Conversations:

Conversation No. 887-1
Date: March 22, 1973
Time: Unknown between 8:01 am and 8:44 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez [?].

Sanchez [?] left at an unknown time before 8:44 am.

Conversation No. 887-2
Date: March 22, 1973
Time: Unknown between 8:01 am and 8:44 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Bull left at an unknown time before 8:44 am.

Conversation No. 887-3
Date: March 22, 1973
Time: Unknown between 8:01 am and 8:44 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President’s schedule
  - Briefing for subcabinet officers
  - Call to Corinne C. (“Lindy”) Boggs
    - Purpose
  - Meetings
    - William P. Rogers
    - Kenneth R. Cole, Jr.
    - John D. Ehrlichman
    - Subcabinet officers
      - White House staff members
  - Briefing for subcabinet officers
  - Preparations

Bull left at an unknown time before 8:44 am.

Date: March 22, 1973
Time: Unknown between 8:01 am and 8:44 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Briefing for subcabinet officers
  - Participants
    - Number
    - William P. Rogers
      - Arrival
    - Press coverage
    - Agenda
      - Budget
        - Taxes
      - Rogers on foreign policy
  - Purpose

Conversation No. 887-4
Conversation No. 887-5

Date: March 22, 1973
Time: Unknown between 10:59 am and 11:02 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft.

Vietnam settlement
- Deployment of aircraft carrier
- Philippines
- Notification of Defense Department
- Henry A. Kissinger's reaction
- Pathet Lao
- Southern Laos
- Psychological effects
- Transfer of information
- Pathet Lao
- Obligations
- Delay
- Telecommunications
  - Embassy
  - Cable
  - Transfer of information

Scowcroft left at an unknown time before 11:02 am.
Conversation No. 887-6 (cont’d)

Date: March 22, 1973
Time: Unknown between 11:04 am and 11:44 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Carlos Sanz de Santamaria and William J. Jorden. The White House photographer and members of the press were present at the beginning of the meeting.

Greetings

Photographs

Santamaria's health

Latin America
- Trip by William P. Rogers
- Trip by President
- Scheduling
- US attention
  - People’s Republic of China [PRC]
  - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
  - Europe
  - Japan
- Panama
- Anti-Americanism
- President's policies
- Results
  - President’s position in US and world
  - President’s speeches
- Political issues
  - Compared to economic issues
  - Panama
    - Organization of American States’ [OAS] role
    - Canal Zone security

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 11:04 am.

Refreshment
The unknown man left at an unknown time before 11:44 am.

