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**Tape Subject Log**  
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Conversation No. 926-1

Date: May 23, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 8:04 am and 8:23 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

President's schedule  
-Ronald L. Ziegler

Stephen B. Bull's location

President's schedule  
-George H. W. Bush  
-William E. Timmons

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 8:23 am.

Conversation No. 926-2

Date: May 23, 1973  
Time: 8:23 am - 8:36 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Watergate  
-White House response  
-White Paper [Statements about Watergate Investigation, May 22, 1973]  
-National security focus  
-Statement by Spiro Agnew  
-Ziegler's schedule  
-Press briefing

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- Hugh Scott
- Scott
  - Possible statement
    - Declassification of Cuban Missile Crisis and Bay of Pigs documents

White House staff

- Bryce N. Harlow's role

Watergate

- Congressional response
  - Wallace F. Bennett
- Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters's memoranda of conversation [memcons] and Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
  - Ziegler's forthcoming press briefing
- James W. McCord, Jr.
  - Accusation regarding James R. Schlesinger
- Leonard Garment[?]

White House response

- National security
- White Paper
  - Cover statement
    - Raymond K. Price, Jr.
    - Funds for defendants
      - President's knowledge
        - President's conversation with John W. Dean III, March 21
          - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- Herbert W. Kalmbach
  - President's knowledge
- President's knowledge
  - Conversations with Dean
- Necessity for truth
  - Timing of President's knowledge
- Timing of President's knowledge
  - \$350,000
- President's investigation

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- President's knowledge
  - Funds for defendants
    - Cover-up
    - President's conversation with Dean, March 21
      - E. Howard Hunt, Jr. and attorney
    - Kalmbach
    - \$350,000
    - Haldeman
    - Cover-up
  - President's conversation with Dean, March 21
    - Dean's knowledge
      - John J. ("Jack") Caulfield's visit to McCord
  - Dean's conversations with the President
    - Content
      - CIA payroll story
    - Timing
    - Content
      - Dean's report
      - John N. Mitchell
      - Possible conflict with Jeb S[tuart] Magruder
  - Daniel Ellsberg break-in
    - Elliot L. Richardson's meeting with Egil ("Bud") Krogh, Jr. in John D. Ehrlichman's office, April 30
  - White House response
    - President's knowledge
      - Conversations with Dean
      - \$350,000
      - Kalmbach
    - Funds for defendants
    - Intent
  - Special Prosecutor
    - Possible delay in criminal actions

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 8:23 am.

President's schedule

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The unknown man left at an unknown time before 8:36 am.

Watergate

-Special Prosecutor

-Possible delay in criminal actions

-CIA

-President's motives

The President and Ziegler left at 8:36 am.

Conversation No. 926-3

Date: May 23, 1973

Time: Unknown between 8:36 am and 10:20 am

Location: Oval Office

Unknown men met.

Status of unknown item

The conversation was cut off at an unknown time before 10:20 am.

Conversation No. 926-4

Date: May 23, 1973

Time: 10:20 am - 10:53 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

President's Republican Congressional leadership meeting

Watergate

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- White House response
  - White Paper [Statements about Watergate Investigation, May 22, 1973]
  - National security

Vietnam peace settlement negotiation

- Henry A. Kissinger
  - Report, May 22
    - President's knowledge
- Negotiations with South Vietnam
  - Saigon
  - William Sullivan
  - Note from President
  - Forthcoming communique
    - Timing
  - Kissinger's statement
  - North Vietnam's statement
- South Vietnam
  - Negotiations
    - President's opinion
    - US aid to South Vietnam

Bryce N. Harlow

- Role on White House staff
  - Conversation with the President, May 21
  - Counselor to President
  - William E. Timmons's role
  - Congressional relations
  - George H. W. Bush
  - Haig's role
    - Politics
  - Bush
  - Barry M. Goldwater
  - Spiro T. Agnew
  - Announcement
    - Problem
      - Stock option
    - Timing

