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Conversation No. 910-1

Date: May 2, 1973

Time: Unknown between 5:10 pm and 5:49 pm

Location: Oval Office

[Continued from Conversation No. 909-30]

An unknown portion of this conversation was not recorded while the audiotape reels were changed.

The President met with Otto E. Passman, John Hannah, William E. Timmons, and Henry A. Kissinger.

Vietnam

- Negotiations with North Vietnam
 - Agreement on Ending the War and Restoring Peace in Vietnam
 - Compliance
- Paris Peace Talks
 - Kissinger's forthcoming trip
 - Timing
 - Agreement on Ending the War and Restoring Peace in Vietnam
 - US foreign aid
 - North Vietnam's acceptance
 - Congressional appropriations process
 - Maurice J. Williams

Foreign Assistance Act of 1973

- White House position
 - Possible explanations to Congress
- Passman
 - Security
 - Support for President
 - Public statements
 - Press coverage
 - Louisiana

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- House Appropriations Committee, Democrats, Louisiana
- Negotiations with North Vietnam
 - Passman's possible terms
 - Background
 - Terms
 - Grant aid
- Prospects in Congress
 - Loans compared to grants
 - Repayment
 - Compared to developing nations
 - Cambodia, Laos, South Vietnam, Korea
 - Passman's role
- President's possible proposal for North Vietnam
- Passman's role
- President's possible veto
- North Vietnam allocation
- Prospects in Congress
 - Passman's leadership
 - Vote count
 - Democrats
 - Communication with White House
 - President's possible veto

Kissinger left at 5:23 pm.

Foreign aid legislation

- Passman, Hannah
- Aid to North Vietnam
 - Request
 - US leverage
 - Passman's support
- Foreign Operations Subcommittee of the House of Representative and Senate
 - Hannah's testimony
 - Passman
 - Gale W. McGee
 - Conference bill
 - Passman's leadership style

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- Support for President
- William Proxmire
 - McGee's replacement
 - Attitude toward foreign aid
 - Leadership style
 - Staff
 - Refusal to meet with Hannah
 - Testimony
- Foreign Assistance Act
 - Passman's leadership
 - J. William Fulbright, John J. McClellan, Allen J. Ellender
- Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives and Senate
 - Conference committee
 - Proxmire's role
 - Vote
 - Daniel K. Inouye
 - Previous hearings
 - Henry K. Giugni
 - Hannah's assessment
 - Future
- Foreign Operations Subcommittee
 - Proxmire's leadership
 - Hearings
- Conference Committee
 - Proxmire
 - McClellan
- Aid to North Vietnam
 - Passman's role
 - Congressional action
 - William's assessment
 - Lyndon B. Johnson's request
 - President's estimate
 - International commitments
 - Edward W. Brooke's statement
 - Bi-partisan Congressional leadership meeting
 - Kurt Waldheim
 - Dollar amount

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- Peace settlement
 - Kissinger
- Grants compared to loans
- North Vietnam compared to South Vietnam
- Authorization bill
 - Foreign Affairs Committee
 - Hannah's conversations with Dr. Thomas E. ("Doc") Morgan, Clement J. Zablocki, Dante B. Fascell, William S. Mailliard
 - Loan requirements
 - Timmons's viewpoint
 - Foreign Affairs Committee hearings
 - Morgan
 - Timing
 - Schedule
 - State Department
 - Hannah
 - William P. Rogers, Robert S. McNamara [?]
 - Report
- Fulbright's bill
 - Foreign Relations Committee hearings
 - Military assistance and security assistance
 - [David] Kenneth Rush, Richard G. Lugar, Elliot L. Richardson
- House of Representatives bill
 - Military assistance
- Authorization bill
 - Fulbright
 - Necessity
 - Procedure
 - Rules Committee
 - Fulbright's bill
 - Morgan's bill
 - Appropriations Committee
 - Fulbright
- Aid to North Vietnam
 - Hannah's support
 - Kissinger's negotiations
 - President's foreign policy powers

