Date: May 8, 1973
Time: Unknown between 4:31 pm and 5:16 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President’s schedule
  - Pen [?]
  - Weather [?]

Alexander M. Haig, Jr. entered and Bull left at 4:32 pm.

Watergate
  - Haig’s conversation with Elliot L. Richardson
    - John W. Dean, III’s papers
      - Justice Department
      - Statement

An unknown person [Manolo Sanchez ?] entered at an unknown time after 4:32 pm.

Refreshment

The unknown person [Manolo Sanchez ?] left at an unknown time before 5:16 pm.

Watergate
  - Haig’s conversation with Richardson
    - Dean’s papers
      - Copies
    - Cabinet changes
    - Confirmation hearings
      - Attorney General
      - Special Prosecutor
    - [Horace] Chapman (“Chappie”) Rose
      - Travel to Washington, DC
Conversation No. 913-1 (cont’d)

- President’s previous conversation with Richard A. Moore
  - Ervin Committee hearings
  - Dean
    - Possible testimony
    - Rose
  - Ervin Committee hearings
    - Possible injunction
    - Immunity
    - Immunity for Dean
    - Executive privilege
      - Grand jury
      - Effect on Haldeman
    - Effect on judicial process
  - Executive privilege
    - Perception of indirect admission
      - “Guilt of President”
  - Grand jury testimony compared to Congressional testimony
  - Guidelines for witnesses
    - Leonard Garment
    - Rose, Moore
  - Judge John J. Sirica
  - Dean
    - Conversation with President and Haldeman, September 15, 1972
      - Haig’s informing Haldeman
  - Haldeman’s forthcoming grand jury
  - Need for truth
  - Dean
    - Meeting with President and Haldeman, September 15, 1972
      - Haldeman’s conversation with Ronald L. Ziegler
      - Possible effects of forthcoming testimony
      - Possible statements
  - Haldeman
    - Forthcoming grand jury testimony
      - Executive privilege
  - White House strategy
An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 4:32 pm.

Senate’s schedule

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 5:16 pm.
Conversation No. 913-1 (cont’d)

-National security
-Administration response
  -Moore
  -Patrick J. Buchanan
  -Garment
  -Rose
  -Raymond K. Price, Jr.
  -Buchanan, Moore, Rose, Garment
-William P. Rogers
-Executive privilege
  -Conversations with President regarding illegal activities
    -National security
-Dean
  -Immunity
-Presidency
  -John B. Connally’s advice regarding price freeze
    -Declaration of war
-Public mood
-Ervin Committee hearings
  -Possible delays by administration
    -Garment
  -Possible injunction by lawyers for Mitchell and Haldeman
  -Possible action by White House
    -Grand jury indictments
  -Richardson’s confirmation

Forthcoming Cabinet meeting
  -William E. Colby

Personnel Appointments
  -William E. Colby
    -Announcement
  -Richardson’s confirmation
    -Delay
      -Recommendation
  -Colby
  -Domestic Council
Conversation No. 913-1 (cont’d)

-Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] directorship
  -Cole
  -William E. Timmons
    -List of nominees
      -Timing of announcement
  -Edward A. McCabe
    -Letter to President
    -Haig’s consultation with Bryce N. Harlow
      -Usefulness

Watergate
  -Dean
    -Rogers
    -Garment
  -Executive privilege
    -Grand jury
    -Guidelines
      -Ziegler [?]
    -Ervin Committee
      -Appearance of cover-up
      -Defendants’ rights
        -Richardson
  -Richardson
    -Confirmation hearings
  -Dean
    -Documents
      -Attorney General’s demand
      -Prosecutors
      -Ownership
  -Presidential papers
    -Haldeman
    -Henry A. Kissinger
    -Administration’s position

Haig left at 5:16 pm.
Conversations No. 913-2

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Date: May 8, 1973
Time: 5:16 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez and an unknown man.

Meeting with Ronald L. Ziegler

Sanchez and the unknown man left at 5:16 pm.

