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**Tape Subject Log**  
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Conversation No. 875-5

Date: March 9, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 3:10 pm and 3:17 pm  
Location: Oval Office

Two unknown men met.

Departure

Winner [?]

The two unknown men left at an unknown time before 3:17 pm.

Conversation No. 875-1

Date: March 9, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 3:10 pm and 3:17 pm  
Location: Oval Office

Unknown men met.

Schedule

-Arrangements

The unknown men left at an unknown time before 3:17 pm.

Conversation No. 875-2

Date: March 9, 1973  
Time: 3:17 pm - 3:53 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with William E. Simon, John T. Dunlop, John D. Ehrlichman and Herbert G. Stein.

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Conversation No. 875-2 (cont'd)

Wage and price controls

- Peter G. Peterson
  - 5.5 percent wage settlement [?]
- Ehrlichman's press conference [?]

Economy

- Latest figures
- Pressure for administration action
- Administration policy
  - Quadriad meeting
  - Political pressure
  - Response to wage settlements
- Labor demands
  - Impact on prices
- Prices
  - Need to moderate
    - Possible actions
      - Gimmicks
      - Impact on wages
- Wage increases
  - Rejection
    - Labor reaction
      - George Meany
      - Resumption of freeze
- Latest figures
  - Labor reaction
    - Gimmicks
- Price freeze
  - Conversation with Peterson
    - Problems
      - Food supply
        - Beef, poultry, pigs
- Food prices
  - Farm prices, earnings
  - Decline over past year
- Non-food prices
  - Industrial products
    - Lumber, oil
  - Phase II price freeze

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-Impact on supplies of petroleum

Administration policy statement on energy

- Impact of Phase II on price freeze [?]
- Preparation for President's review
- Camp David meeting
  - Energy
  - Phase I August 1971 precedent
  - George P. Shultz's attendance
  - Trade
  - Session for policy advisors
    - Outside advisors
      - President's dinner conversation with unnamed oil businessman
        - Private sector input
        - Libya
        - John B. Connally
      - American Petroleum Institute [API]
      - Connally
      - Independent refiners
      - Max Fisher

Wage and price controls

- Labor
  - Reaction to price increase
    - Food prices
  - Meany
    - Cost of living
    - Views of other labor leaders
- Administration policies
  - Possible actions
    - Return to Phase II price controls
    - Oil action
    - Industry-specific controls
      - Cigarettes
      - Canning
      - Fertilizer
  - Lumber
    - Seriousness of problem
    - Interior, Agriculture, and Labor Departments

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Conversation No. 875-2 (cont'd)

- Earl L. Butz
- Forestry Service
- Butz, Bill Brown [?]
- Food prices
  - Increased supplies
  - Price controls
    - Meat
    - Labor reactions
      - Impact
    - Support for freeze on food prices
- Labor agreements
  - Labor-Management Advisory Council meetings
  - Adjustments
    - Cost of living escalators
      - Deferments
      - Settlement costs
- Cost of Living Council [COLC] meeting
  - Latest trends
  - Need for publicity
    - Price increases
  - Food prices
    - Labor reactions
- Symbolic action [?]
  - Shultz
  - Stein
  - Need to reassure unions
  - Psychological effect of food price increases
    - Stein
- Publicity for programs
  - Visibility
  - Examinations of industries
    - Controls
    - Explanations
  - Public reaction
  - “Food story”
  - Butz’s speech
  - White paper
    - Food problem
- Agriculture Department

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- Butz's role
  - Agriculture compared to price control
  - Speeches
- Farmers, meat processors, ranchers
  - Prosperity
- Use of rhetoric
  - Middlemen
  - Tilt away from farmer, processor
  - Value
- Reports
  - Actions
  - Lemons
- Resistance to President's policies
  - Butz's role
  - Bureaucracy
- Surplus grain disposition
  - Auctions
  - Reports
  - Subsidies
  - Butz
  - Blame
    - Railroads
    - Grain sales to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
  - Meeting
  - Statement by President
  - Transportation secretary
    - Railroads
  - Meeting
    - President's attendance
    - COLC
    - Agriculture department
    - Talking paper, report, presentation
    - President's role
- Need for publicity
  - Symbolic action
  - Need to appear active
  - Excuses
    - Food shortage
    - Household budget