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- Congressional authorization, appropriations
- Loans to Laos, Cambodia, South Vietnam, Korea
- Loam
- Foreign Aid bill
 - Delay
- Passman's conversation with F. Edward Hebert
 - Vote count
 - Foreign aid bill
 - Chance success
- Cost of Vietnam War
- Passman's support for President
 - Presidential elections
 - Illinois, Texas, New Mexico
 - Passman's experience
 - Foreign aid bill
 - Prospects in Congress
 - Foreign operations subcommittee hearings
 - Hannah
 - Passman's leadership
 - Relationship with Hannah
- Passman's proposal
 - Hannah's support
 - Rogers
 - Passman's trips to Korea, South Vietnam
 - Reaction
 - Country-by-country analysis
 - Hannah, State Department, Defense Department role
- Aid to North Vietnam
 - Commitments by administration
 - North Vietnam expectation
 - Grant aid
 - Peace negotiations
 - Reconstruction program
 - House Foreign Affairs Committee
 - Timing
 - Rehabilitation, humanitarian, technical assistance
 - Grant aid

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- Refugee, family planning aid
- Industrial development
 - Loans
 - Grants and low-interest loans
 - Passman's support
 - Prospects in Congress
- Passman's proposal
 - Military, training assistance
 - Scale
 - Grants compared to loans
 - Prospects in Congress
- Passman's proposal
 - Cost analysis
 - Loss of life
 - President's negotiating position
 - Possible impact on peace
 - Prospects in Congress
- Prospects in Congress
- Passman's proposal
 - Support from Hannah, Rogers, Gerald R. Ford, Morgan
 - Compared to Nixon Doctrine
- Possible "Passman-Nixon Plan"
 - Possible statement
 - Grants compared to loans
 - National security matters
 - Technical assistance
- Phraseology
- Passman's support for President
- Aid to South Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Korea
 - Passman's visit
- South Vietnam
 - Hannah's visit
 - Conversation with Ellsworth F. Bunker
 - Reconstruction loans
 - Charles A. Cooper's objection
 - Credit rating
 - Terms

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- Reconstruction loans
 - Agency for International Development [AID] loans
 - Repayment
 - Indonesia, Turkey, India, Pakistan
 - Impact on Congressional support
 - Congressional action
 - Compared to International Development Association [IDA] loan terms
 - Passman's proposal
- Passman's efforts
 - Nixon Doctrine
 - Attribution
- Loan repayment
 - Possible default
 - Niger compared to Algeria
 - Oil resources

Unknown people entered at an unknown time after 5:00 pm.

Photographs

Passman's banking experience

- Defaults
- Loan portfolio

Unknown people left at an unknown time before 5:49 pm.

Floods in Louisiana

- Disaster declaration [April 27, 1973]
- President's visit

Kissinger and an unknown man entered at an unknown time after 5:10 pm.

Passman's reports

[Photography session]

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-Passman's gift to Thieu and Park

Passman et al. left at 5:49 pm.

Conversation No. 910-2

Date: May 2, 1973

Time: Unknown between 5:49 pm and 6:15 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule

- H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- Julie Nixon Eisenhower
- Haldeman
- David Packard
- Dr. David K. E. Bruce
- Congressional Open Hour
- Radio taping
 - Henry A. Kissinger
- Packard
- Bruce
- Congressional Open Hour
- Trip to Key Biscayne
 - Julie Nixon Eisenhower
 - Tricia Nixon Cox
 - Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
- Haldeman
- President's departure
 - Message to Julie Nixon Eisenhower
 - Arrangements

Bull left at an unknown time before 6:15 pm.

