Conversation No. 927-1

Date: May 24, 1973
Time: Unknown between 11:56 am and 12:01 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

President’s schedule
- Ronald L. Ziegler

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:01 pm.

Conversation No. 927-2

Date: May 24, 1973
Time: Unknown between 11:56 am and 12:01 pm
Location: Oval Office

An unknown person met with Thomas Hart.

President’s schedule
- Location
  - Executive Office Building [EOB]

The unknown person and Hart left at an unknown time before 12:01 pm.
Date: May 24, 1973
Time: 12:01 pm - 12:22 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Camp David

Ziegler’s forthcoming conversation with Julie Nixon Eisenhower
- *Today Show* appearance, May 24
- Julie Nixon Eisenhower’s conversation with Barbara Walters
  - President’s possible resignation

Watergate
- President’s possible resignation
  - Press questions

William L. Safire
- Career
- Essays
- Column, May 24
- Morale

President’s morale
- Effect on popular opinion

Watergate
- Seymour M. Hersh’s story
  - *New York Times*
- Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]
- Temper of the times, 1969-70
  - Student demonstrations
    - Algerian action
    - FBI
- Ziegler’s press briefings
Conversation No. 927-3 (cont’d)

-National security aspects of Watergate
-Funds for defendants
-Clemency
-Ervin Committee hearings
  -James W. McCord, Jr.’s testimony
  -Gerald Alch’s testimony
-White House response
  -President’s possible press conference
    -Timing
      -Leonard Garment’s view
  -President’s veracity
-H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman
  -Departures from White House staff
    -Timing
-Spiro T. Agnew
-White House response
  -White Paper
    -Effect
    -National security
    -President’s knowledge
-Henry A. Kissinger
  -Comments regarding Charles De Gaulle, May 24
    -Response to student riots in France
  -Conversation with Ziegler, May 24
  -Role in White House response
    -Mood
    -Feelings toward Haldeman and Ehrlichman
    -Knowledge
    -Plumbers
-Haldeman and Ehrlichman
-Grand Jury
  -Special prosecutors
-White House response
  -Expectations of the President’s supporters
-Archibald Cox
-Ervin Committee
-John W. Dean, III
Conversation No. 927-3 (cont’d)

- Conversations with the President
  - Content
    - Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
    - George Gordon Liddy
    - Clemency
    - E. Howard Hunt, Jr.
    - Perjury
    - J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.
  - Allegations concerning the President
    - Popular opinion
    - De Gaulle analogy
  - White House response
    - Compared to Cambodia crisis
      - Press reaction
        - Rowland Evans and Robert D. Novak’s columns
    - Press response
      - Forthcoming Time cover
    - President’s possible impeachment
      - Agnew

White House staff
  - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
  - Bryce N. Harlow
  - Return to staff

Watergate
  - President’s schedule
    - Meetings
      - Press
      - Congress
      - Politicians
  - White House staff reaction
    - Tone
    - Climate
    - Press
    - Congress
    - Compared with Julie Nixon Eisenhower’s reaction
Conversation No. 927-3 (cont’d)

- Active role
  - Compared to passive role
    - Fear
  - President’s role
    - Time
    - Broader picture
  - President’s schedule
    - Meeting with Congress members, May 23
    - Cabinet
    - Frequency of meetings
    - Response of Congress members, Cabinet

- White House reaction
  - President’s possible press conference
    - Format
      - Structure
      - Self-interest
  - President’s supporters
  - Time

Ziegler left at 12:22 pm.