Conversation No. 882-1

Date: March 17, 1973
Time: Unknown between 9:54 am and 10:14 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

President's schedule

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 10:14 am.

Conversation No. 882-2

Date: March 17, 1973
Time: Unknown between 9:54 am and 10:11 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

President’s schedule
- John W. Dean, III

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 10:11 am.

Conversation No. 882-3

Date: March 17, 1973
Time: 10:11 am - 10:14 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule
- Prisoners of war [POWs]
  - Tour of White House [?]
- Rory de Valera
  - Ireland
  - Invitation to White House
- Veterans speech
  - Postponement
  - Disabled American Veterans [DAV]
  - Speech by President
  - Spiro T. Agnew
- Meeting with attorneys on court reform act
  - Cole, Richard A. Moore
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] gymnastic team
  - Olga Korbut
  - People’s Republic of China [PRC]
- Meeting with C. Edward Little
  - Mutual Broadcasting Company [MBC]
  - Photograph session
- Meeting on economy
  - Economic Stabilization Act
  - Vocational rehabilitation
- Bipartisan Congressional leaders meeting
  - California [?]
  - Legislation
- William E. Timmons [?]
- George P. Shultz
  - Return from trip
  - Labor-management advisory board
    - Meeting
  - Report on trip to President
  - Cabinet meeting
    - Meeting with President
- Bipartisan Congressional leaders meeting
- Veterans, lawyers meetings
- Postponements

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:14 pm.
Conversation No. 882-4

Date: March 17, 1973
Time: Unknown between 9:54 am and 10:14 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

President's meeting with John W. Dean, III

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 10:14 am.

Conversation No. 882-5

Date: March 17, 1973
Time: Unknown between 9:54 am and 10:14 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 37-137]

Conversation No. 882-6

Date: March 17, 1973
Time: 10:14 am - 10:15 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

[See Conversation No. 37-138]
Conversation No. 882-6 (cont’d)

Date: March 17, 1973
Time: Unknown between 10:15 am and 10:20 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with H. R. (‘‘Bob’’) Haldeman.

Meeting with President

Conversation No. 882-7

Date: March 17, 1973
Time: Unknown between 10:20 am and 11:15 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with H. R. (‘‘Bob’’) Haldeman.

Henry A. Kissinger
- Trip to Mexico
- State of the World report
- Vacation in Mexico
  - Tres Villas

President’s schedule
- Stephen B. Bull
- Cabinet meetings
- Congressional leaders meetings
  - Frequency
    - Gerald R. Ford, Hugh Scott
- Bipartisan meeting
- Republican meeting
  - Value
    - Ford, freshmen Congress members, loyalists
  - Scott, Ford
- Problems
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Conversation No. 882-8 (cont’d)

-Dwight D. Eisenhower administration
-William E. Timmons
-Travel plans
-Trip to California
-Cabinet meetings
-Frequency
-Regular basis
-National Security Council [NSC]
-Domestic Council
-Cost of Living Council
-Labor Management Advisory Board
-Problems
-Frequency
-Last meeting
-Republican Congressional leaders
-Frequency
-NSC
-Disabled American Veterans [DAV] meeting
-Bull
-President's opinion of group
-President's appearance
-Cancellation
-Comparison with American Veterans [Amvets]
-Dissidence
-Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] gymnastic team
-People’s Republic of China [PRC]
-Photographs
-Rory de Valera
-Imelda Marcos
-Meeting with attorneys
-Domestic Council
-Cancellation
-Bull
-Other meetings
-Congress members
-Pete V. Domenici
-Value
-Thank you meetings
-Photographs
-Selectivity
-USSR gymnastics team
-President's message on Federal building design
-Value to President
- Daniel P. (“Pat”) Moynihan's scheme
-Bicentennial address
-Value to President
- White House redecoration
-Filmed messages
- Guidelines
- Written message
-Experiments
- Congress members
- Value
- Theodore H. (“Teddy”) White
- Changes
-Meetings with Congress members
- Ideological variety
- Jacob K. Javits
- Clifford P. Case
- Liberal Republicans
- Democrats
-Bull
- Guidance
- David N. Parker
- Arrangement of meetings