Conversations No. 913-3

Date: May 8, 1973
Time: 5:16 pm - 5:42 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Watergate
- John W. Dean III
  - Possible immunity by Ervin Committee
  - Possible testimony
    - H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman, John D. Ehrlichman, John N. Mitchell and
      President
  - Meetings with President
    - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
- Guidance to White House
- Expression of confidence by White House on March 26
  - Diane Sawyer
  - James W. McCord, Jr.’s letter
  - Ziegler’s conversation with Richard A. Moore
- Gerald L. Warren’s opinion of Dean’s confidence
-Investigation of Watergate
  -Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] interviews
    -Access to records
  -Moore
  -Haldeman, Ehrlichman
  -Possible attacks on President
- Time cover
  -William Proxmire
    -Attack on press, May 8
- Dean
  -Meetings with President
    -President’s concerns in Autumn 1972
    -Guidance sessions with Ziegler
    -President’s perceptions
    -Haldeman’s remembrance
  -Praise by President
    -Ehrlichman and Haldeman
  -Possible testimony before Ervin Committee
  -Attacks on President
  -Possible response
    -[Horace] Chapman (“Chappie”) Rose
      -President
      -Senate
- President’s desire for full disclosure
  -Meeting, March 10
  -Moore and Ehrlichman
  -Donald H. Segretti
  -Haldeman
-Funds for defendants
  -President’s knowledge
  -Haldeman and Ehrlichman
    -Knowledge
    -Intent
    -$350,000
  -Herbert W. Kalmbach
  -President’s meeting with Thomas A. Pappas
    -Mitchell
Conversation No. 913-3 (cont’d)

- Overthrow of Ngo Dinh Diem
  - President’s statement concerning John F. Kennedy’s role at press conference
    - *New York Times*
    - Forged cable
    - Charles W. Colson
    - Marguerite Higgins’s book, *Our Vietnam Nightmare*
    - Malcom E. Smith, Jr.’s book, *Kennedy’s Thirteen Great Mistakes in the White House*
  - Colson and Cable
    - E. Howard Hunt, Jr.
  - Ziegler’s forthcoming conversation with *New York Times*
  - Timing of President’s previous statements
- Death of Diem
- Dean
  - Documents
    - Memoranda of conversation [Memcons]
- Ziegler’s forthcoming meeting with Senate Committee staff members
  - Ziegler’s notes
    - Questions on Watergate
- Dean
  - Investigation of Watergate
    - Comment to Warren
    - Warren’s notes
  - Possible testimony before Ervin Committee
    - Grand jury
      - Haldeman, Ehrlichman, Mitchell and Jeb Stuart Magruder
  - Rose
  - Executive privilege
    - Haig’s view
    - Dean
  - White House position
    - President’s papers
    - Conversation with President
      - Criminal activity
    - National security
      - J. Edgar Hoover’s activities
- Dean
Conversation No. 913-3 (cont’d)

- Possible White House counterattack
  - Leaks
- Subornation of perjury
  - Magruder
- Role
  - Haldeman and Ehrlichman
- Conversations with President
  - March 21, 1971

Ziegler left at 5:42 pm.

Conversation No. 913-4

Date: May 8, 1973
Time: Unknown between 5:42 pm and 5:46 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

  President’s schedule
    - Press photograph
    - William E. Timmons

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 5:46 pm.

Conversation No. 913-5

Date: May 8, 1973
Time: 5:46 pm - 6:27 pm
Location: Oval Office

Brent G. Scowcroft. The White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

Greetings

Photograph

James B. Pearson
- Attendance

Trip
- Accounts [?]
- Photographs [?]

Senate calendar
- Votes
- Treaty [?]

Food and drink
- Breakfast
- Salami
- Vodka [?]
- Beer
  - Czechoslovakia
  - Baltimore

Senate Commerce Committee’s visit to Soviet Union
- Jackson-Vanik amendment
- Message to US delegation
  - Possible effect
  - Beall
- President’s relationship with Leonid I. Brezhnev
  - Personal compared to official nature
  - Griffin
- Meeting with Brezhnev and Andrei A. Gomyko
  - Hartke’s statement
  - Griffin
Conversation No. 913-5 (cont’d)

- Content
- Support for President, Brezhnev

- Location
  - Kremlin
  - Politburo

- Gromyko
  - Promotion to Politburo
  - Role
  - [First name unknown] Alexandrov
  - Corrections to interpretation

- [First name unknown] Troyanovsky [interpreter]
  - President’s assessment
  - Education in US
    - Friends school
  - President’s experience
    - 1972 summit
    - Meeting with Kruschev, 1959
  - Age

- Bipartisan support for President
  - Winston S. Churchill’s meeting with Joseph V. Stalin
  - One-party system compared to two-party