Latin America
  - Focus on security
    - Compared to development
    - Historical changes
  - Role of OAS
    - Ambassadors
      - Rogers
      - Duties
  - OAS
    - Meeting in Washington, DC
      - Rogers
    - Reception for members
      - President's attendance
      - Scheduling
  - Trip by president
    - Demonstrations
      - Frequency
        - End of Vietnam War
  - US relations
    - Ambassadors
      - Colombia, Brazil
    - Number
      - US, United Nations [UN], OAS
  - OAS
    - Purpose
      - Security
      - Development
    - Proposed reform
      - Development agency within OAS
      - Brazil, Argentina, Mexico
      - Canada, US
      - Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development [OECD]
    - European model
    - Transformation of OAD
      - Meeting of foreign ministers
-Purpose
  -Development
    -Compared to political issues
-OAS
  -Santamaria’s term
    -Resignation
      -Political disputes within OAS
        -Mexico, Venezuela, North America
        -Chile, Argentina
      -Desire for international cooperation
        -US role in development
          -Capital investment
    -Delayed departure
-Nixon Doctrine
  -Application to Latin America
    -Contacts for President
      -Mort Sedgwick [?]
-New approaches
  -Adoption of new policies
    -Deadlines
  -Santamaria's tenure in office
    -Attitude towards US
-US relations with Latin American
  -President’s friendship
  -Diversions
    -Vietnam settlement
  -Core policies
-Panama
  -Political situation
    -Origins
      -Omar Torrijos [?]
      -Theodore (“Teddy”) Roosevelt
        -Acquisition of land
          -Panama, Colombia
  -Anti-Americanism
    -Effect
-Anti-Americanism
  -Threats to capital investment
  -Threats to security of Latin America and US
Missiles
Conventional warfare
Psychological effect
Countermeasures
Summits
OAS
Alliance for Progress
Preparations
Panama
Bogota
Brazilia
Compared with PRC, USSR
Summits
Predictable outcomes
OAS
Obsolescence
Economic compared to security focus
Canada
Future
Institutions
Alliance for Progress
Age
Obsolescence
Changes in US foreign policy
PRC
Communists
USSR
Arms control
Southeast Asia
Cease-fire violations
Middle East
Attitude of Latin Americans
Philosophical bent
Idealism
US
Compared to Europe
President’s pragmatism
Meetings between Henry A. Kissinger and Santamaria
Exchange of views
- Kissinger’s work on Middle East
- Importance of Latin America
  - Sentiment
- US-Latin American relations
  - USSR, PRC
  - Changes
    - Institutions
- US aid
  - Issue
  - Conditions
    - Private investment
    - Concerns
- Chile
  - Nationalization of US companies
  - International Telephone and Telegraph [ITT]
- Reexamination of institutions, goals
  - Security compared to economic goals
  - Political goals
  - Need for new organizations
  - Bilateral relations
  - OAS, UN
  - Inter-American Development Bank
  - Speeches
  - Objectives
  - Proposals for reform
- OAS
  - Changes in structure
  - Personnel
    - Votes
    - Political issues
- Common goals with US
  - International monetary system
  - Urban development
  - Environment
  - Agricultural production
- Political issues
  - Law of the sea
  - UN
- Changes in structure
Santamaria’s goals
Open economics
Canada
OECD
Meeting in Quito
Paul Martin [?]
Europe
Santamaria's speech
Topics
Coordination with President’s policies
Alliance for Progress
OAS assembly

Nixon Doctrine
Budget
Purpose
US dominance
Self-help
Respect for diversity
Latin America, Asia, and Africa
Economic and social systems
Application of US model
Expectations

Economic development
Need for different systems
Agrarian economics
Production of raw materials
Industrialization
Per capita income

Post-World War II US policy
Henry Fairlie's book about John F. Kennedy
Attempts to remake world in US image
US strength and prosperity

Nixon Doctrine
Purpose
Asia
US involvement
Self-help for other nations
Application to Latin America
Defense, economic programs
-Question of best system
-US institutions
  -Housing
    -Quality
  -Education
    -Problems
      -Higher education
      -Vocational training
-Health systems
  -Differences among countries
    -Illness
    -Vaccinations
-Recognition of differences
  -Housing
  -Urban policy
  -Welfare
  -Hunger
    -Caloric requirements
-Sources of conflict with other nations
  -Superiority of US
  -Diversity in US
  -Respect
  -Foreign policy
    -Antagonism
-Application to Latin America
  -Shared geography
  -Santamaria’s statements
    -Internal affairs
    -Noninterference

Future meeting with President
  -Timing
  -Santamaria’s schedule
    -Quito
  -Follow-up

President’s family

Santamaria and Jorden left at an unknown time before 11:44 am.
The President met with George H. W. Bush, William E. Brock, III, Robert H. Michel and William E. Timmons. The White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

Greetings
Photographs
Congratulations
Congress
Seating arrangements
Purpose of meeting
  -Preliminary meeting
  -Elections
Congressional relations
  -House campaign committees
  -Orientation
    -Robert C. (“Bob”) Wilson
  -Candidate selection
  -Fundraising
  -Candidate selection
    -Clarence J. (“Bud”) Brown, Jr.
Conversation No. 887-7 (cont’d)

-Recruitment
-Refusal
-Reasons
  -John Rousselot
  -Democrats
-Changing Brown’s mind
  -Wilson
  -Gerald R. Ford
  -Grand Rapids
  -Carleton J. King
  -Rousselot
  -Harold R. Collier
  -Wilson
  -Motivations