State visits
- Willy Brandt
- Commitment
- Italy, Great Britain
- Georges J. R. Pompidou
- Meeting with President
- Location
- Public relations
- Giulio Andreotti
- Italian-Americans
- Political impact
- Brandt, Pompidou
-Value
  -Focus on Europe

President's travel
  -Opportunities
  -William P. Rogers
    -Europe
    -Latin America
  -Africa
    -Blacks
    -Symbolism
      -Nigeria
      -Democratic Republic of the Congo
    -Ethiopia
  -Press coverage
    -Blacks
  -Timing
    -Watergate publicity
  -Arrangements
  -Length of stay
    -Ethiopia
-WEEKENDS
  -Return times
-Travel in US
  -Reception
    -Benefits
  -Stop in Topeka, Kansas
    -California
    -Air Force Project Transition
      -Veterans vocational rehabilitation program
        -Forbes Air Force Base
        -President's tour
  -Chicago stopover
  -Des Moines, Kansas City
  -Topeka
  -Value for President
  -African

Polls
Conversation No. 882-8 (cont’d)

- Influence of television [TV]
  - Press conferences
    - TV coverage of daytime conferences
      - Gains for President
      - Other factors in rise
        - Events
        - Departmental visits
        - Night press conferences
        - 1969 Europe trip
          - Gains in polls
    - Negative foreign events
      - EC-121 shootdown in Korea
      - Gains

  - Evening press conference
    - Gains in polls
    - Gallup

  - Prime time press conferences
    - Drop in polls
      - November 3, 1969 speech

  - Gains
    - Events
      - 1969 Europe trip
      - Meeting with Nguyen Van Thieu at Midway Island
        - Popularity of meeting
      - November 4, 1969 speech
      - Night press conference
      - Travel
      - Cambodia operation
    - Network interviews
      - Howard K. Smith
      - Today Show
      - Whitney M. Young funeral

  - Funerals on TV
    - Losses
      - Eisenhower
      - Young
      - J. Edgar Hoover
        - May 8, 1972 speech
      - Everett M. Dirksen
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Conversation No. 882-8 (cont’d)

-Eisenhower
-Dirksen
-Young

-President’s conversations on network TV
  -Effects
    -Cambodia
    -Florida

-Foreign trips
  -Europe
  -Asia
    -Timing with other events
      -Apollo astronauts dinner
      -Welfare

-PRC
-USSR
-Hawaii
  -Apollo spacecraft landing

-Effect of televised events
  -Press conferences

-Foreign trips
  -Gains in polls
    -Nature of event
      -Speech

-Domestic trips
  -Regional meetings
    -Sioux City

-1970
  -State of the Union Address
    -Chicago
  -Department of Health, Education, and Welfare [HEW] veto
  -Evening press conference
  -Dinners
  -Losses
    -Cambodia problems