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Conversation No. 926-4 (cont' d)

- Conversation with President
  - Announcement
  - Part-time
  - July

Watergate

- Congressional reaction
  - Carl T. Curtis
  - Ervin Committee hearings
- Ervin Committee hearings
  - Testimony, May 22
    - John J. ("Jack") Caulfield and James W. McCord, Jr.
- McCord
  - Testimony
    - James R. Schlesinger
- Ervin Committee hearings
- White House response
  - White Paper [Statements about Watergate investigation, May 22, 1973]
- Possible allegations regarding the President
  - John W. Dean III
  - David R. Young
  - Memoranda of conversation [memcons]
    - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman, John D. Ehrlichman and Charles W. Colson
- White House response
  - White Paper
  - Effect
    - Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters's memcons
    - Dean
    - Haldeman and Ehrlichman
  - William L. Safire's opinion
  - Call to Haig, May 22
- Possible press conference
- President's possible testimony before Ervin Committee
  - President's conversation with Harlow, May 22
- Bush

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President's schedule

- Forthcoming economic meeting
  - Oil
  - George P. Shultz
  - Proposal for Haig
  - Testimony

Energy

- Program planning
  - Shultz
  - Cabinet members
  - Roy L. Ash
  - Review by Haig
- Peter M. Flanigan
  - Role
  - Confidence by Haig
  - Concerns

President's schedule

- Economic meeting
- Prisoners of war [POWs]
  - Briefing
  - Evening at White House
- Cabinet meeting
  - Length
- Economic meeting
  - Timing
  - Recommendations

White House staff

- Harlow's role
- Flanigan's role

Hugh Scott's note to President

- State Department
- [David] Kenneth Rush
- Haig's possible meeting with William P. Rogers

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-Kissinger

Kissinger

- Possible statements
  - Summit
  - Georges J. R. Pompidou
  - National security
    - White House response
    - White Paper
    - Defense

Soviet summit

- Postponement
  - President's opponents
    - New York Times*
  - Leonid I. Brezhnev

Watergate

- Effect on people
  - Harlow's view
  - Compared to Cambodia
- White House response
  - J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.'s role
  - Leonard Garment's role
  - Cover-up
    - Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
    - Funds for defendants
- Funds for defendants
  - President's knowledge
  - Haldeman's and Ehrlichman's knowledge
- Cover-up
  - Dean's conversation with the President, March 21
    - President's response
  - Dean's role
    - John N. Mitchell
  - Dean's conversation with the President, March 21
    - Content

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- G[eorge] Gordon Liddy's conversation with Dean, June 19, 1972
- CIA
- Clemency
- Dean's role
- Dean's conversation with the President, March 21
- White House response
  - White Paper
  - Effect
- Walters's memcons
  - Possible release
- Huston Plan
  - Ziegler's conversation with President
  - Recommendations
    - Richard M. Helms, J. Edgar Hoover, Adm. Noel Gayler, and Donald Bennett
- Elliot L. Richardson
  - Confirmation
    - Hugh Scott's efforts
    - Daniel Ellsberg and John V. Tunney
- Ellsberg wiretap
  - Scott
- White House response
  - White Paper
  - Future allegations
    - Ziegler
    - Memcons
- President's schedule
  - Egil ("Bud") Krogh, Jr.
  - Haldeman, Ehrlichman and Colson
- Future allegations
  - Dean
  - President's schedule
- White House response
  - White Paper
- Dean
  - Possible allegations

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- Memcons of meetings with President
- Conversation with President, March 21
  - Blackmail
- Administration's response
  - Helms's testimony
  - Schlesinger
  - William D. Ruckelshaus
    - W. Mark Felt
      - Termination
        - Notice
        - Confidence
      - Source of heat
      - Comparison to Dean
      - Wiretaps
- White House response
  - White Paper
    - Content and phraseology
    - Plumbers
    - President's orders
- President's responsibility
  - Haldeman, Ehrlichman, Krogh

Haig left at 10:53 am.

