Date: May 16, 1973
Time: Unknown between 4:09 pm and 4:52 pm
Location: Oval Office

[Continued from Conversation No. 919-34]

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

The President met with George P. Shultz.

National economy
- John B. Connally’s views
- Pierre Rinfret’s views
  - Phase III
- President’s view
- Herbert G. Stein
  - Views
  - Memorandum to the President
  - Location
    - Europe
- Phase III
  - Static solution
    - Compared to administrative process
- President’s meeting with Shultz and John D. Ehrlichman
- Popular perception
  - Administrative process
    - Congressional actions
  - Wage and price system
- Shultz’s meeting with William J. Baroody, Jr.
  - John T. Dunlop’s role
- Wage bargaining
  - Settlement
  - Shultz’s conversations
Conversation No. 920-1 (cont’d)

-Dinners
-Golf
-Frank E. Fitzsimmons
-Einar O. E. Mohn
-Teamsters
-Contract
-General Electric [GE] Company
-Rubber
-Consumer Price Index [CPI]
-President’s message
-Price freeze, price controls
-Possible controls
-President’s conversation with Connally
-Plan

Fiscal Year 1974 budget
-Balanced budget

Shultz left at 4:52 pm.

Conversation No. 920-2

Date: May 16, 1973
Time: Unknown between 4:52 pm and 4:55 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

President’s schedule
-Stephen B. Bull [?]
-Time
-Sequoia
-Number of attendees
-Arrival time
-J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.
The unknown man left at an unknown time before 4:55 pm.

Date: May 16, 1973
Time: 4:55 pm - 5:22 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

President’s meeting with George P. Shultz

President’s schedule
- Sequoia
  - Ronald L. Ziegler
  - J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.

Watergate
- Huston Plan
  - Implementation

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 4:55 pm.

Refreshments

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 4:57 pm.

Watergate
- Huston Plan
  - Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters’s memoranda of conversation [memcons]
    - Possible release
    - National Security Administration [NSA]
  - Tom C. Huston
    - Conversation between Buzhardt and Haig
CONVERSATION NO. 920-3 (CONT’D)

- Conversation with Buzhardt
- Plan
- Implementation
- Relationships
  - Egil (“Bud”) Krogh, Jr.
  - Watergate break-in

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[National security]
[Duration: 11s ]

INTELLIGENCE

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Watergate
- John W. Dean, III
- Huston Plan

Buzhardt entered at 4:57 pm.

Watergate
- President’s conversation with Haig
  - Implementation of plan
  - Conversation with Buzhardt
  - Files
  - Dean’s role in domestic intelligence
  - Robert C. Mardian
  - Activities with Dean
Conversation No. 920-3 (cont’d)

-Memoranda
- John N. Mitchell
- J. Edgar Hoover

-Plan
- President’s meeting with Richard M. Helms, Adm. Noel Gayler, and Hoover
- Buzhardt’s conversations
  - NSA
  - Samuel C. Phillips
  - Louis W. Tordella
  - Defense Intelligence Agency [DIA]
  - Vincent P. DePoix
- Mardian and James R. Schlesinger

-Huston’s conversation with Buzhardt
- Departure from staff
- Hoover

-Plan
- Implementation
  - Dean and Mardian
  - Intelligence activities
  - Break-in of Daniel Ellsberg’s psychiatrist’s office
- Mardian
- Search of files
  - Break-in of Ellsberg’s psychiatrist’s office
  - Krogh and plumbers
  - Connection with Huston Plan
- White House response to Huston Plan revelations

-Huston Plan
- Dean
  - Role in other activities
- Break-in of Ellsberg’s psychiatrist’s office
  - Krogh
  - Possible legal penalties

-Huston Plan
- Security classification
  - Possible leaks
- Implementation
Tape Subject Log  
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Conversation No. 920-3 (cont’d)

- Huston
- NSA
- Possible White House response
- [William] Stuart Symington’s intervention with Ervin Committee
  - Sensitivity of document
- Compared with plumbers
- NSA, Central Intelligence Agency [CIA], Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI], Defense Intelligence Agency [DIA], and Internal Revenue Service [IRS]
- Purpose
  - May Day demonstrations
  - 1970 and 1971
- Buzhardt’s actions
  - Mardian
  - Tordella
  - Schlesinger
- Buzhardt’s forthcoming call to William C. Sullivan