-Bush’s political role
  -Timmons
-Candidate selections
  -Recruitment of a director of campaign
    -Age
    -Qualities
  -President’s role in 1974 campaign
    -Support for all incumbents
      -Political orientation
-1974 election
  -Vulnerabilities
    -Age
-Candidate recruitment
  -President’s role
    -1970 election
    -Support role in final campaign
      -Spiro T. Agnew and other potential 1976 presidential candidates
-Assistance to candidates
  -Money
  -Speakers
-New candidates
  -Quality
-White House support for House candidates
  -Selective support
  -Incumbency
-Age of new candidates
  -Maximum age for House of Representatives
  -Congressional leadership
  -Candidate in Pennsylvania
    -Alvin W. Levenhagen
    -Age
      -Herbert C. Hoover
  -Emphasis on youth and Freshmen Republicans
    -Wilson
    -Minority status
  -Selection
    -Criteria
    -Program
      -Wilson
      -Brown
  -White House assistance
  -Youth vote
    -Kenneth S. Rietz
      -H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
    -Support for Republicans
  -Current candidates
    -Qualifications

Republicans
  -Conflicts among Congressional Campaign Committees and Republican National Committee [RNC]
    -Jealousy
    -Money
  -Work of Bush, Brock, and Michel
    -Cooperation
      -Research staff
      -Polling
    -White House staff
    -Polling
      -Use of Federal funds for issue polling
    -Cooperation
      -Frequency
      -White House help
-Congress
  -“Doves” Liberals
    -Senate
    -Vietnam War, defense
    -Budget
    -Tolerance
  -Governors
    -Independence
    -New York
      -Nelson A. Rockefeller’s standing
    -California
      -Selection of candidate
        -Role of Ronald W. Reagan
    -Need for study by RNC
    -New Jersey primary
      -William T. Cahill
      -Noninvolvement
  -Congressional Campaign Committees
    -Recruitment
      -Tactics
        -Flexibility
  -Incumbents
    -President’s influence
    -Retirements
      -Marlow W. Cook
      -Henry L. Bellmon
      -William B. Saxbe
        -Ohio
        -Opposition to retirement
    -Bellmon
      -Desire to retire
      -Reaction to Senate
        -Governorship
        -Personality
  -Oklahoma
    -Charles B. (“Bud”) Wilkinson
      -Race for Senate
        -Chances
        -Democratic opponent
Conversation No. 887-7 (cont’d)

-David Hall
  - Compared with Arkansas race
  - Problems
    - Race for governor
    - Bellmon
      - Attitude
      - Meeting with Bush
        - Energy
        - Grassroots
    - Dewey F. Bartlett
  - Governors
    - Small states
      - Size of problems
  - Fundraising
    - Problems
      - Watergate
      - Public relations funds
    - House races
      - Lack of funding
      - Richard Simpson
  - RNC
    - President’s schedule
      - Spring dinners
        - House Campaign Committee
      - House dinners
  - New Majority campaign
    - Fundraising for House candidates
    - Governors
    - Division of funds
      - Simpson
        - Dwight D. Eisenhower
  - Fundraising
    - Senators
    - House contests
      - Incumbents
      - Amounts distributed
  - Senate
    - William Scott
      - Dinners
Conversation No. 887-7 (cont’d)

-Jesse A. Helms
-Winners
  -Amount of work
  -Gordon L. Allott, Jack Miller, J. Caleb Boggs, Margaret Chase Smith
  -Defeat in 1972 election
-Tennessee
  -Appreciation of President

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]
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Bush, Brock, Michel, and Timmons left at 12:12 pm.

Conversation No. 887-8

Date:  March 22, 1973
Time:  12:12 pm
Location:  Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President’s schedule
  -Raymond P. Shafer
  -Cable Television Association
  -Clay T. (“Tom”) Whitehead

Photograph session
  -Oliver F. (“Ollie”) Atkins [?]

Bull left at 12:12 pm.

Conversation No. 887-9

Date:  March 22, 1973
Time:  12:12 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Geoffrey C. Shepard [?].

Meeting with National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse
- Presentation of report
- Presidential cufflinks

Shepard [?] left at 12:12 pm.