-Prayer breakfast
-Indiana trip
-Chicago trip
-Hershey dinner
-Hawaii dinner
-Voluntary Army announcement
-Pompidou visit
-National Governors conference
-Vietnam problems
-Desegregation
-Drugs
-Environment
-Pompidou visit
   -New York incident
-Losses
   -Nonproliferation Treaty [NPT]
   -Laos ratification statement
   -Veterans of Foreign Wars [VFW] dinner
   -Republican National Committee [RNC] dinner
   -Washington Technical Institute
   -Press conference
   -My Lai charges
   -Postal strike
   -Cambodia
   -G. Harold Carswell nomination problems
   -Oil spill
-Gains
   -Cambodia
-Press conferences
   -Value
-Vietnam speeches
   -Gains
     -Troop withdrawal announcement
-One time nature of PRC, USSR, Vietnam events
-Domestic issues
   -Negatives
   -Warrens E. Burger announcement
-Dirksen eulogy
-United Nations [UN] address
-Daytime press conference
-November 3, 1969 speech
-Nighttime press conference
-Vietnam announcement
-White House Christmas tree lighting
- Active period
  - State of the Union Address
- TV coverage
  - President's appearances
    - Trips, dinners
- Laos
- Cambodia
- Postal strike
- Houston trip
- Hawaii trip
  - Apollo astronauts dinner
- Vietnam announcement
- Cambodia period
- Kent State University incident
- Walter J. Hickel letter
- Press conference
- Cambodia
- Vietnam announcement
- Speech on economy
- Network interview
- Cambodia
- Press conference
- Travel
  - California
- Kansas State University
- Vietnam announcement
- Middle East crisis
  - Jordan
- European trip
- UN and Phoenix speeches
- TV coverage
- Christmas season
  - Press conference
    - White House Christmas tree lighting
    - Network
- Economic factors
  - Unemployment
- Cambodia
- State of the Union Address
-Laos problems in 1971
  -Tcheponi
    -Army of the Republic of Vietnam [ARVN]
    -Defeat
-Des Moines trip
-Press conference
-Gallop
-Interviews
  -Today Show
  -Young
  -Smith
-ARVN retreat
  -Sentencing
    -President’s response
-Vietnam announcement
-PRC announcement
  -Ping pong team
  -Trade
-Vietnam veterans protest
-Press conference
-Mayday protests
  -Arrests
-Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT] announcement
-Lyndon B. Johnson library
-Railroad strike
-Press conferences
  -Economic news
  -Mayday protests
-Tricia Nixon Cox's wedding
-Pentagon Papers
-Cost of living figures
-July 4 event
  -National Archives
  -Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
  -Speaker of the House of representatives
-PRC announcement
-Pentagon Papers
  -Tricia Nixon Cox’s wedding
-Court defeat
-August 15, 1971 announcement
-Busing
-Vietnam
-Speech to Congress on economy
-Phase II
-Supreme Court announcement of Lewis F. Powell, William H. Rehnquist appointment
-PRC announcement
-Kissinger
-UN admittance
-India-Pakistan war
-“A Day in the Life of the President”
-Christmas specials
-Network interview
-Dan Rather
-Summit trips to Azores, Bermuda, Key Biscayne
-State of the Union Address
-Vietnam announcement
-Economic news
-Cost of living
-Vietnam peace proposal
-PRC trip
-Busing
-International Telephone and Telegraph [ITT] and Richard G. Kleindienst case
-Vietnam announcement
-President's appearances on TV
-Frequency
-Henry Fairlie's book
-Impact of domestic issues
-Riot control, protests
-Foreign policy issues
-PRC announcement
-Middle East
-TV coverage
-Lack
-Erosion of support
-Vietnam announcement
-Night press conferences
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- Periods of loss
  - TV coverage
    - Subsidiary events
      - Cambodia
      - Laos
      - December 1972 bombing
  - Nighttime speeches
    - Opportunities
      - Vietnam settlement
      - International monetary policy
  - Potential speech topics
    - Economics
      - Cost of living
      - Food prices

Books
  - *A Statesman and His Times* by Michael A. Guhin
    - John Foster Dulles
    - Kissinger’s staff
  - Memorandum from William L. Safire
    - Henry Brandon’s book
      - Portrayal of President
      - Kissinger
      - Melvin R. Laird
    - Kissinger’s press relations
    - US foreign policy
      - Treatment by press
      - Analogy of the President as architect, Kissinger as contractor
  - Kissinger
    - Mistakes
    - Publicity
      - Bombing
  - Brandon
  - Cabinet [?]

The President and Haldeman left at 11:15 am.
Date: March 17, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 11:15 am and 12:27 pm  
Location: Oval Office

Unknown men met.

Inquiry  
-Destination [?]  

Rose Mary Woods entered at an unknown time after 11:15 am.

President’s schedule  

Woods and unknown men left at an unknown time before 12:27 pm.

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Date: March 17, 1973  
Time: 12:27 pm - 12:28 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

President’s schedule  

Rose Mary Woods left at 12:28 pm.

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Date: March 17, 1973  
Time: 12:28 pm - 12:47 pm  
Location: Oval Office
The President met with Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon.

Weather

Arrivals
- Julie Nixon Eisenhower
- Tricia Nixon Cox

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Oval Office
- Backscratcher from fifth century BC
- Rose Garden

An unknown man and Woods entered at an unknown time after 12:28 pm.

Gifts
- Ashtray
The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:30 pm.

Memento
  - Box

Telephone call
  - Registration

Invitation
  - [Unintelligible name]

Mr. and Mrs. William Warnock and Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft entered and Woods left at 12:30 pm. The White House photographer and members of the press were present at the beginning of the meeting.

Mrs. Nixon’s birthday

Gifts [?]