Conversation No. 926-5

Date: May 23, 1973  
Time: 10:55 am - 11:12 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

Greeting

[Pause]

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President's schedule

- Weather
- Prisoners of war [POW] dinner

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Tricia Nixon Cox and Edward R. F. Cox

- Schedule

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Watergate

- Tom A. Pappas
  - Funds for defendants
    - John N. Mitchell
- Meeting with President, March 7
  - Subjects discussed
    - Henry J. Tasca
    - Watergate
    - Fund-raising
  - Investigators' possible questions
- Funds for defendants
  - Herbert W. Kalmbach
  - Participants' motives
- Pappas
  - Possible conversation with President
  - Possible conversation with Woods
    - Pappas's meeting with the President, March 7
    - John W. Dean III's knowledge

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United States Secret Service [USSS]

-Contact

-Kalmbach

-[Unintelligible name]

-[San Clemente]

-Kalmbach

-Personal attorney

-Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo

-Robert H. Abplanalp

-Rebozo

-Knowledge

-Woods's conversation with Bobbie [?] [no last name]

-Rebozo

-President's personal affairs

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Weather

-POW dinner

Watergate

-President's family's reaction

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- White House staff reaction
  - Alexander M. Haig, Jr., Ronald L. Ziegler, Patrick J. Buchanan and Raymond K. Price, Jr.
- White House opponents
  - Committees
  - Inquisition
  - [Unintelligible name]
  - Heroism
- Public opinion
- White House response
  - Testimony
  - President's possible resignation
    - Spiro T. Agnew
    - Effect
      - US foreign policy
- Double agents
- James W. McCord, Jr.
  - Public opinion
  - Telephone calls to Woods
- Ervin Committee
  - Questions to McCord
    - Howard H. Baker, Jr.
- White House response
- Public support for President
  - James ("Jimmy") Stewart
    - Prayers
    - Masses
  - Woods's friend, Sue [surname unknown]
    - New York
    - Hairdresser
  - Congress
  - President's visit to Norfolk, Virginia
    - Crowds
    - Attacks on President
  - Vietnam settlement
    - Peace
    - Soviet Union

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- Public opinion
- Daniel Ellsberg case
  - W. Matthew Byrne
- Possible future allegations
  - Haig
  - White House response
- Washington, D.C.
- Support for President

Woods left at 11:12 am.

Conversation No. 926-6

Date: May 23, 1973  
 Time: Unknown between 11:12 am and 12:03 pm  
 Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

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Refreshment

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The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:03 p.m.

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Conversation No. 926-7

Date: May 23, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 11:12 am and 12:03 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

President's schedule  
-Mary T. Brooks  
-American Legion

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:03 pm.

Conversation No. 926-8

Date: May 23, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 11:12 am and 12:03 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

President's schedule  
-Rose Mary Woods

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:03 pm.

Conversation No. 926-9

Date: May 23, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 12:03 pm and 12:06 pm  
Location: Oval Office

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Conversation No. 926-9 (cont'd)

The President met with Mary T. Brooks, Rose Mary Woods, the White House photographer and members of the press.

Commemorative medal for President  
-Design  
-Brooks

An unknown man entered and Brooks *et al.* left at 12:04 pm.

President's schedule  
-Visitors  
-Barber

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:06 pm.

Conversation No. 926-10

Date: May 23, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 12:04 pm and 12:06 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

President's schedule  
-William J. Baroody, Jr.

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:06 pm.

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Conversation No. 926-11

Date: May 23, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 12:04 pm and 12:06 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

President's schedule  
-Robert J. Dole  
-William E. Timmons  
-George H. W. Bush

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:06 pm.

Conversation No. 926-12

Date: May 23, 1973  
Time: 12:06 pm - 12:08 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Thomas R. Moore, Thomas S. Kleppe and William J. Baroody, Jr. The White House photograprer and members of the press were present at the beginning of the meeting.