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- COLC
  - Work with Agriculture department
    - Butz
    - Problems
      - Meeting on grain surplus
      - Other commodities
        - Cheese
- Meeting with President on railroads
  - Scheduling
    - Meeting with Congressional leaders
- COLC
  - Lumber issue
- Lumber supply
  - Forrest Service
    - Criticism of release of timber for sale
      - Prices
- Commodity stockpiles
  - War contingencies
    - Bomb shelter
  - Release for sale
    - George A. Lincoln [?]
      - Agriculture Department
      - General Services Administration [GSA]
    - Bureaucratic congressional reluctance
      - Copper prices
      - Need for legislation
- National security arguments
- Oil stockpiles
  - Imports
    - Oil producers
      - Supplies
      - Excess consumption
- National security arguments
  - Secondary consideration
- Release
  - Impact on prices
  - Departmental authority
    - Treasury Department, Council of Economic Advisors [CEA][?]
- Wheat subsidies

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- USSR
  - Extension
  - CEA[?] study
- Release
- Food
  - Levels
    - Wheat bushels
- Defense Department surplus
  - Sale
  - food
  - Elliot L. Richardson
- Government hoarding
  - Land
  - Stockpiles
    - Impact on prices
- Agriculture department stockpiles
  - Meeting on grain, lumber supplies
    - Hard-line stance
      - Impact on other departments
  - Agenda
    - Stein
  - Shultz's, Roy L. Ash's attendance
    - Office of Management and Budget [OMB] role
  - White House staff compared to agencies
    - Frederic V. Malek
      - Stockpiles
  - National security arguments
    - President's role
- Wage demands
  - Problems
  - Food prices
    - Government efforts
- Milk producers
- Congressional relations
  - Wilbur D. Mills
    - Relation with the milk producers
  - Pet projects [?]

Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]

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-President's meeting with U. Alexis Johnson

Simon, Dunlop, Ehrlichman and Stein left and Ronald L. Ziegler entered at 3:49 pm.

Meeting with Henry A. Kissinger [?]

People's Republic of China [PRC]

- Release of John T. Downey
  - John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson
- Ziegler's press statement
  - William Downey [?]
  - Downey's mother's illness
  - Chou En-lai
  - Downey's release
    - President's appreciation
    - Hong Kong, PRC border
  - Robert J. Flynn, Philip E. Smith
  - Release from PRC

Henry A. Kissinger entered at 3:50 pm.

William P. Rogers  
-Presence

COLC

The President, Ziegler and Kissinger left at 3:53 pm.

Conversation No. 875-3

Date: March 9, 1973

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Location: Oval Office

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Furniture



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-Movement

The unknown people left at an unknown time before 4:40 pm.

Conversation No. 875-4

Date: March 9, 1973

Time: Unknown between 3:53 pm and 11:59 pm

Location: Oval Office

Unknown people met.

Arrangements for recording

-Schedule

The President entered at 4:40 pm.

Recording arrangements

The President made a video recording of his highlights from "Radio Address About the State of the Union Message on Law Enforcement and Drug Abuse Prevention" between 4:40 pm and 4:43 pm.

Federal criminal code

-Revision

-Penalties

-Drugs

-Capital punishment

-Hijacking, kidnapping, terrorists

-Maximum penalties

-Drug pushers

Marijuana

-Criminalization

Announcement

-Arrival of helicopter

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John T. Downey

-Release

-President's call to William Downey

-Incarceration in People's Republic of China [PRC] compared to Vietnam

-Downey's release date

-Vietnam prisoners of war [POWs] release date

-Delay

Church service

-Invitation

The President left at 4:43 pm. Unknown people remained.

[General conversation]

Protestants compared to Catholics

Dwight D. Eisenhower

Offer of assistance

Gear

The recording was cut off at an unknown time before 11:59 pm.