Date: March 22, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:12 pm and 12:27 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Raymond P. Shafer, Dana L. Farnsworth, Henry Brill, Joan Cooney, Charles O. Galvin, John A. Howard, Maurice H. Seevers, J. Thomas Ungerleider, Mitchell Ware, Kenneth R. Cole, Jr. and Geoffrey C. Shepard. The White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

Introductions
- Cooney
- Farnsworth
  - Vice chairman
- Ungerleider
  - University of California, Los Angeles [UCLA]
- Seevers
  - University of Michigan
- Galvin
  - Southern Methodist Law School
- Howard
  - Illinois
- Ware
  - Illinois
- Brill
  - New York
-Distinguished group

Photographs
- Arrangements

National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse
- Work
- Expenditures
- First report
- Final report
- Deadline
- Efficiency
- Final report
- Value
- Gratitude of President
- Appreciation of Commission

- Drug abuse
  - Marijuana use
    - Penalties
  - Controversy of Commission
  - Value of work
    - President’s view
    - Congress’ view
    - Study of drugs and alcohol
    - Further research

- Scope of work
- Proposals
  - White House policies
  - Private sector involvement

- Drug abuse
  - Impact on nation
  - Dependency
  - Press coverage
    - Public service announcement
  - Information
- Report for President
  - Reading

Presidential gifts
Conversation No. 887-10 (cont’d)

-Nixon Presidential Library and Museum

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Conversation No. 887-10 (cont’d)

-Cufflinks
-Flags

President’s meeting with Carlos Sanz de Santamaria

Theodore (“Teddy”) Roosevelt
- Panama Canal
-Relations with Colombia
-Design of presidential seal [?]

Gifts
-Comparison

Commission members
- Affiliations
  -University of Illinois
  -University of Michigan
  -Harvard University
  -Rockford, Illinois
  -Southern Methodist Law School
  -Former Dean
- UCLA
  -Basketball

Cable television
-Follow-up

Shafer, et al. left at 12:27 pm.

Date: March 22, 1973
Time: 12:27 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull and Michael J. Farrell.
President's schedule
- Meeting with Mrs. Bruce Bedford
  - President’s meetings with former presidents
    - Herbert C. Hoover, Harry S. Truman, Dwight D. Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson
      - Franklin D. Roosevelt
  - Seating for photographs

Bull and Farrell left at 12:27 pm.

Conversation No. 887-10 (cont’d)

Date: March 22, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:27 pm and 12:32 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Mrs. Bruce Bedford, III and Michael J. Farrell. Members of the press and White House photographer were present at the beginning of the meeting.

Mrs. Bedford's meetings with former Presidents
- Number

Mrs. Bedford's birthday
- President's birthday

Photograph session
- Mrs. Bedford meetings with former Presidents
  - Benjamin Harrison
  - President’s chair
  - Quality of life
  - Mothers

Mrs. Bedford
- Residence
  - New Jersey
    - President's visits
      - Campaigning
Presidential gifts
   - Seal
   - Flag
   - Cufflinks
   - Photographs
   - Copies

Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon
   - Mrs. Bedford's best wishes

Mrs. Bedford
   - Health
   - Age
   - Golf
   - Interests
   - Future presidents

Mrs. Bedford et al., left at 12:32 pm.

Date: March 22, 1973
Time: 12:32 pm - 12:35 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Caldwell Butler and Max L. Friedersdorf. The White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

Introduction

Letters from school children
   - Presentation to President

Photographs
   - Arrangement
Butler’s election  
  -Community response

Hardy Road Elementary School  
  -Size  
  -Photographs of Butler and President  
  -Presentation

Butler’s schedule  
  -Visits home  
  -Mode of travel  
  -Dinner  
  -Jokes

Butler and Friedersdorf left at 12:35 pm.