President’s schedule

*Buzhardt left at 5:13 pm.*

Watergate
- Huston Plan
- Dean
  - Activities
    - Suborning perjury
      - Jeb S[tuart] Magruder
    - Funds for defendants
- Motives
  - Removal of documents
- Huston Plan
  - Possible national reaction
  - Possible allegations
  - Implementation
  - President’s announcement regarding military activities
  - Possible press coverage
Conversation No. 920-3 (cont’d)

-Implementation
-Dean

Congressional relations
- Bill on confirmation
  - President’s veto
  - William E. Timmons
  - Shultz’s view
  - Roy L. Ash’s view
- Views on sustaining possible veto
  - Gerald R. Ford, Hugh Scott, and Frank Burton

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 5:13 pm.

Request for meeting with Ronald L. Ziegler

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 5:22 pm.

Haig’s mood

Haig left at 5:22 pm.

Conversation No. 920-4

Date: May 16, 1973
Time: Unknown between 5:22 pm and 5:25 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Watergate
  - Haig’s possible call to H. R. Haldeman
    - Haldeman’s meeting with Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters, Richard M. Helms and John D. Ehrlichman
Conversation No. 920-5

Date: May 16, 1973
Time: Unknown between 5:22 pm and 5:25 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with an unknown person.

President’s schedule
- Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
  - Note for Thelma C. (Ryan) (“Pat”) Nixon

Conversation No. 920-6

Date: May 16, 1973
Time: 5:25 pm - 5:31 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Ziegler’s schedule
- *Sequoia*

Cambodia
- Senate vote
  - Delay
  - Michael J. (“Mike”) Mansfield
  - Henry A. Kissinger’s current negotiations with North Vietnam

Watergate
- John W. Dean III’s documents
  - Contents
    - Tom C. Huston
Conversation No. 920-6 (cont’d)

-Huston Plan
  -Meeting in the President’s office
    -J. Edgar Hoover
  -Implementation
  -Dean, Robert C. Mardian
  -Effect of possible release
  -President’s announcement regarding Army activities
  -Samuel J. Ervin’s possible reaction
    -J. Fred Buzhardt’s opinion
  -Relation to other activities
    -Egil (“Bud”) Krogh, Jr. and plumbers
    -Break-in
    -Wiretaps
  -Purpose
  -Public announcement

Ziegler left at 5:31 pm.

Conversation No. 920-7

Date: May 16, 1973
Time: Unknown between 5:31 pm and 5:39 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull and an unknown man.

  President’s schedule
    -Briefcase

Bull left at an unknown time before 5:30 pm.

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Unknown man’s health

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 5:39 pm.

Date: May 16, 1973
Time: Unknown between 5:31 pm and 5:39 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.’s location

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 5:39 pm.

Date: May 16, 1973
Time: Unknown between 5:39 pm and 5:53 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.

- Watergate
  - Huston Plan
  - Buzhardt’s activities
Conversation No. 920-9 (cont’d)

- William C. Sullivan
- Robert Mardian
- Search of files
- Tom C. Huston
- Defense Intelligence Agency [DIA]
- Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
  - James R. Schlesinger
  - Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters

President’s schedule

Watergate
- Huston Plan
- Termination
  - Records
  - DIA
  - National Security Agency [NSA]
    - Meeting with NSA representatives
    - Electronic surveillance
  - Forthcoming meeting with Buzhardt
  - Possible implementation
- Surreptitious entry
  - Explanation

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2
[National security]
[Duration: 28 s]

INTELLIGENCE
Watergate
- Domestic disturbances
- Targeted groups
  - Weathermen
  - Students for a Democratic Society [SDS]
  - Black Panthers
- Possible White House response
  - Egil ("Bud") Krogh, Jr.
    - President’s approval
    - Chile
- John W. Dean III
  - Role
  - Huston Plan
  - Motive
    - Break-in
      - James W. McCord’s statement regarding motive
  - Knowledge of document
    - Sol Lindenbaum memo, March 1972
    - Motive
- Huston Plan
  - Huston’s memory
  - Possible White House response
  - Buzhardt’s activities
    - Mardian and Sullivan
  - Mardian’s role
    - Intelligence committee
  - Buzhardt’s forthcoming call

The President and Buzhardt left at an unknown time before 5:53 pm.
Conversation No. 920-10

Date: May 16, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 5:39 pm and 5:53 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

Briefcase

President’s schedule
  - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
  - Ronald L. Ziegler

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 5:53 pm.

