
      - Aid from other nations
      - Shame
    - Return of Prisoners of War [POWs]
Otto E. Passman
  Aid as investment
  Other nations’ aid contributions
    Japan
    Germany
  USSR, PRC
    Aid to South Vietnam
      Problems
    Aid to North Vietnam
    Japan
      Aid to Vietnam

US bombing
  South Vietnam
    Destruction
      An Loc
      Quang Tri
  North Vietnam
    Destruction
      Extent
        Kissinger, Herbert G. Klein
          Visits to Hanoi
          Precision

POW reaction

Andrei A. Gromyko [?]
  Conversation at reception after signing of settlement agreement
  Peace
    Willingness

Khartoum incident
  William P. Rogers [?]
    Murder of US officials
    US retaliation

Next meeting

Richard M. Helms [?]
Senate
- Work with President
- Speeches

Scott, et al., left at 9:57 am.

Conversation No. 869-8

Date: March 6, 1973
Time: 9:57 am - 10:00 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Messages

Research
- Book [?]  

Letters
- Support

President's meeting with Prisoners of War [POWs]

Bull left at 10:00 am.

Conversation No. 869-9

Date: March 6, 1973
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.
Schedule
- Prisoners of War [POWs] meeting

The unknown man left at 10:00 am.

Date: March 6, 1973
Time: 10:00 am - 11:20 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Capt. and Mrs. Jerry A. Singleton, Maj. and Mrs. Robert D. Jeffrey and Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft. The White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

Greetings and introductions

Photograph session
- Arrangements
- Copies
- Seating
  - Ranking officer

Former guests of Oval Office
  - Prime ministers, presidents

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 10:00 am.

Refreshments

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 10:36 am.

Foreign visitors

Tour of White House
-Previous tours, meetings
  -Meetings with Julie Nixon Eisenhower

Unknown woman’s hometown
  -Dallas

Prisoners of War [POWs]/Missing in Action [MIAs] wives’ activism
  -Previous 1969 meeting with President
    -Trip to Paris

POWs
  -Appearance
  -Marriage [?]
  -Press reaction
    -Accusations of programming, brainwashing
    -Newspaper column
    -President’s letter to Dallas newspaper
  -Col. Robinson Risner
    -Telephone call to President
      -Clark Air Force base
      -Oklahoma
  -President's meetings
    -Avoidance
      -Reasons
        -Time with families
        -Exploitation
        -Remaining POWs
  -Release
    -Public negotiations
      -William P. Rogers
        -Paris
        -International Conference on Vietnam
  -Private actions
    -Message to Pham Van Dong
      -POW release
      -Mining, withdrawal
  -Publicity
    -North Vietnam’s negotiating position
December 1972 bombing of North Vietnam
- Publicity
  - Explanation
  - Effect on North Vietnam’s negotiating position
- Christmas halt
- Resumption
  - Difficulties of decision
  - Criticism
- Targets
  - President’s assessment of previous bombing halts
    - Lyndon B. Johnson
- Changes in North Vietnamese attitudes
  - Cambodia
  - Mining, blockade
    - May 8, 1972 decision
- North Vietnam filibuster
  - 192 US election
  - Congress, peaceniks
- President's actions
- Risks
- North Vietnam conditions
  - POW release
    - Tied to US withdrawal
    - South Vietnam’s release of civilian prisoners
- Resumption of bombing
  - Intensity
- Resumption of negotiations
- Criticism
  - Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
  - New York Times
  - President as “mad bomber”
    - Impact on North Vietnam

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[NATIONAL SECURITY]
[DURATION: 15 S]
Intelligence

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

-Protests
  -Melvin R. Laird
    -Military targets
-Necessity
  -Failure of negotiations, escalation

POWs
-Wives
  -Meetings with President
    -Spirit
      -Christmas meeting
    -Support for President's policies
      -National honor

President's policies
-South Vietnam
  -Communist government
-Success
-Impact
  -Allies, Union of Soviet Socialist republics [USSR], People’s Republic of China [PRC]