Date: March 22, 1973  
Time: 12:35 pm - 12:47 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with William J. (“Jack”) Edwards, Oliver Delchamps, Jr., A. A. Wood, William J. Hearin, Jr., Albert Weiskopf, and Richard K. Cook. The White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

Introductions  
  -Edwards  
  -Mobile, Alabama  
  -Alabama delegation  
  -Delchamps  
  -Wood  
  -Hearin  
  -Newspaper publishing  
    -Mobile Press Register  
    -Republican Congress member  
    -Press coverage  
    -1972 campaign  
    -Editorials
Weiskopf
  - Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce

Photographs
  - Arrangements

Tennessee Tombigbee River project
  - Commemorative coins
    - Claude Whistler
    - Budget deficit
    - Map of river system
  - Pride in President
  - Chamber of commerce
  - Delchamps’s business
  - Publicity
    - Mobile
  - Dedication
    - President’s visit
    - George C. Wallace
    - Photographs

Wallace
  - Recovery
    - Difficulties
    - Last meeting with President
      - Governors’ dinner
  - Wife
  - Mobile
  - Lieutenant governor

Southern republicans
  - John C. Stennis
  - Trent Lott
    - Mississippi

Stennis
  - President's calls during convalescence
    - Frequency
    - Recovery from wounds
    - Strength
Southern Congress members
- Support for national security issue, Vietnam
  - Prisoners of war [POWs]
  - Support for President's policies
    - Sense of pride
- Patriotism
  - Denigration
- Mobile
  - Capt. Jeremiah A. Denton, Jr.

POWs
- Dinner
  - Wives
  - Location
  - Entertainment
    - Leslie T. (“Bob”) Hope
  - Denton
    - Religion
- Qualities, attitude
- Solitary confinement
  - Denton, Col. Robinson Risner
- Sense of strength
  - Meat prices

Vietnam settlement
- President’s policies
  - Congress
    - Silence
    - resolution

Edwards
- Career in Congress
  - Leadership position
  - Unknown people
    - Death

Gifts
- Presidential seal
Basketball game

Alabama
- Support for President

Edwards’s career in Congress
- Possible run for Senate

Wilbur D. Mills
- Trade [?]
- President’s telephone call
- News summary
- President's meeting with George P. Shultz
- Shultz’s meeting with Mills

Edwards et al., left at 12:47 pm.

Date: March 22, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:47 pm and 12:48 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull [?].

President’s schedule [?]

Bull [?] left at an unknown time before 12:48 pm.
The President met with Herbert G. Klein, Mrs. Herbert G. Klein, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hall, Tom Hall, and Stephen B. Bull. The White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

Greetings

Flag

Family relationship
   -Grandson

Photographs
   -Arrangements

President's best wishes

Spanish
   -Counting

Photographs
   -Copies

Tom Hall
   -Residence
      -San Diego, California

Photographs
   -Oliver F. (“Ollie”) Atkins

Klein et al., left at 12:53 pm.
Date: March 22, 1973  
Time: 12:53 pm  
Location: Oval Office  

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.  

President's schedule  
- Meeting with Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft  

Bull left at 12:53 pm.  

Date: March 22, 1973  
Time: 12:53 pm  
Location: Oval Office  

The President met with Manolo Sanchez [?].  

Lunch order  
- Executive Office Building [EOB] office  
- Cottage cheese  
- Timing  

Sanchez [?] left at 12:53 pm.
Date: March 22, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 12:53 pm and 1:12 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

President's meeting with Ronald L. Ziegler

Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft
- Arrival
- Meeting with President
- Ziegler

The unknown man left and Scowcroft entered at 12:54 pm.

Vietnam settlement
- Message to Laos
- Delivery
- Answer
  - President’s schedule
- Delivery
  - Acapulco, Mexico
  - Courier plane
  - Delays
- Arrival
- Response
  - Contact with President
    - Key Biscayne, Florida
    - Pathet Laos
- Laos
  - US bombing halt
  - Reconnaissance
  - Cease-fire agreement

Vietnam settlement
- Possible air strikes
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Conversation No. 887-19 (cont’d)

-Airplane losses
-Antiaircraft capabilities
  -Laos
-Prisoners of war [POWs]
  -Risks
  -Continued bombing of Cambodia
  -Warning
    -Future cease-fire violations
    -Henry A. Kissinger’s view
  -Airplane losses
  -Military effectiveness
-Value
  -US determination
    -POWs
      -Kissinger’s view
  -Conjecture
    -May 8, 1972 decision

Ziegler entered at 12:59 pm.