Conversation No. 920-11

Date: May 16, 1973  
Time: 5:53 pm - 6:11 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Watergate
  - Huston Plan
    - J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.’s forthcoming call to Robert C. Mardian
  - Termination
    - H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
  - Haig’s conversation with Haldeman
    - Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters
  - Possible White House response
    - Umbrella theory
      - [Plumbers]
      - Egil (“Bud”) Krogh
Conversation No. 920-11 (cont’d)

-President’s previous conversation with Buzhardt
-John W. Dean III’s motive
-Huston Plan
  -Termination
  -Haldeman
  -J. Edgar Hoover
-Surreptitious entry
  -Purpose
  -Weathermen

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[National security]
[Duration: 7 s]

INTELLIGENCE

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Watergate
-Huston Plan
  -Possible White House response
  -Watergate burglars
-White House response
-Huston Plan
  -Ervin Committee
  -Buzhardt
  -[William] Stuart Symington
    -Possible leak
    -Attitude towards intelligence agencies
Conversation No. 920-11 (cont’d)

Possible White House response
Termination
  -Intelligence committee
  -Mardian
  -William C. Sullivan
  -Hoover

Ronald L. Ziegler entered at 6:02 pm.

Watergate
  -Huston Plan
    -1971 announcement of intelligence reorganization
    -Purpose
      -Students for a Democratic Society [SDS] and Weathermen

Buzhardt entered at an unknown time after 6:02 pm.

Watergate
  -Huston Plan
    -Analysis group
      -Bernie Welles
      -Function
      -Operations
    -Dean
      -Knowledge
      -Motive
      -Role
    -Buzhardt’s previous conversation with Mardian
      -Dean’s role
      -Analysis group
        -1971 charter
    -Huston’s phraseology
      -Surreptitious entry
        -Hoover’s activities
        -Weatherman
    -Termination
      -Buzhardt’s forthcoming conversations
Conversation No. 920-11 (cont’d)

-Coordinating group
  -Charter
    -Buzhardt’s conversation with Mardian
  -Meeting location
    -Welles
    -Judge in Washington State
  -Implementation

The President et al. left at 6:11 pm.

Conversation No. 920-14

Date: May 16, 1973
Time: Unknown between 6:11 pm and 8:40 pm
Location: Oval Office

Unknown men [United States Secret Service ?] met.

  President’s location [?]

An unknown man talked to an unknown person at an unknown time after 6:11 pm.

  President’s location [?]

The unknown men left at an unknown time before 8:40 pm.

Conversation No. 920-12

Date: May 16, 1973
Time: Unknown between 8:40 pm and 8:45 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with an unknown person.
Conversation No. 920-12 (cont’d)

Instruction [?]
-Telephone call [?]

Conversation No. 920-13

Date: May 16, 1973
Time: Unknown between 8:45 pm and 9:33 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

John B. Connally
- Meeting with Haig

Watergate
- White House reaction

J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.’s [?] location

President’s legal counsel
- Leonard Garment
  - Sensitivity
- Buzhardt
  - Garment’s reaction
- Garment
  - Ability

Watergate
- Executive privilege
  - Buzhardt’s view
    - Charles W. Colson’s view
- White House response
- President’s opponents
  - Goal
Conversation No. 920-13 (cont’d)

-President

-Wiretaps
- President’s role
- J. Edgar Hoover’s role
  - Morton A. Halperin
- Kissinger’s role
- President’s role
  - Joseph C. Kraft
- Purpose and implementation
- Kissinger
  - Conversation with Haig, May 15
  - Possible response
- President’s attention

Buzhardt entered at an unknown time after 8:45 pm.