- Meeting with Supreme Soviet President
  - Trade relations
    - Dissent with Supreme Soviet
  - Committee’s previous meeting with Brezhnev
    - Brezhnev’s role
    - Politburo, Supreme Soviet President

Brezhnev
  - Health
  - Forthcoming visit to United States

Henry A. Kissinger’s visit to Soviet Union
  - Schedule
    - Moscow

Negotiations with Soviet Union
-Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
-Trade
-Attitudes
  -Self-sufficiency
  -Defensiveness
  -Contrasted with People’s Republic of China [PRC]
    -Self-confidence
    Economic development
  -Sensitivity
  -Trade needs
  -Inferiority

Soviet Union
-Changes over time
  -Consumer goods, diet
  -Compared with 19th century America
-Need to demonstrate respect
-Negotiations
  -Business deal contrasted with personal relationship
    -President’s relationship with Brezhnev
  -Committee’s meeting with Soviet Union official
    -Length of agreement
    -“Cold War line”
  -Brezhnev’s comments
    -Trade relations
      -Advantages
    -Relations with US
      -Relations with President
-Relations with US
  -End of Vietnam War
  -Restraint
  -Brezhnev and Gromyko
    -US embassy
      -Trade expansion
-Brezhnev’s forthcoming visit to United States
-Importance to political leadership
-Age of Soviet Union leaders
Conversation No. 913-5 (cont’d)

-Brezhnev’s age
-Senate Commerce Committee visit
   -News stories
      -Brezhnev consolidation of power
-Future leadership
   -Brezhnev position
-Jewish emigration
   -Henry M. (“Scoop”) Jackson
      -Jackson-Vanik amendment
      -Likelihood of action
-Brezhnev’s response to Senate Commerce Committee’s questions
   -Internal policy
   -Taxes
      -Education tax
         -Nikolai V. Podgorny and Aleksei Kosygin, and Supreme Soviet
   -Need for Jackson-Vanik amendment
   -Administrative fees
-National security
-Trade, Most Favored Nation [MFN] status
-Preparation, briefing paper
-Statistics
-Senate Commerce Committee’s potential public statements

Trade legislation
-Jackson-Vanik amendment
   -Congressional support
   -Russell B. Long
   -Conditionality
-Soviet Union’s internal system
   -Brezhnev’s ability to negotiate
   -Brezhnev’s comments
      -Possible conditions
-President’s conversations
   -Jackson, Jacob K. Javitts, and Abraham A Ribicoff
   -American Jewish leaders
   -Risk to US-Soviet Union relations
      -Pressure
-American Jewish community
  -Preferences
    -Communication with Brezhnev
    - Compared with relations with PRC
      - President’s conversation with Chou En-Lai
        - Conditions
          - John T. Downey

-Jewish emigration
- Possible effect
  - SALT II
    - Importance
  - Trade
    - US-Soviet Union relations
      - Middle East
-President’s support
  - Congressional support
  - Desire to emigrate
    - Ukranians, Jews, Germans
    - Latvians, Lithuanians
- Position of influence
-Jewish minority
  - Historic persecution of Jews
    - Spain, France, Great Britain, United States
    - Poland
    - Soviet Union
- Position of influence
-Senate Commerce Committee’s visit to USSR
  - Telegraph Agency of the Soviet Union [TASS]’s question to Baker
    - Trade relations
      - “Face-saving modification”
      - Phraseology
-US-Soviet Union relations
  - Conditions
  - Ultimatum
-Sponsorship
  - Javitts and Ribicoff
-Jackson
Conversation No. 913-5 (cont’d)

-Anti-Communism
-Contrasted with President’s realism
-US-Soviet Union relations
-Changes
-Negotiations
-Possible effect of amendment
-Congressional responsibility
-Need for direction from White House
-Beall’s conversation with Maryland Jewish leaders
-President’s conversation with US Jewish leaders
-President’s assessment

Middle East
-Egypt, Israel
-Soviet Union’s role
-Survival of Israel

Trade legislation
-White House role
-Phraseology
-Jackson-Vanik amendment
-Votes
-Support
-World Peace
-Need for modification
-Disagreement
-George Meany

Howard W. Cannon’s meeting with Soviet Jewish leaders
-Group composition
-Applications to emigrate
-Effects
-Unemployment
-National Academy of Sciences employee
-Emigration tax
-Harassment
-Security clearances
Conversation No. 913-5 (cont’d)