Photograph session

Gifts
  - Presentation
  - Placement of gift to President

Weather

Warnock’s trip
  - New York
  - Washington, DC
  - Philadelphia

Evening at the White House
  - Entertainment
  - Congress

Eamon de Valera's son
  - Rory de Valera
  - Georgetown University
Gift to president

Birthdays
- Photograph
  - Julie Nixon Eisenhower, Tricia Nixon Cox

Dinner

Ireland [?]
- New government

Warnock and Scowcroft left; Ronald L. Ziegler entered at 12:37 pm.

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Gift
- Strawberry bowl

Mrs. Nixon’s purse

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]
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Mrs. Nixon left at 12:37 pm.

Cambodia
- B-52s

John A. Scali’s handling of United Nations [UN] post

Ziegler's press briefing
- Virginia H. Knauer
  - Administration's policies on food prices
- Issues
  - Prices
Watergate
- Senate committee
  - Separation of powers
  - Executive privilege
  - Richard G. Kleindienst
- Washington Post story
  - Compromise
  - President’s view
  - John W. Dean, III

Railroad strike settlement
- Peter J. Brennan’s statement
  - Wages
  - Press relations

Earl L. Butz
- Need for shift of focus from farmer to consumer
  - Food prices
  - Use of television [TV] time
- Farmers
  - Productivity
  - Increases in supply
  - Impact on prices

Watergate
- Attention to issue
- Last Presidential press conference
  - Impact on Press and Senate
  - President's cooperation with Congress
- Press reports
  - Positive tone
- Senate hearings
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Conversation No. 882-10 (cont’d)

-Press coverage
-Problems
  -Campaign finances
  -Democratic abuses

Henry Brandon’s book
  -William L. Safire's analysis
  -Comments on Henry A. Kissinger, William P. Rogers, Melvin R. Laird
  -Problems
    -Kissinger
    -Press relations
    -Negative comments on Rogers, Laird
  -Doubleday promotion of book
  -Kissinger’s press relations
    -Historical context
    -Emotional reaction
    -Conversations with Brandon

Ziegler left at 12:47 pm.

Conversation No. 882-11

Date:  March 17, 1973
Time:  12:47 pm
Location:  Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

John W. Dean, III’s schedule

The unknown man left at 12:47 pm.

Conversation No. 882-12

Date:  March 17, 1973
Time:  12:47 pm - 2:10 pm
Location: Oval Office

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

President’s schedule
  - Telephone call [?]

Conversation with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
  - Henry A. Kissinger

An unknown man entered at 12:47 pm.

Refreshment

The unknown man left at 12:47 pm.

Kissinger
  - Conversations with Joseph C. Kraft, James B. (“Scotty”) Reston
    - Vietnam War
      - December 1972 bombing
  - Haig
    - Work with White House

Kissinger's comments on William P. Rogers, Melvin R. Laird in Henry Brandon's book
  - Kissinger’s comment on Haldeman
    - Parking of airplane
  - Kissinger’s press relations
    - Collaboration with Brandon
  - William L. Safire's analysis of book
    - President's role in foreign policy
      - Kissinger's role

President's public appearances’ influence on presidential approval polls
  - Speech
    - Local visits
      - Laos
      - Chicago
      - Value
    - Attempt to divert attention characterized
-John D. Ehrlichman's opinion
-Problems
-Public relations stunts
 -People's Republic of China [PRC] trips
 -Value, pitfalls
  -May 8, 1972 decision
-Problems of back-firing
 -Washington Technical Institute
  -Protests
  -Press coverage
 -Youth awards
  -Vietnam
-Evening at the White House
 -Ray Connif singers
  -Protest
 -Benefits
 -Merle Haggard
  -Television [TV] special
  -Ed Sullivan
  -Patriotism
  -Press relations
  -Criticism of youth
   -Freedom
 -Background
  -Prison
  -Welfare

President’s schedule
 -Meeting with Theodore H. (‘Teddy”) White
  -Deadlines

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[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

-Dentist appointment

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]
- White
  - Arrival
    - New York
    - Treatment of administration in book
  - "Frontiers of science" group
    - Oklahoma high school program
    - Henry Ballmon, John Jarman
    - Support for President

Congressional relations
  - William E. Timmons's work
    - William J. ("Jack") Edwards [?]
    - Caldwell Butler
    - Meetings with President
      - Supporters of President