POWs
-Ordeal
-Wives
-Knowledge of outside world
  -Bad news
    -Riots
    -Demonstrations
      -Jane Fonda
    -Photograph displays
Conversation No. 869-10 (cont’d)

-Purpose

-Age
  -Compared to President
-Maj. Jeffrey
  -Letters received, sent
-World War II
  -System of numbering letters
    -President and Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
-Mail received by wives
  -Peace groups
-Release
  -Peace groups
    -Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
    -Nicknames
-Camps
  -PRC border
  -Length of captivity
  -May 8, 1972 bombing
  -Son Tay camp
    -Col. [Arthur D. Simons]
      -US raid
      -Vacant
-Solitary confinement
  -Meals
  -Sleep
  -Medication
    -Parachute injury
-Treatment
  -Improvements
    -1969
    -US pressure

Cambodia
  -Protest marches
  -Sanctuary
  -Operation
    -Impact
      -Casualties
Military action
- May 8, 1972 operation

Public opinion
- Confidence in US
  - Critics of Vietnam policies
    - Television [TV]
    - Brainwashing
      - Compared to “Hanoi Hilton”
  - POWs’ return

World leaders
  - Periods of adversity and imprisonment
    - Compared to POWs

POWs
- Period of readjustment
  - Family, pro-football, instant replays
  - Problems
  - Strengths
  - Personal strengths
    - Compared with statements by John V. Lindsay, senators
    - Compared with draft resisters

US role in world
- Military sacrifices
- Vietnam
  - Goals, successes
- Power, credibility
  - Japan, Europe
- Actions of US in Vietnam
  - Military, wives
  - Goals

POWs
-Enemy's view of president and US
  -Assessment of Nixon
  -Roger Shields
    -December 1972 bombing
      -Singleton and Jeffrey’s experiences
        -Witnesses to bombing in Hanoi

December 1972 bombing
  -Necessity
  -Losses
    -Casualties
    -B-52s
  -Weather
  -Crews
    -Support
  -Necessity
  -Casualties
    -North Vietnam
      -Civilian
        -B-52 raids
      -Compared to North Vietnam’s actions in Cambodia, Laos
  -US policy
    -Military targets
      -Compared to An Loc, Quang Tri, Hue

POW's support for President’s policies
  -Public opinion

POWs
  -Reception at White House
    -Guests
    -Date
      -Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon
    -Attire
    -Transportation
    -Entertainment
    -Mementoes
    -Reunion
Henry A. Kissinger entered at 10:36 am.

- Age of one POW
- Future plans
  - Military service
  - Publicity tour
  - Youth
  - Restore confidence in US
- Future residence
  - Dallas
    - Dallas Cowboys
      - President's support for Washington Redskins
- Son
- Children
- Reception
  - White House
  - Children's event

Introduction to Kissinger

POW wives
  - Telegrams to President
    - Support for President’s policies

POWs
  - Camps
    - PRC border
  - December 1972 bombing of Hanoi
    - Singleton’s and Jeffrey’s experiences
  - Christmas time
  - Dental care
  - Tricia Nixon Cox's, Julie Nixon Eisenhower’s conversation with President
  - Problems
Quality
For returning POWs
- Quality
- President's experiences in the navy
- Respect for President
- Christmas

George S. McGovern

Mementoes
- Gifts
  - Golf balls
- Spiro T. Agnew
  - Golf game
  - Jokes

POWs
- Relaxation
- Appearance
  - Wife
- John S. McCain III
- Imprisonment
  - Languages
  - Survey of duty assignments
    - Scowcroft
    - Defense Intelligence Agency [DIA] [?]
  - Sudan
    - Kissinger
  - Exercise
  - Diet
  - Exercise in prison
  - Weight
  - Mutual support
    - Benefits
    - Contrast with Korea
  - Officers
    - Ability to handle imprisonment
- John S. McCain, III
Injury
-POW wives
  -Meeting with North Vietnamese
  -Photograph
  -Concern
-Release
  -Kissinger’s trip to Hanoi
  -Adm. John S. McCain, Jr.
-Shot down in 1966

Oval Office
-Service flags
-Boehm birds
-Julie Nixon Eisenhower's crewel Presidential seal
-Paintings
  -White House
  -George Washington
  -Wig

Music box

POWs
-Flag made in prison
  -Maj. Gore [?]