- Possible reason for denying applications
- Number of Soviet Jews desiring to emigrate
  - 2900
  - Successful emigration
- Press coverage
- Effects
  - Family members
  - Disconnection of telephones
  - Security risk of applicants

Trade legislation
- Brezhnev’s efforts
- President’s previous conversations
  - Harassment of Soviet Jews
    - Exit tax
- Progress of negotiations
- President’s forthcoming meeting with Brezhnev
  - Potential response to Jackson-Vanik amendment
  - MFN
- President’s view of problem
- Possible effects on US-Soviet Union relations
  - Possible involvement of Department of Defense [DOD]

Phraseology
- Griffin
- Javitts, Ribikoff

Effects of forthcoming meetings
- Need for dialogue
- White House input on legislation
  - Loophole

Difficulties faced by Soviet Jews compared to other Soviet Union citizens
- Applicability of Soviet laws
- Early Soviet Union leaders
  - Leon Trotsky, Vladimir Ilich Lenin

Phraseology
- Griffin
- Ifanigan
President’s relationship with Brezhnev
   - Bipartisan support

Emigration of Soviet Jews
   - Small numbers
   - Soviet national security
      - US role
      - Risk

Jackson

Senate Commerce Committee visit to Eastern Europe
   - Report
   - Warsaw, Poland, and Hungary
   - Tone set by visit to Moscow
   - Poland
      - Meeting with Edward Gierek
         - Visit to US
         - [First name unknown] Pitka [?] 

Griffin et al. left at 6:27 pm. An unknown man remained.

Trade legislation
   - Education tax on Soviet Jews
     - Effect on MFN
   - Timing
     - Kissinger’s return from Moscow

The unknown man left at 6:27 pm.
Conversation No. 913-6

Date: May 8, 1973
Time: Unknown between 6:27 pm and 6:30 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
-Forthcoming meeting with President

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 6:30 pm.

Conversation No. 913-7

Date: May 8, 1973
Time: Unknown between 6:27 pm and 6:30 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

President’s schedule
-Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 6:30 pm.

Conversation No. 913-8

Date: May 8, 1973
Time: 6:30 pm - 7:37 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
Haig’s meeting with [Horace] Chapman ("Chappie") Rose
   -Rose’s possible role on White House Staff
   -Consultant
   -John W. Byrnes
      -Wisconsin
         -Congress
         -President’s familiarity

Haig’s conversation with Bryce N. Harlow
   -Byrnes
      -Leonard Garment
         -Experience
         -Knowledge of Congress

Rose
   -Need for technical expertise
   -Garment
      -Haig’s assessment
   -President’s assessment

Watergate
   -Ervin Committee
      -Possible delays
         -Elliot L. Richardson
      -Possible White House response
         -Garment
         -Richard A. Moore
            -Public relations [PR]
         -David N. Parker
            -Haig’s assessment
            -President’s assessment
   -White House Counsel
      -Rose
         -Compared with Byrnes
         -Possible role with White House staff
   -J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.
-Performance
  -Department of Defense [DOD]
    -Melvin R. Laird
  -Haig’s assessment
    -Familiarity with Congress
 -Byrnes
 -Buzhardt
 -William P. Rogers
  -Role with White House staff
  -Conversation with Haig
    -Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
      -William Casey
      -William E. Colby
 -Casey
  -Robert L. Vesco
 -Buzhardt
 -Rogers
  -President’s assessment

Watergate
  -Possible White House response
    -President’s role
 -John W. Dean III
  -Possible immunity
  -Possible White House statement
  -Documents
    -Dean’s statement
    -Memoranda of conversation [Memcons]
  -Possible White House response
 -Senate hearings
  -Dean
    -Grand jury
    -Effects of Senate immunity
 -Dean
  -Documents
    -Possible effect
    -Possible White House response to charges
Conversation No. 913-8 (cont’d)

-President
-Buzhardt
-Rose
-Haig’s conversation with Harlow
   -Edward A. McCabe
   -Rose
-White House counsel
   -Dean
   -Buzhardt
   -Haig’s forthcoming conversations
   -William P. Clements, Jr.
-H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
-John D. Ehrlichman
-Garment
-Executive privilege
-Rose

Haig left at 7:37 pm.

Conversation No. 913-9

Date: May 8, 1973
Time: Unknown between 7:37 pm and 11:59 pm
Location: Oval Office

Unknown personas met [?].

President’s location

-James [?] [Last name unknown]

Location
   -River [?] 

The tape cut off at an unknown time.