Introductions

Photograph

Eight page statement  
-Delivery

Presentation of gifts by President  
-Cufflinks  
-Portrait

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Conversation No. 926-12 (cont'd)

Moore et al. left at 12:08 pm.

Conversation No. 926-13

Date: May 23, 1973

Time: Unknown between 12:08 pm and 12:18 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

President's schedule

-Jacob K. Javits

-American Legion award presentation

-Press

-Photograph

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:18 pm.

Conversation No. 926-14

Date: May 23, 1973

Time: 12:18 pm - 12:21 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Jacob K. Javits, Walter L. Vaughan, James R. Wilson, Jr., William E. Timmons and William J. Baroody, Jr. The White House photographer and members of the press were present at the beginning of the meeting.

Introductions

-Senate

-Congress

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Conversation No. 926-14 (cont'd)

Photograph

Presentation of award to President

- [Robert L. Hague Merchant Marine Achievement]
- Merchant Marine Act of 1970

President's relationship with Javits

Spyros Skouras

Ben Javits

- Relationship with President

President's schedule

- Meeting with Javits
  - Georges J. R. Pompidou
    - Europe
    - Henry A. Kissinger
    - Politics

Javits's schedule

- Peter G. Peterson
- Economy

Javits et al. left at 12:21 pm.

Conversation No. 926-15

Date: May 23, 1973

Time: Unknown between 12:21 pm and 12:27 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

Robert J. Dole

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Conversation No. 926-15 (cont'd)

Removal of refreshment

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:27 pm.

Conversation No. 926-16

Date: May 23, 1973

Time: Unknown between 12:21 pm and 12:27 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

Ronald L. Ziegler's schedule

-Briefing

-Length

President's schedule

-Robert J. Dole

-Ziegler

-Delivery to desk

-Leonid I. Brezhnev

-Vase for the President's office

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:27 pm.

Conversation No. 926-17

Date: May 23, 1973

Time: Unknown between 12:21 pm and 12:27 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Nellie L. Yates.

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Conversation No. 926-17 (cont'd)

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Delivery  
-Note [?]

Statement  
-Trouble

Yates's niece  
-Age

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Yates left at an unknown time before 12:27 pm.

Conversation No. 926-18

Date: May 23, 1973  
Time: 12:27 pm - 12:55 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Robert J. Dole.

Dole's schedule  
-Soviet Union visit  
-George H. W. Bush

Watergate

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 12:27 pm.

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Refreshment

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 12:35 pm.

Watergate

- Dole's and Clark MacGregor's role
- Political effects

Energy

- Oil companies
- Alaska Pipeline Bill
  - Ted Stevens
  - Pitch

Watergate

- Republican National Committee chairmanship
  - George H. W. Bush
  - Dole
- White House response
  - White Paper
  - Need for guidance for Republicans
    - J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.
    - Patrick J. Buchanan
- Bryce N. Harlow's view
  - President's conversation with Harlow, May 21
- Popular support for the President
  - Dole's speech to dairymen in Chicago

An unknown person entered and left at an unknown time between 12:27 pm and 12:35 pm.

- Allegations against the President
- White House response
  - President's activities
    - Forthcoming Illinois visit after meeting with Georges J. R. Pompidou in Iceland
    - Visit to Norfolk, Virginia, May 19

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- Popular opinion
- H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman
- [William] Stuart Symington
- White House response
- White Paper

Dole's health

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- Dole's political future
  - Campaigning
  - Robert Docking
  - Senator status
    - Seniority
  - Centennial meeting
  - Campaigning
  - Midwestern states

- President's activities
  - Norfolk, Virginia
  - Mississippi
  - Midwestern states
  - Illinois
  - Ohio

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Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo

George H. W. Bush and William E. Timmons entered at 12:35 pm.