Oval Office
-Seal

Putting green
-Dwight D. Eisenhower
-Mementoes

Julie Nixon Eisenhower
-[Dwight] David Eisenhower, II
-Marriage
  -Date
-Talk with POW wives in 1968
  -Impression
-Time
  -1968 election
  -Cathy Goldstein
    -Activism

Straw poll
  -POWs [?]
    -President’s victory [?]

[GENERAL CONVERSATION]

President's high school teacher
  -Whittier
  -Ty Robbs [?]
    -Eddie Robbs [?]
      -Whittier High School [?]
        -Football
        -Scout leader
        -Extrovert, leader

POW reception
  -Format

Scowcroft

[General conversation]

Mementoes

Singleton, et al., left at 10:54 am.

POW meeting with President
  -President's impressions
    -Qualities
  -Impact of 1969 election
    -North Vietnam assessments of President
    -POW treatment
      -Cambodia, May 8, 1972 bombing
Letter
- David [Last name unknown]

President's meeting with Sudanese
- Length
- Substance

POWs
- Brainwashing accusations
- POW reaction

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 10:54 am.

Arrival of Ambassador from Sudan

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:58 am.

President's meeting with Hugh Scott
- Aid to North Vietnam
- Vote in Senate
- Public support for President's policies

Abdul R. Abdulla, Abdel Aziz al Nazri Hamza, and David N. Newsom entered at 10:58 am. Members of the press and the white house photographer were present at the beginning of the meeting.

Introductions

Photograph session
- Arrangements

President's visit to Sudan in 1957

[Photograph session]
- Hospitality

Killing of US diplomats
- Condolences
  - President Gaafar al-Nimeiry
- Punishment of perpetrators
  - Justice
  - Outside information
    - Palestinian issues [?]
  - Retaliation against Sudan

US assistance to Sudan
  - Request to President
  - Security
    - Diplomats
  - Training, technical assistance

Cooperation between US and Sudanese personnel
  - US embassy
    - Khartoum
  - Officials sent from US
  - Training

Terrorists
  - Statements
  - Foreign collaboration
    - Investigations
  - Trials
    - Court martial, military court
  - Retaliation
    - Black September
      - Difficulty to wage war against
      - Support of sympathetic nations

Killing of US diplomats
  - Fanatics
  - Targets
    - US, Jordan
  - Sudan’s government
    - Actions against terrorism
      - Risks
-Retaliation
-Foreign relations

Terrorism
- Threat to all governments
  - Importance of firm response
  - Sudan
  - Sympathetic governments
    - Example of French Revolution
  - Sudan
    - Nimeiry's condolences
      - Abdullah, Hamza’s visit
    - Culpability in US casualties

US cooperation with Sudan
- Security for diplomats
  - Sovereignty issues
    - Requests for assistance
  - Exchange of information

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5
[NATIONAL SECURITY]
[DURATION: 22S]

COUNTERTERRORISM

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

Sudan
- Request from government
  - Fear of retaliation
    - Embassies
  - Security system management
  - Help
    - Expertise
    - Training
BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6
[NATIONAL SECURITY]
[DURATION: 2S]

Sudan

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6

- US assistance to Sudan’s government
  - Inter-agency cooperation
    - Plans
    - Training
      - Police
  - Assistance from other governments

US actions
  - Protection of embassies in US
    - Executive Protective Service [EPS]
  - Sudan
  - Terrorist attacks within US
    - Canada
      - Incident
  - President's policy
    - Negotiations, concessions
      - Exertion
        - Release of prisoners
          - Jordan
    - Criminal penalties

Sudan
  - Role in prosecuting case
  - US support
    - Terrorist retaliation
    - Response from US
    - Training
Conversation No. 869-10 (cont’d)

-President's letter to President Nimeiry
  -Content
  -US-Sudan relations
-Importance
  -East Africa
  -Egypt
-Relations with US
-President’s letter
-Peace in Southern Sudan
  -Programs cancelled
-US support

Farewells

Abdulla, et al., left at 11:18 am.

