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Tape Subject Log
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Conversation No. 897-1

Date: April 16, 1973
Time: Unknown between 9:24 am and 9:50 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule

- John W. Dean, III
- George P. Shultz
- Troika meeting [?]
- Henry E. Peterson
- Executive Office Building [EOB]

Bull left at an unknown time before 9:50 am.

Conversation No. 897-2

Date: April 16, 1973
Time: Unknown between 9:24 am and 9:50 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule

- Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo
- Meeting with President
- Trip to Florida

Bull left at an unknown time before 9:50 am.

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Conversation No. 897-3 (cont'd)

Conversation No. 897-3

Date: April 16, 1973
Time: 9:50 am - 9:59 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman.

President's schedule

- Forthcoming Building Trades speech
- Meetings
- Problems with advance planning

Watergate

- William P. Rogers
 - Possible meeting with Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman
- John W. Dean, III's forthcoming meeting with President
 - Vulnerabilities
 - Taping system
 - Haldeman, Ehrlichman
 - Possible revelations
 - President's role in investigation
- Grand jury
 - Jeb Stuart Magruder's appearance
 - Frederick C. LaRue
 - Gordon C. Strachan
- Magruder
 - Appearance in court
 - Indictments
 - Guilty pleas
- G[eorge] Gordon Liddy
 - President's instructions through Henry E. Peterson, April 15, 1973
 - John N. Mitchell
- Dean
 - Reference to bugs
 - Joseph C. Kraft
 - Plumbers operation

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- Haldeman's knowledge
 - Employee of Herbert W. Kalmbach
 - Ehrlichman
 - John J. ("Jack") Caulfield
 - E. Howard Hunt, Jr.
- Executive privilege

Haldeman talked with Ehrlichman at an unknown time between 9:50 am and 9:59 am.

[Conversation No. 897-3A]

[Begin telephone conversation]

Meeting in the Oval Office

[End telephone conversation]

Watergate

-Dean

-Reference to bugs

-Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] wiretaps

-National security

-J. Edgar Hoover

-Congressional inquiry

-Mitchell's cancellation

-Haldeman's knowledge

Ehrlichman entered at an unknown time after 9:50 am.

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[Begin transcribed portion]

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time before 9:59 am.

Bull left at an unknown time before 9:59 am.

[End of transcribed portion]

Haldeman and Ehrlichman left at 9:59 am.

Conversation No. 897-4

Date: April 16, 1973
Time: 10:00 am - 10:40 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with John W. Dean, III.

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Conversation No. 897-4 (cont'd)

transcript.]

[Begin transcribed portion]

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 10:00 am.

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:40 am.

[End transcribed portion]

Dean left at 10:40 am.

Conversation No. 897-5

Date: April 16, 1973

Time: 10:40 am - 10:50 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule

-Address to building trades unions

-Time

-Delay

-George P. Shultz

-Departure time

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:50 am.

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Conversation No. 897-6

Date: April 16, 1973
Time: Unknown between 10:40 am and 10:50 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule
-Arthur F. Burns and George P. Shultz
-Troika
-Postponement of meeting
-Quadriad meeting

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:50 am.

Conversation No. 897-7

Date: April 16, 1973
Time: Unknown between 10:40 am 10:50 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule
-Departure
-Meeting with Daniel P. ("Pat") Moynihan [?]

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:50 am.

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Conversation No. 897-17

Date: April 16, 1973
Time: Unknown between 10:40 am and 10:50 am
Location: Oval Office

Stephen B. Bull met with Peter J. Brennan and an unknown man.

President's schedule

Greeting

Bull, Brennan, and the unknown man left at an unknown time before 10:50 am.

Conversation No. 897-8

Date: April 16, 1973
Time: Unknown between 10:40 am and 10:50 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule

- Building Trade Association meeting
- Peter J. Brennan
 - Reception
 - Kenneth R. Cole, Jr.

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:50 am.

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Conversation No. 897-9 (cont'd)

Conversation No. 897-9

Date: April 16, 1973
Time: 10:50 am - 11:04 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman.

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John D. Ehrlichman
-Presence

Haldeman talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 10:50 am and 11:04 am.

[Conversation No. 897-9A]

[Begin telephone conversation]

Ehrlichman
-Meeting in the Oval Office

[End telephone conversation]

Ehrlichman

Ehrlichman entered at an unknown time after 10:50 am.

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Conversation No. 897-9 (cont'd)

[Begin transcribed portion]

[End of transcribed portion]

Haldeman and Ehrlichman left at 11:04 am.