President's previous meeting with congressional leaders

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- Alaska pipeline
  - John B. ("Jack") Anderson
  - Canada
    - Pierre E. Trudeau
    - Negotiations
    - Canadian pipeline
- Amount of oil
  - Alaska
- Bill
  - Republican leadership meeting
- Ted Stevens
- Construction effort
- Ted Stevens
- Construction effort

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- Dole's political future
  - Docking
  - Governorship
    - Team length
    - Kansas
    - Fundraising
- Ewing Kaufman
  - Fundraising
- Nancy Ross [?]

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- President's schedule
  - State visits
  - Iceland trip
  - Economy

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- William R. Tolbert, Jr.
  - Liberia
- Leonid I. Brezhnev
  - Soviet Union
- Independence Day
- Zulfikar Ali Bhutto
  - Pakistan
- Mohammad Reza Pahlavi [Shah of Iran]
  - Iran
- Kakuei Tanaka
- Kaufman
  - Invitation
  - Kansas City Royals

Bhutto

- Visits
  - United Nations [UN]
    - Security Council
- Speaking engagements
  - Crowd
- University of California

US-Pakistan relations

- Allies
  - India
- People's Republic of China [PRC]
- Soviet Union
- India

Dole's schedule

- Possible foreign trip
  - Timing
  - Congressional session
  - Camp David
  - Pleasure trip
  - Moscow trade fair
  - Jim Pearson

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- National Security Council [NSC]
- United States Information Agency [USIA]
- Trade fair
  - US representative
  - Moscow
- Support for President

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- Jacob K. Javits's forthcoming election
  - Conservatives
  - Republicans

- Joseph A. Margiotta
  - Bush
    - Speaking engagement
    - New York

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- Joseph A. Margiotta
  - Organization of the President's Madison Square Garden speech
  - George S. McGovern

- Watergate
  - 1972 election
    - Campaign practices
    - McGovern
  - Congressional response
    - Carl T. Curtis
    - Bush's statement to press, May 21
  - White House response
    - White Paper

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- Press coverage
- Bush's conversation with Martin Schramm
  - Press reaction
- Press reaction
  - Ronald L. Ziegler
  - Central Intelligence Agency [CIA] and national security
- National security
  - Public opinion
- Frank L. Rizzo and members of Congress
- Republican response
- Haldeman's meeting with Ehrlichman, Richard M. Helms and Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters
  - Purpose
  - Walters's subsequent conversation with L[ouis] Patrick Gray III
- John W. Dean III
  - Meeting with Walters
- Curtis's reaction
- Press reaction
  - Schramm
- Republicans' response
  - [Unintelligible congressman], [Harold?] Collins and Samuel L. Devine
  - Hugh Scott's and Gerald R. Ford's meeting with press
    - National security
  - Barry M. Goldwater
  - Possible statement
- National security
  - Popular opinion
- President's opponents
- Dean's role
- White House response
  - White Paper
- Republicans' response
  - Possible joint congressional conference
  - Scott and Ford
- National security
  - Secrecy
  - Importance for foreign policy

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- Impact of leaks on Prisoner of War [POW] return and Vietnam War settlement
- Daniel Ellsberg
- White House response
  
- Bush's schedule
  - POW dinner
  - Invitation

Dole *et al.* left at 12:55 pm.

Conversation No. 926-19

Date: May 23, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 12:55 pm and 1:00 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

- Ronald L. Ziegler's schedule
  - Briefing
    - Length
    - Content
  - Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 1:00 pm.

Conversation No. 926-20

Date: May 23, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 12:55 pm and 1:00 pm  
Location: Oval Office

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The President met with an unknown man.

Ronald L. Ziegler's schedule  
-Briefing  
-Length

President's schedule  
-Ziegler  
-Executive Office Building [EOB]

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 1:00 pm.

Conversation No. 926-21

Date: May 23, 1973  
Time: 1:00 pm  
Location: Oval Office

An unknown man met with an unknown woman.

Item on President's desk

The recording was cut off at 1:00 pm.