National Security Council [NSC] meeting
  -Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
  -Kissinger’s meeting with President
  -Complexity
  -Timing

Sudan incident
  -Letter
    -Promise
  -US actions
    -Talks with Egypt
      -Prior commitments
    -Arab governments
      -Private talks
        -Joint action on terrorism

Terrorism
  -US policy
    -Need for hard-line
  -Carl T. Rowan
    -Statement on release of other terrorists
  -Kidnapping of US ambassador
Kissinger left at 11:20 am.

Date: March 6, 1973
Time: Unknown between 11:20 am and 11:49 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Executive Order [11705]
Conversation No. 869-11 (cont’d)

-Flags at half-mast for slain diplomat
  -State Department
  -Stations worldwide

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:49 am.

Conversation No. 869-12

Date: March 6, 1973
Time: Unknown between 11:20 am and 11:49 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's meeting with John W. Dean, III

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:49 am

Conversation No. 869-13

Date: March 6, 1973
Time: 11:49 am-12:00 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with John W. Dean III.

Watergate
  -L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III
  -Confirmation hearings
  -Talks with Dean
  -Work with Senate committee
    -Cooperation
    -Reports in newspapers
  -Richard G. Kleindienst
Conversation No. 869-13 (cont’d)

-Cooperation
-Strategy in dealing with committee
  -Hardline
  -Raw files
  -Problems in disclosing
-Nomination
  -Possible withdrawal
-James O. Eastland
  -Kleindienst's conversation with Eastland
  -Votes in committee
    -Phillip A. Hart, Birch E. Bayh, Jr., Edward M. (“Ted”) Kennedy, John V. Tunney
  -Ervin Committee hearings
-Samuel J. Ervin, Jr.
  -Interview with WTOP radio
  -Dean's testimony
  -Peter M. Flanigan's testimony
-Executive privilege
  -Position characterized
  -Statement
    -Dean's conversation with John D. Ehrlichman
    -Former White House staff
      -Privilege
      -Dwight L. Chapin, Charles W. Colson, Gordon C. Strachan
-Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]
  -Interviews with Committee to Re-elect the President [CRP] staff members
    -Penny Gleason
      -Background
      -James W. McCord, Jr.
      -Talk with FBI
        -Gray rebuttal
-Gray
  -Nomination
    -Administration support
  -Confirmation
    -Standards
  -Performance with committee
    -Administration's opinion
-FBI
  -Cartha D. ("Deke") DeLoach
  -William C. Sullivan
    -Report on past activities by FBI
      -Report to Dean
      -Dealings with Dean
  -John W. Chancellor
    -Derogatory information
      -United States Information Agency [USIA]
    -Change in file
      -Lyndon B. Johnson's orders
  -Examples of misdoings
  -Ervin Committee
    -White House position
  -Talks with Kleindienst
    -Concern about Howard H. Baker, Jr.
      -Baker's statement
        -Chicago Tribune
        -Reasons
  -Witnesses
    -Preparation
      -President's handling of Alger Hiss case
  -Baker
  -Ervin
  -Executive privilege
    -White House staff appearances
      -Problems
      -Gray
  -Dean
    -Double privilege
  -President's position on executive privilege
    -Press questions
      -Clark R. Mollenhoff
        -Hypothetical questions
        -Dean's contact with Mollenhoff on the A. Ernest Fitzgerald case
  -Gray
    -Intelligence
Dean left at 12:00 pm.

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Date: March 6, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:00 pm and 12:19 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Meetings
  -Length
  -United States Agency for International Development
    -Director
    -Earl L. Butz
    -Mayors

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

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Date: March 6, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:00 pm and 12:19 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown person.
Schedule

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 12:19 pm.