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

George H. W. Bush
  - Political work
    - William T. Cahill
    - President’s role
      - California
      - Robert H. Finch
      - Nelson A. Rockefeller in New York
        - President’s meeting
    - Responsibilities for political work
      - Charles W. Colson
      - Cahill

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

White House counsellor positions
Roy L. Ash, Anne L. Armstrong
- Ehrlichman's ideas
- Cabinet rank
- Republican leadership

Senior staff meetings
- Ehrlichman
- Kissinger
- Haldeman’s presence
- Ash
- Peter M. Flannigan
- Herbert G. Klein
- Timmons
  - Quality of work
  - Ronald L. Ziegler
    - Roles in administration

Meetings of counselors
- Ehrlichman
- Purpose
- Ash
- Ehrlichman
  - Haldeman’s presence

Meetings with President

President's schedule
- State of the Union Address [?]
- Congressional leaders meeting
  - Frequency
    - Bipartisan meetings
    - Republicans
    - Cabinet
- Haldeman's role
  - David N. Parker, Ehrlichman
    - Veterans of Foreign Wars [VFW]
    - Disabled American Veterans [DAV]
  - Speeches, press conferences

Baseball opening
- Pittsburgh
- Cincinnati
Conversation No. 882-12 (cont’d)

-American League
-National League
-Anaheim, California
-Washington Senators
-[First name unknown] Jenkins
-Prisoners of war [POWs]
-Capt. Jeremiah A. Denton, Jr.
-Mrs. Roberto Clemente
-Anaheim
-Advantages
-Dodgers’ stadium
-Los Angeles
-Blacks
-POW tribute
-Herman Kahn
-News summaries
-Council of Economic Advisors [CEA]
-Social events
-Wives
-Governors
-Mrs. Linwood Holton
-Conversation with President
-Golda Meir
-Round table dinners
-Guests of honor
-Problems
-Long tables
-Advantages
-Guilio Andreotti
-Lee Kwan Yew
-Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon
-Julie Nixon Eisenhower

Telephone calls
-Jack McCarthy
-Irish parade in New York
-Television [TV] appearance
-Wilbur D. Mills
-Tax legislation
-Timmons's and Richard K. Cook's recommendation
-Appearance on "Meet the Press"
-Congressional relations
  -Timmons
  -Problems
-Ehrlichman
-George P. Shultz

Congressional relations
  -Clark MacGregor
    -Work with White House
      -Necessity
    -1974 elections

President’s schedule
  -Books
    -Interviews
    -White
  -Safire
    -Source of details
    -Winston S. Churchill comparison
      -News summaries
      -Public relations
    -Kissinger, Haldeman, Ehrlichman as sources
  -Interviews
    -Newbold ("Newby") Noyes, Jr. [?]
-Domestic Council
-Cabinet
-Counsellors
-Meeting with Safire
-Meeting with Dean
-Telephone call to Mills
  -Flanigan
    -Shultz

John W. Dean, III entered at 1:25 pm.
Mills
  -Negotiation
-Congressional leaders meeting
  -Flanigan
    -Arkansas
    -Bipartisan meeting
  -Shultz
  -Trade

Haldeman left at 1:25 pm.

[A transcript of the following portion of this conversation appears in RG 460, Box 173, 1-26; SRPC, 157-160 (1-4); US vs Mitchell et al., Govt. Ex. 10, pp. 00055 - 00070.]

H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman entered at an unknown time after 10:25 am.

Haldeman left at an unknown time before 1:42 pm.

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 1:25 pm and 1:42 pm.

[Conversation No. 882-12A]

[See Conversation No. 37-139]

[End of telephone conversation]

The President talked with Wilbur D. Mills between 1:42 pm and 1:52 pm.

[Conversation No. 882-12B]

[See Conversation No. 37-140]

[End of telephone conversation]

Haldeman entered at an unknown time after 1:52 pm.

Haldeman left at an unknown time before 2:10 pm.

Dean left at 2:10 pm.
Date: March 17, 1973
Time: Unknown between 2:10 pm and 3:37 pm
Location: Oval Office

Unknown Secret Service agents met.

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President’s location
-Executive Office Building [EOB]

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This conversation was cut off at an unknown time before 3:37 pm.