-Domestic reaction
  -Press coverage
    -North Vietnam’s infiltration
      -Laos
      -Ho Chi Minh trail
  -POWs
    -New negotiations
  -North Vietnam’s action
    -Provocation
    -Intensity
    -Ho Chi Minh trail
    -Supplies
  -Domestic reaction
    -Airplane losses
  -New POWs
    -Military commission statement
    -Troop withdrawals
    -POW list in Laos
  -Invasion by North Vietnam
    -Return of POWs
POW
-Party
  -Announcement
  -Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon
  -Helen [last name unknown]

Vietnam settlement
-POW release
  -Terms of agreement
    -Timing
    -Laos
  -Kissinger’s press conference
  -President’s speech
  -Press coverage
  -Conditions of troop withdrawal
    -South Vietnam
    -State Department
  -Message

Scowcroft left at 1:04 pm.

Ziegler’s press briefings
-Cost of living
-Summer youth program
-Kenneth R. Cole, Jr.’s program
-Calls to mayors
  -Jacob K. Jacobs
-Tone of response
  -Negativity
  -Cycles

Press relations
-News stories
-Cost of living reports
-Louis] Patrick Gray, III issue
  -Controversy
-Food prices
  -Recent rise
  -New York Times
-Article on White House menu
-White House Chef
  -Henry Haller
  -Virginia H. Knauer’s show
-Demonstrations of concern
-Effect of Soviet gymnast and Mrs. Bruce Bedford photograph

Ziegler's schedule
  -Trip to Florida
    -William P. Rogers
    -Dinner

President's trip to Florida
  -Ziegler's statement
    -Purpose of trip
      -George P. Shultz’s report
      -Energy policy
      -Cost of Living Council

Vietnam settlement
  -Possible air strikes
    -Domestic reaction
      -“Leveling Hanoi”
      -Infiltrations
      -POWs
  -Press concerns
    -Legality
  -Cease-fire agreement violations
    -POWs
    -North Vietnamese action

Mrs. Nixon
  -POW dinner
    -Announcement
      -Timing
    -Entertainment
      -Leslie T. (“Bob”) Hope
    -National security briefing
    -Reception for wives
Conversation No. 887-19 (cont’d)

-Plans

Ziegler left at 1:12 pm.

Conversation No. 887-28

Date: March 22, 1973
Time: Unknown between 1:12 pm and 3:48 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with unknown people.

Delivery [?]

President’s request

Call to duty station [?]

The President and unknown people left at an unknown time before 3:48 pm.

Conversation No. 887-20

Date: March 22, 1973
Time: Unknown between 3:43 pm and 3:48 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President’s schedule
  - Paper
  - Items for signature
  - Meeting with George P. Shultz

Bull left at an unknown time before 3:48 pm.
Date: March 22, 1973
Time: Unknown after 3:43 and 3:48 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President’s schedule
- Telephone call from Pierre E. Trudeau
- Items for signature

Bull left at an unknown time before 3:48.

Date: March 22, 1973
Time: Unknown between 3:48 pm and 4:01 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Pierre E. Trudeau.

[See Conversation No. 44-15; one item has been withdrawn from the conversation]

Date: March 22, 1973
Time: 4:01 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 44-16]
Conversation No. 887-24

Date: March 22, 1973
Time: 4:01 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President’s schedule
-Items for the President's signature
-Meeting with George P. Shultz

Bull left at 4:01 pm.

Conversation No. 887-25

Date: March 22, 1973
Time: Unknown between 4:02 pm and 4:05 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with William P. Rogers.

[See Conversation No. 44-17; one item has been withdrawn from the conversation]

Conversation No. 887-26

Date: March 22, 1973
Time: Unknown between 4:05 pm and 5:00 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with George P. Shultz and John D. Ehrlichman.
US-Canada relations
  - Shultz’s contact with John H. Turner

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[National security]
[Duration: 5s]

CANADA

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
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- Trade
  - Wilbur D. Mills speech
  - Peter M. Flanigan
    - Committee on International Economic Policy [CIEP]
      - Annual report
  - Shultz’s call to Turner
    - Canada’s cabinet meeting

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- Turner’s attendance at Canada’s cabinet meeting

Economy
Tape Subject Log  
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-Shultz’s trip to Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
- Shultz’s impressions on USSR’s leadership
- Leonid I. Brezhnev
  - Manner, personality

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 4:05 pm.