Conversation No. 869-16

Date: March 6, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:00 pm and 12:19 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Chief Jerry V. Wilson
   -Arrival
   -Meeting with President and John D. Ehrlichman
   -John D. Ehrlichman
      -Arrival

President’s meeting with Henry A. Kissinger

Meeting with a secretary

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

Conversation No. 869-17

Date: March 6, 1973
Time: 12:19 pm - 12:46 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Executive Order [11705]
Flags at half-mast
- Funeral of Cleo Noel and George Moore
- President's remarks
  - Interment
    - Flags at half-mast
    - March 7
- Ziegler’s statement

Meeting with leaders
- Budget
- Hugh Scott

President's meeting with domestic counsellors
- Ziegler's presence
  - President's approval
- Subjects
  - Confidentiality

Press questions
- L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III
- Watergate
  - Gerald L. Warren [?]
  - Briefing

President's meeting with John W. Dean III
- Watergate
  - Stenographer
    - Penny Gleason [?]

John D. Ehrlichman entered and Ziegler left at 12:20 pm.

Meeting with Jerry V. Wilson

President's meeting with Hugh Scott
- President's handling

Ehrlichman’s meeting with Franklyn C. Nofziger [?], Bryce N. Harlow
Chief Jerry V. Wilson and Geoffrey C. Shepard entered at 12:21 pm. Members of the press and the White House photographer were present at the beginning of the meeting.

Press photograph
Announcement
Press photograph
Inaugural photographs
-1969, 1973

Wilson
- President’s reappointment
- Job performance as police chief
- Washington, DC
  - Difficulties of Wilson's job
  - Blacks
    - Problems

[Photograph session]
- DC police department
  - Morale

Weather
- Snow
- Cherry blossoms

[A transcript of the following portion of the conversation appears in PPP, 1973, p. 168]

[End of transcribed portion]

Wilson's work
- Success
- Crime in DC

Law enforcement
-Louis P. Harris poll
  -Disapproval
  -Administration's position on crime
    -Need for publicity
      -Wilson’s work
    -Hard-line stance
    -Judicial appointments

Marijuana
  -Legalization
    -Support from leading DC citizens
    -President's opinion about marihuana compared with its legalization
    -Law enforcement speech
    -Ehrlichman

President's presence at State Department for memorial service
  -Support for capital punishment
    -President's speech
      -Supreme Court
    -Richard G. Kleindienst
      -Statement

Sudanese Ambassador [Abdel Aziz al-Nazri Hamza]
  -Safety
  -Terrorism
    -Sudan’s prosecution of suspects in case of US diplomats
    -Executive Protection Service [EPS]

President’s hard-line on crime
  -Capital punishment
  -Marijuana
  -Show of compassion
    -Chief of police
  -Mandatory sentences for drug pushers
    -Nelson A. Rockefeller
    -Congress
    -Judges
-Drug treatment options
  -Methadone

President's law enforcement speech
  -Public reception
  -Content
    -Statistics, budget
    -Hard-line issues
  -Mandatory sentences
    -Justice Department
    -William T. Cahill
      -New Jersey
    -Rockefeller's support
  -Public support
    -Congress
  -Wilson's opinion

Sentencing
  -Judges
  -DC jurisdiction
    -Department of Corrections
    -Judges
      -Alternatives to incarceration
    -President’s request for a study
    -Half-way houses
      -President’s support for prisons
      -Wilson’s opinion
    -Method of administration

President’s law enforcement speech
  -Judges, parole officers
  -Criminal rehabilitation compared with public safety

Marijuana
  -Legalization
    -Youth support
    -Gateway drug
    -Compared with alcohol, tobacco, coffee, Coca-Cola
Crime
- Congress
- Signal to country
  - Administration hard-line
  - Appointment of William H. Rehnquist
- Need for controversy, discussion
  - Political issue
  - Rockefeller
    - New York
- Drug traffic
  - Heroin
    - Decline
  - Cocaine
  - Marijuana
- Heroin, marihuana use, distribution
- Marijuana
  - Penalties
    - Severity
      - Texas
      - News story
  - Legalization
    - Governor Allen Shivers [?]
- Death penalties
  - Richard G. Kleindienst’s statement
  - Justice Department position
    - Second offenses
      - Life sentence
  - Supreme Court decision
  - Congressional legislation
    - List of offenses
      - Wartime treason, espionage, sabotage, death during commitment of federal crime
        - Supreme Court support
      - Kidnapping, hijacking
        - Automatic imposition in cases involving death
Penalties
- Administration's policy
  - Kleindienst’s statement
- Legislation to Congress
  - Timing
    - President’s law enforcement speech
- Drug abuse
  - Legislation for Congress
    - Rockefeller drug laws
      - Penalties
      - Heroin