Conversation No. 897-10

Date: April 16, 1973

Time: Unknown between 11:57 am and 12:00 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule

- Forthcoming events
- Alcoholics Anonymous [AA]
- President of Rotary
 - President's signature [?]
- Recommendation of John D. Ehrlichman and H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
 - Postponement
- Giulio Andreotti's arrival
 - President's afternoon break
- Cabinet
 - Meetings with Secretaries and Undersecretaries
 - Ehrlichman
- William E. Timmons's recommendation
 - Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson, Jacob K. Javits, Abraham A. Ribicoff
 - Jewish bipartisan leaders
 - Travel for Easter weekend
- Congressional meeting
 - Energy
- Carl B. Albert, Thomas P. ("Tip") O'Neill, Jr., Gerald R. Ford, Hugh Scott, Jackson

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Conversation No. 897-10 (cont'd)

- George D. Aiken
 - Inclusion in meeting
- J. William Fulbright
 - Meeting with Timmons
- Smithsonian Museum of Natural History concert
 - Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
 - Sanford Fortune [?]
 - Reception attendance
- Roy L. Ash
 - Film message on energy
 - Energy meeting
 - Ehrlichman
 - Leadership meeting
- Troika
- Arthur F. Burns
 - Quadriad
 - Burns's inclusion
 - George P. Shultz
- William P. Rogers
 - Executive Office Building [EOB]

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:00 pm.

Conversation No. 897-11

Date: April 16, 1973
Time: 12:00 pm - 12:31 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman.

President's schedule

- Smithsonian Museum of Natural History concert
- Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
- Events in the arts community

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Conversation No. 897-11 (cont'd)

- President's previous meeting with building trades union officials
 - Audience reaction to [First name unknown] Porter [?]
 - Value
 - Prices
 - George P. Shultz
 - Recommendations
- Sympathetic crowds
 - Local unions
 - Issues
- Crime, abortion

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[Begin transcribed portion]

[End transcribed portion]

An unknown man entered at an unknown time before 12:31 pm.

President's schedule

Haldeman and the unknown man left at 12:31 pm.

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Conversation No. 897-12

Date: April 16, 1973
Time: 12:31 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

President's schedule
-John Norris
-Photograph

The unknown man left at 12:31 pm.

Conversation No. 897-13

Date: April 16, 1973
Time: 12:31 pm - 12:39 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with John Norris, Robert Hitchins, Tom Pike, Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger, and James H. Cavanaugh. The White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

Greetings

Introductions

Photographs
-Arrangements

Gift
-One-millionth copy of Alcoholics Anonymous [AA] book
-Contributions

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Conversation No. 897-13 (cont'd)

Tom Pike

- Background
- Advocacy for AA
- Campaign work for President
- Reading of book
- Relationship with President

Work of AA

- William G. ("Bill") Wilson
 - Founder of AA
- Redemptive work of AA
 - Quality of life

Alcoholism

- Effects
- Press
 - Hectic lifestyle
 - Lloyd Evers [?]
 - Walter Trohan
 - Chicago Tribune*
 - US Congress
 - Russell B. Long [?]
 - Types of alcoholics
 - Functional
 - Homeless
 - Wealthy
- Military
 - US Air Force in Europe
 - Captain Joe Sesko [?]

Presentation of gifts

- Presidential cufflinks
- President of Rotary International

Social drinking compared to alcoholism

President's habits concerning alcohol

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Conversation No. 897-13 (cont'd)

- Campaigning
- Trips abroad
- Speeches

Social drinking
-AA philosophy

Norris *et al.* left at 12:39 pm.

Conversation No. 897-14

Date: April 16, 1973
Time: 12:40 pm - 12:54 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Roy D. Hickman and W. Richard Howard. The White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

Hickman's recent travels
-South America, India

Arrangements for photograph
-Flags
-Plaque

Presentation of Paul Harris Fellow Award

Dr. Herbert Harris
-Whittier, California
-Rotary International member
-Instructor at Rotary events
-Lake Placid

President's trips to The People's Republic of China [PRC] and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]

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- Effects around the world
- Hickman's recent travels
 - Cyprus, Pakistan, India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Philippines, Taiwan, Korea, Japan

Hickman's conversation with Indira Gandhi

- Value of Rotary
- World peace
- Local work
- Growth
 - India
- Hickman's theme for Rotary
 - Local interests
 - Criticisms of others

US image in mind

- Hickman's observations
 - President's trips
 - Effect on world
 - Braggadocio
 - Texas
- Hickman's leadership style
 - Political style
 - Letters of appreciation from officials
 - Language, preparation

Hickman's recent travels

- South America
 - Chile, Argentina, Brazil
- Hickman's conversation with Salvador Allende Gossus
- Brazil
 - Emilio Marrastazu Medici
 - Rotary's image [?]
 - Puerto Allegre
 - Rotary's anniversary
- Argentina
 - Rotary's feelings toward Juan Domingo Peron

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-Lack of fear

-Chile

- Opinion of US
- Hopefulness
- Negative signs

-Asia

-Pakistan

-Restrictions on Rotary Clubs in East Pakistan

-Bangladesh

-Reorganization into Calcutta, India district

-US image in world

-Effect of President's trip to PRC and USSR

Vietnam

-Peace agreement

-North Vietnamese adherence

-Cambodia, Laos

-US involvement

-Return of prisoners of war [POWs]