Refreshment

The unknown man left and Steven B. Bull entered at an unknown time before 5:00 pm.

Arthur F. Burns

President’s schedule
- Flight to Florida
  - Delay

Bull left at an unknown time before 5:00 pm.

Wage and price controls
- Inflation problems
- Meeting of economic advisors
  - Reports
    - Herbert Stein, Burns
    - John T. Dunlop
    - Roy L. Ash
- Administrations plans
  - Formulation
  - Implementation
    - Public concern
      - Food prices
  - Dunlop
  - Stein
    - Support for current policies
  - Ezra Solomon
    - Support for price freeze
  - William E. Simon
    - Contracts with business
    - Phase III
Current problems
- Phase III compared with Phase II
  - Food prices
    - International scope
    - Travel
  - Perspective
- Shultz's opposition to controls
  - Discussion at Camp David
  - Problem of ending controls

Meetings with President
- Economic advisors
  - Scheduling
    - California

Current problems
- Solutions
  - Partial freeze
- Controls
  - Opposition
    - Raw agricultural products
- Prices
  - International scope
- Burns
  - Support for Phase III
  - Interest rates
  - Work on budget
  - Proposals
    - Pre-notification of price increases
- 90-day price freeze
  - Return to Phase I
- August 1971 comparison
  - Economic state
    - Excess capacity
    - Political advantages
- Price freeze
  - Long-range problems
    - Consumer demand
    - Inflation
    - Belief in markets
  - Political impact
-Food prices
  -Significance
    -Business community
    -Raw agricultural products
-Labor-Management Advisory Committee
  -Meeting
    -President's presence
  -Proposals
  -Labor
    -Opposition to Phase I
      -Wage controls
    -George Meany
    -Attitude toward inflation
    -President's meeting with labor leaders
      -Timing
    -Reaction to recent price rises
      -Miami, Florida
      -Wholesale price index
-Labor
  -Meeting with President
    -Scheduling
    -Location
-Labor-Management Advisory Committee
  -Commission on Industrial Peace [?]
    -Dunlop
    -Frank E. Fitzsimmons
      -Transportation
    -James D. Hodgson
    -Shultz's attendance
    -President’s role
    -Charles W. Colson's attendance
      -Problem
      -Purpose
-Colson
  -Work with labor leaders
  -Conflict with Meany
  -Closeness to administration
-Congressional act
  -Strike limitations
-Administration proposals on bankruptcy
  -Study group
    -Claude S. Brinegar, Simon, Kenneth W. Dam
  -Proposals
-Federal government’s role
  -Private solution
-Administration proposal
  -Retention of efficient lines
    -Identification and separation as new corporation
    -Profitable operation
-Old claims
  -Labor
    -Source of cash
    -Selling stock
-Report for President
-Federal government operation
  -Study group
    -Expertise
      -Simon
  -Uneconomical portions
    -Sale
      -Judge's decision on assets
      -Responsibility
-Recommendations to Congress
  -Big business
    -Economic support

Congressional relations
- Shultz’s meeting with Mills
  -Future cooperation
- *Meet the Press* appearance
  -Transcript
    -Tax reform
    -Trade
  -International monetary system
- Shultz’s call
- Mills’s unpredictability
Economy
   - Meany
      - Shultz's call
         - Fitzsimmons [?]
      - President's opposition to wage controls
         - Farmers
   - Farm subsidies
      - Administrative proposals
         - Farmers' Congress members
         - Problems
         - Budget vetoes
         - Votes
   - Trade
      - Shultz's testimony on taxes and trade
         - Briefing of Congress
      - Work with Mills
   - International monetary reform
      - Shultz's meeting with Anthony Barker
   - Trade
   - Energy
   - Foreign leaders
      - Valery Giscard d'Estaing
      - Helmut H. W. Schmidt, Barber
      - Political influence
   - Meetings
      - Location
         - Treasury Department
         - White House
         - Camp David
      - Timing
      - Location
         - White House
      - Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
   - Arrangements
      - Lunch
      - Entry to White House
         - Privacy
      - President's presence
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- Location
- Tax credits for private education
- Refundability
  - Shultz's support
  - Ways and Means bill
- Opposition
  - Constitutional question
  - Tax deduction
- Political dimensions
  - Burden on Congress
  - Reaction of Catholics
  - Equity issues