President’s meeting at State Department

Wilson's plans
- DC police chief
  - Terms of job
- Future position in government
  - Wilson's preferences
    - Ehrlichman’s role
    - Walter E. Washington’s opinion
- Experience
- Desire for change
- Training
  - Crowd control
- Travel
  - Law Enforcement Assistance Administration [LEAA] program
    - Representative of President
- Wilson's record
  - Race relations

Wilson's children
- President's autograph
  - Brian Wilson
- Seven-year-old
  - Support for George S McGovern

Wilson
-Golf

Gift
  -Ashtray

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 12:21 pm.

Ashtray

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 12:46 pm.

Gifts
  -Children
  -Wife

Ehrlichman, Wilson and Sheppard left at an unknown time before 12:46 pm.

[Pause]

Wilson, et al. continued the conversation in an adjoining room.

Introductions
  -Mistaken identification

Wilson, et al. left at 12:36 pm.

Date: March 6, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:46 pm and 12:48 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

Meeting with John D. Ehrlichman

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:48 pm.
Date: March 6, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:46 pm and 12:48 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Schedule

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:48 pm.

Date: March 6, 1973
Time: 12:48-12:56 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with John D. Ehrlichman.

Jerry V. Wilson
Leadership skills

L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III
Testimony before Congress

Wilson
-Qualifications
-Travel
-Press conference
  -President's representative

President’s schedule
  -President's meeting with Hugh Scott and Gerald R. Ford
    -Complaints about length
  -Meetings
    -Maurice N. Stans’s people
    -Counsellors meeting
    -Wilson
    -Abdul R. Abdulla
    -Scott
    -Value

Carl T. Curtis
  -President's support
  -Qualities as a candidate
  -Complaints

Congressional relations
  -Senators’ complaints
  -Senate policy luncheon
    -President’s attendance
      -Democrats
  -House events
    -Value
  -H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
    -State dinners
      -Value
  -George H. W. Bush, Clark MacGregor and Bryce N. Harlow
    -Report on value of social events
  -President's meeting with Scott
    -Value of meetings with Senators
    -Charles McC. Mathias and John Sherman Cooper
    -Margaret Chase Smith
    -Curtis
  -Meeting on family assistance legislation
Meetings with the President
- Impact on President
- American Bankers Association
  - Budget cuts [?]
  - Businessmen
    - New York
      - Ehrlichman’s viewpoint

-Congress
  - Value
    - Constituent’s letters

President’s letter campaign
- William J. Baroody, Jr.
  - Congress
    - Budget
  - Lobbyists
    - Number
    - Issues
    - Tax foundation, Chamber of Commerce, National Association of Manufacturers [NAM]

Congressional relations
- New plans
  - President’s role
  - Ehrlichman’s work

President’s schedule
- State Department meeting
  - Mayors
    - Length
The President and Ehrlichman left at 12:56 pm.

Conversation No. 869-24

Date: March 6, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 12:48 pm and 2:40 pm  
Location: Oval Office

Two unknown men met.  

John D. Ehrlichman [?]  
President’s location [?]  

Two unknown men left at an unknown time before 2:40 pm.

Conversation No. 869-20

Date: March 6, 1973  
Time: 2:40 pm - 3:02 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.  

President's meeting with Hugh Scott  
-Scott's complaints  
-President's meetings with Congress members  
-Kissinger's evaluation

Republicans
-Senators
  - Validity
-Scott, Gerald R. Ford, Hale Boggs, Carl T. Curtis, Henry Bellmon
  - Polling numbers compared to President
-Republican Party
  - Irresponsibility
  - Majority status
  - Opposition
  - Lack of support for President

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 2:40 pm.