-Rotary clubs in South Vietnam

-Rotary clubs in satellite countries

-Czechoslovakia, Poland

-Rotary clubs in Saigon

-New clubs

Value of Rotary

-President's speech at anniversary

-American values

-Community action

-Volunteerism

-Positive actions

-Impact on towns, communities

-Kiwaniis International

-Communist nations

-Rotary's lack of presence

-Popular desire

-Government opposition to Rotary

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Future of Rotary

- Public service
- Leprosy

Poverty

- US compared with rest of the world
- US citizens receiving welfare assistance
- Latin America, India
- Per capita incomes
 - Europe, Japan
- Gratefulness

POWs

- President's pride
- Heroes
- Humility
- Bangladeshi's children
 - Vaccinations
- Nepalese club
 - Kathmandu
 - Clinic

Winton M. ("Red") Blount

- Postmaster General
- Alabama election
 - Impact of George C. Wallace
- John J. Sparkman
 - Bankers' support in last election
 - William Proxmire
 - Wisconsin
 - President's understanding of bankers' opposition
 - Supporter of President
 - Hickman and Sparkman's college fraternity
- James B. Allen
 - Alabama, Mississippi, Nebraska, Oklahoma

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[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

1972 election
-Support for President
-Alabama, Mississippi

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Presentation of gifts
-Presidential cufflinks

Rotary's contribution to world peace

Hickman's schedule
-Trip to Australia, New Zealand, Tanzania, Africa

Value of Rotary
-Bridging political and national boundaries

Hickman and Cavanaugh left at 12:57 pm.

Conversation No. 897-15

Date: April 16, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:57 pm and 12:58 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown person.

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[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Refreshment

-Consume

President's schedule

-John D. Ehrlichman

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 12:58 pm.

Conversation No. 897-16

Date: April 16, 1973

Time: 12:58 pm - 1:37 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Watergate

-Ziegler's schedule

-John D. Ehrlichman and H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman

-Building Trades event

-Richard Moore, Leonard Garment, H. Chapman ("Chappie") Rose

-Garment

-President's schedule

-William P. Rogers

-Memorandum to President

-Conversation with Ziegler

-President's needs

-Advice of Rogers

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- President's schedule
- Ziegler's meeting with John D. Ehrlichman

Ziegler left at an unknown time before 1:37 pm.

President's schedule

Ziegler entered at an unknown time after 12:58 pm.

Watergate

- White House correspondents' dinner
- Raymond K. Price, Jr.'s conversation with Stephen Rosenfeld of *Washington Post*
 - Robert U. ("Bob") Woodward and Carl Bernstein's information
 - Effect on President's presidency
 - Rosenfeld
 - Support for President
 - Woodward's conversation with David R. Gergen
 - Bernstein
 - Information about Watergate
- Washington Post's* recent activities
 - Motives
 - Waiting for White House
- Possible action by President
 - Moore, Garment, Rose, Ziegler
 - Attorney General
 - John W. Dean, III's report
 - Grand jury's information
 - Dean's withholding of information
 - Dean
 - Haldeman, Ehrlichman
 - Withholding of information
 - Resignation
 - US Attorney
 - President's conversation with Henry E. Petersen, April 15, 1973
- Effect on prosecutions

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- Possible statement
 - Acquisition of information
 - Special prosecutor
 - Petersen's role
 - Special prosecutor
 - Problems
- Petersen
- Possible action by President
 - Haldeman, Ehrlichman, Dean resignations
 - Dean
 - Resignation
 - Removal from case
 - Jeb Stuart Magruder
 - Removal
 - Effect on prosecution
 - Possible statement
 - Role of grand jury
 - Ervin Committee
 - Charles McC. Mathias, Jr.'s statement
 - Appearance of White House staff
 - Televised hearings
 - Dean, Magruder
 - Ehrlichman's opinion
 - Suspension of White House staff members
 - Effect
 - Ehrlichman and Haldeman
 - Benefits to President
 - Harm to usefulness
 - Future revelations
 - Magruder and John N. Mitchell's activities
 - White House staff's involvement
 - Protection of office of President
 - Bold activities
 - Minimum action
 - Rose's advice
 - Haldeman, Ehrlichman
 - Haldeman

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- Effects
- Protection of President
- Public opinion
- President's knowledge of \$350,000
 - Ehrlichman, Haldeman, Dean
 - Rose's advice
 - Moore
- President's investigation
 - Compared with Thomas F. Eagleton's actions
 - George S. McGovern's knowledge of shock therapy
 - Action by President
 - Effect on staff
- President's consideration

[The conversation was cut off at an unknown time before 1:37 pm.]