Eleanor Roosevelt
- Elliott Roosevelt
- Franklin D. Roosevelt
- Lucy Mercer, Missy Lee Hand
- Number of children
- Birth control

Economic issues
- Tax credits for private education
  - Burden on Congress
  - Political consideration
  - Burden on Supreme Court
- Simon
- Shultz
  - Areas of responsibility
  - Taxes
  - Wage and price controls
    - Phase III
  - Trade
    - Labor Department
- Welfare
  - Family Assistance Plan
  - Negative income tax
  - Herman Kahn
  - Great Britain’s reforms
  - Solutions
-Great Britain's reforms
-Pennsylvania Central Railroad
-Shultz
-Areas of responsibility
  -Priorities
  -Amount of work
  -Taxes trade
  -Phase III
    -Commerce Department
      -Frederick B. Dent
        -Capabilities
-Golf
-Meeting with Meany
-Meeting with Fitzsimmons
-Assignments
  -Shultz's administrative role
    -Helmut ("Hal") Sonnenfeldt
      -Henry A. Kissinger's office
        -Knowledge of Europe trade
          -International monetary situation
            -Knowledge of languages
              -Russian
              -German
              -French
-Sonnenfeldt
  -Work with Shultz
  -Personality
  -Conflicts with Kissinger
  -Intelligence
-Natural gas deal with USSR
-Sonnenfeldt
  -Kissinger
  -Competence
    -USSR summit
  -Work with Kissinger
  -Work with Shultz
    -Simon
    -Intelligence
Personnel appointments
- Treasury Department
  - General Counsel
  - Edward C. Schmults
    - Intelligence
  - George D. Webster
    - Possible appointment
    - Shultz’s reaction
    - Record with labor
      - Internal Revenue Service [IRS]
      - Meany
    - Labor opposition
    - H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman

Henry Kearns
- Resignation from Export - Import Bank
- Replacement
  - Kearn's recommendation
  - [First name unknown] Larsen
    - Background
      - San Francisco law firm
      - Ivy League
    - Kearns's opinion

Pierre-Paul Schweitzer
- Reappointment to International Monetary Fund [IMF]
  - Other candidates
  - Shultz's recommendation
    - Appointment length
    - Other candidates
      - Europeans
  - Post
    - Importance
    - Relationship with president
      - Kissinger

President's trip to Florida
- Return
  - Demonstration
    - Jewish Defense League
Economic policy
-Phase III
  -Problems
  -Shultz’s meetings with Stein, Dunlop and Burns
  -Labor-Management Advisory Committee
  -Proposals
    -President's judgment
      -Criteria
        -Political implications
        -Labor
        -Congressional relations
        -Stock market
        -Editorials
        -Finance and business people
  -Public relations problems
  -Shultz as spokesman
  -Statements and controls
  -Repetition on Phase II
  -Lack of confidence in program
- Europe
  -Great Britain
    -Labor relations
      -Strikes
      -Spirit of confrontation
    -Inflation
    -Comparison with US
      -Economy
      -Avoidance of class warfare
      -Political costs
      -Labor settlements
- Food prices
  -Complaints
- Problems
  -Need for action
    -Public relations considerations
  -Food price freeze
    -Next month's figures
Conversation No. 887-26 (cont’d)

-Firing of economists
-Food prices
-Kansas City
-Increases in basic commodities
- Earl L. Butz
- Report to President

Shultz's trip
- Press briefing
- Call to Turner
- Talk with Mills
- Dollar

Shultz and Ehrlichman left at an unknown time before 5:00 pm.

Conversation No. 887-27

Date: March 22, 1973
Time: 5:00 pm
Location: Oval Office

Unknown people [United States Secret Service agents?] met.

Helicopter
- President’s location [?]
- Cable [?]
- Departure [?]

[Helicopter noise]