Watergate
- Huston Plan
  - Documentation
    - Memorandum from Haldeman to Tom C. Huston
    - Action memoranda
    - Huston’s phone calls
      - Haldeman’s memorandum
  - Termination
    - William C. Sullivan
    - Louis W. Tordella
    - Haldeman
    - Huston’s conversation with Sullivan
    - Sullivan’s role
    - Sullivan’s reaction
    - Clyde A. Tolson’s conversation with Hoover
      - Hoover’s subsequent conversations
        - John N. Mitchell and President
  - President’s role
  - Sullivan’s notes
Conversation No. 920-13 (cont’d)

- Timing
- Sullivan
  - Role
  - Possible testimony
  - Reaction

- Domestic intelligence

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1
[National security]
[Duration: 1 m 56 s ]

INTELLIGENCE METHODS

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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Watergate
- Domestic intelligence
  - Noel Gayler
  - Hoover
- Huston Plan
  - Approval
  - Termination
  - Tordella’s notes
  - L[ouis] Patrick Gray
    - Visit to National Security Agency [NSA]
    - Discussion with Tordella
      - Tolson and Hoover
  - Study
  - Implementation

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Conversation No. 920-13 (cont’d)

-Dean’s documents
-Possible White House response
-Implementation
-Approval
  -President and H. R. Haldeman
-Buzhardt’s conversation with Haldeman
-Previous plan
  -1967
  -Compared to Huston Plan
-White House strategy
  -Possible leak by Samuel J. Ervin, Jr.
    -Buzhardt
-Bernie Welles
  -Conversation with Buzhardt
  -Coordinating committee
-Possible leak by Ervin
-National security
-Timing
-Termination
  -Possible testimony
    -Tordella
-Implementation
  -Possible evidence
    -James R. Schlesinger
-Dean’s knowledge
-Possible White House response
  -Hoover, Mitchell
  -Patrick J. Buchanan
-Ervin
  -Possible leak from White House
-Possible White House response
  -Timing
  -Content
  -Witnesses
    -Tordella
    -Sullivan
    -Gray
An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 8:45 pm.

Schedule

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 9:33 pm.

Watergate
- Huston Plan
  - Possible White House response
    - Buchanan
    - Gayler and Bennett
    - Location
    - Possible statements
  - Egil (“Bud”) Krogh, Jr.
- Huston Plan
  - Huston’s memory
  - Sullivan’s calls
    - Termination
  - Process
  - Possible White House response
    - Pre-Nixon administration activities
- Executive privilege
  - Court cases on scope
  - Credibility
    - Ervin’s possible action
  - Possible court action
    - Grand Jury
      - Ehrlichman’s testimony
      - Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters’s memoranda of conversation [memcons]
      - Ehrlichman’s tapes
        - Call to Richard G. Kleindienst, March 1973
        - President
Conversation No. 920-13 (cont’d)

-Possible court order
-Ehrlichman’s meeting with Helms, Walters and Haldeman
  -Ehrlichman’s notes
  -Purpose
-Walters’s memcons
  -Possible sanitization for national security
    -Justice Department handling of Daniel Ellsberg’s case
  -Possible portrayal
  -Executive privilege
  -Beliefs regarding the President, Ehrlichman and Haldeman
-Walters’s documents and Ehrlichman’s tape with Kleindienst
  -John J. Sirica’s possible action
  -John J. Wilson’s opinion
-Dean
  -Use immunity
-Ervin Committee hearings
  -Possible effects of television [TV]
    -Dean’s opinion
    -Forthcoming trials
  -Possible effects
    -President
    -Others
    -Indictments
      -Henry E. Petersen’s view
-Possible indictments
  -Evidence
    -Haldeman, Ehrlichman and Charles W. Colson
    -John N. Mitchell and Jeb S[tuart] Magruder
    -Dean
    -Hugh W. Sloan, Jr.
-Walters’s memcons
  -Possible implications
-Dean’s documents
  -Ervin’s possible actions
    -Possible White House response
-Domestic intelligence activities
  -Implementation
Conversation No. 920-13 (cont’d)

-Unknown judge
  -Intelligence committee
-Huston Plan
  -Termination
    -Bennett
    -Gayler
  -Possible testimony

Buzhardt left at an unknown time before 9:33 pm.

-Executive privilege
  -Walters’s memcons

The President and Haig left at an unknown time before 9:33 pm.

Conversation No. 920-15

Date: May 16, 1973
Time: Unknown between 8:45 pm and 9:33 pm
Location: Oval Office

Unknown men met.

Instruction [?]

Telephone call
  -President’s location [?]

The unknown men left at an unknown time before 9:33 pm.