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Date: May 2, 1973

Time: Unknown between 5:49 pm and 6:15 pm

Location: Oval Office

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

President's schedule

- President's previous meeting with Otto E. Passman

Watergate

- Haldeman
 - Grand jury testimony
 - Invitation to Camp David
- Haldeman's files
 - Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] seizure
 - President's reaction
 - Cabinet meeting [?]
 - Leonard Garment's role
 - Press relations
 - President's ownership
 - FBI seizure
 - Garment's role
 - Motives
 - Possible review by FBI, Justice Department
- Contents
- President's ownership
- Contents
 - Type of material
 - President's communiqués
 - John D. Ehrlichman
 - Kissinger, William P. Rogers [?]
 - Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
- President's ownership

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- Possible subpoena
- Reaction

White House staff reorganization

- George H. W. Bush
 - Possible role
 - Congressional relations
 - Haig's assessment
 - Lack of support for President
 - Republican Party
- Robert H. Finch's conversation with Haldeman
 - Alexander M. Haig, Jr. as replacement for Haldeman
- Haig's possible role as Chief of Staff
 - Temporary basis
 - President's role as Commander-in-Chief
- Dwight D. Eisenhower's staff
 - Gen. Andrew J. Goodpaster
 - Daniel Burston [sp?]
- George P. Shultz
 - Advice
- Domestic Council
 - Spiro T. Agnew, Kenneth R. Cole, Jr.
 - Ehrlichman
- Roy L. Ash
 - Compared with Haig
- Haig
 - Strengths
 - Relationship with President
- President's needs
 - Confidante
- Haldeman's assessment of staffer
- Haig
 - Temporary appointment
 - Impact on Army
 - Strength in staff relations
 - Henry A. Kissinger
 - Schultz

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- Ash
 - Staff relations
 - President's decision making

Watergate

- Break-in at Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist's office
 - President's conversation with John D. Ehrlichman
 - Reporting
 - Justice Department's knowledge
 - John W. Dean, III's conversation with President and Haldeman, March 1973
 - E. Howard Hunt, Jr.
 - Dean's conversation with Egil ("Bud") Krogh, Jr.
 - Henry E. Petersen's knowledge of photograph
 - Justice Department's knowledge

Haldeman

- President's appreciation
 - Need for support

White House staff reorganization

- Haig
 - Meeting with Haldeman
 - Message
 - Meeting with the President
 - Approach
 - Chief of Staff position compared with Haig's ambitions
 - Military service
 - Cambodia
 - Temporary nature of assignment
 - Organizational skills
- William E. Timmons
 - Possible replacement
 - Integrity, experience
 - President's assessment
 - Haldeman's assessment
- John B. Connally
 - Political affiliation

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Watergate

- Haldeman's forthcoming grand jury testimony
 - Executive privilege
 - Garment
 - Possible effects of waiver by the President
 - President's preference
 - President's instructions to Garment
 - Garment's claim of executive privilege
 - Timing
- Haldeman's forthcoming meeting with Samuel Dash
 - Ervin Committee compared to grand jury
- Grand jury
 - Applicability of executive privilege
 - President
 - Impeachment compared with criminal proceedings
 - Garment
 - Need for instructions
 - Haldeman's preparation of memorandum [memo] regarding extent of the President's claim
 - Waiver
 - Guidelines
 - Delivery to Garment
 - Haig
 - Guidelines
 - National security
 - William O. Bittman
 - Delivery to President
- President's Address to the Nation About the Watergate Investigations, April 30, 1973
 - Julie Nixon Eisenhower
 - President's possible resignation
 - President's motives
 - Continuation in office
- Opinion of Haldeman's lawyers concerning Haldeman's case
- New York Times* story, May 2, 1973
 - Dean and Ervin Committee

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- Leaks
- Inaccuracies
 - Ehrlichman's and Haldeman's role in cover-up
 - Committee to Re-elect the President [CRP]
 - Location of meetings
 - Correspondence with Dean, John N. Mitchell

President's schedule

- Departure
- Automobile

The President and Haldeman left at 6:15 pm.

Conversation No. 910-4

Date: May 2, 1973

Time: Unknown between 6:15 pm - 6:16 pm

Location: Oval Office

Unknown persons met.

President's schedule

- Arrangements
- Attire [?]

The unknown persons left at an unknown time.

Conversation No. 910-5

Date: May 2, 1973

Time: Unknown between 6:16 pm and 11:59 pm

Location: Oval Office

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An unknown man and an unknown woman met.

President's schedule

-Travel arrangements [?]

-Item [?]

The unknown persons left at an unknown time before 11:59 pm.