President's briefing to business leaders
  - Foreign policy
    - Kissinger, William P. Rogers
  - Subjects
    - Trade
    - Economy
    - Domestic policy
  - Preparation
    - Foreign policy
      - Rogers, Kissinger
  - Coordination
    - Improvement
    - Informing President
    - Rogers’s role
    - Kenneth W. Clawson
      - Bull’s role

Bull left at an unknown time before 3:02 pm.

President’s briefing of business leaders
  - Kissinger's appearance
  - Rogers’s appearance
    - Presentation
    - Softness

US foreign policy
-Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR], People’s Republic of China [PRC]
  -Opportunity
  -President’s analysis of World War II era
    -Compared with Rogers’s analysis
    -Compared with Nelson A. Rockefeller
  -President’s performance at press conference
  -President's decisions
    -Kissinger's interview with Barbara Walters
    -Comments

Khartoum incident
  -Foreign service
    -Sense of pride
  -Memorial service, State Department lunch
    -Dignity
    -President's appearance

President's place in history
  -USSR, PRC
  -Europe
    -Germany
    -Party chiefs

Bull entered at an unknown time after 2:40 pm.

William P. Rogers
  -Talk on terrorism
    -Khartoum incident

Peter M. Flanigan
  -Talk on trade
    -George P. Shultz

President’s talk on foreign policy

Briefing of business leaders
  -Mix up
    -Clawson
Conversation No. 869-20 (cont’d)

-Flanigan

-Subjects
  -Foreign policy
  -International trade
  -Mix up

-Rogers

-Businessmen
  -Question and answer session [Q&A]

-Subject of discussion
  -Terrorism
    -Rogers

-Mix up
  -Flanigan
  -Rogers

-Foreign policy briefing
-Rogers
  -Terrorism
  -International Conference on Vietnam
    -Paris

-Foreign policy
  -President's remarks

-Arrangements
  -Clawson’s discussion with Rogers

-President's remarks

Bull left at an unknown time before 3:02 pm.

Briefing of business leaders
  -Mix ups
  -Foreign policy
    -Kissinger
    -Rogers
    -Kissinger's appearance
      -Artisan speech
    -President's remarks

Libya, Saudi Arabia
  -US response to Khartoum incident [?]

Tape Subject Log
(rev. May-2010)
North Vietnam
   - Infiltration

Vietnam
   - Cease-fire
   - Casualty figures
     - South Vietnam
   - Infiltration
     - South Vietnam’s reaction
       - Nguyen Van Thieu
       - Demoralization
   - US note to North Vietnam
   - US bombing of Ho Chi Minh Trail
     - Laos
     - Cease-fire provisions
   - Supplies
     - Souvanna Phouma’s assent
   - Targets
     - Convoy
   - North Vietnam’s answer to US note
     - William H. Sullivan
     - Civilian goods
   - Tanks
   - Artillery
   - US bombing of trail
     - Timing
   - Reasons
     - Government of Vietnam [GVN] pressure
     - Offensive
     - Contingent upon US reaction
   - US action
     - Constraints
     - Delay offensive
   - South Vietnam’s air force
     - Bombing of trail in South Vietnam
   - US bombing in Cambodia
     - North Vietnam’s protests
Date: March 6, 1973  
Time: 3:02 pm - 3:04 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

Mayors  
- Meeting in Cabinet Room

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 3:02 pm.

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 3:04 pm.

President's meeting at State Department, memorial service  
- Families of slain diplomats  
  - Informing President of presence  
  - Memorial plaque [?]  
  - Scheduling mix up

The President and Bull left at 3:04 pm.
Date: March 6, 1973
Time: Unknown between 3:04 pm and 3:39 pm
Location: Oval Office

An unknown man spoke to an unknown person at an unknown time after 3:04 pm.

Message for the President

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 3:39 pm.

Date: March 6, 1973
Time: Unknown between 3:04 pm and 3:39 pm
Location: Oval Office

Unknown people met.

President’s location
   -Agent’s location

The unknown people left at an unknown time before 3:39 pm.