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Conversation No. 939-1

Date: June 13, 1973

Time: Unknown between 9:10 am and 9:22 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen Bull. Discontinuities appear in the original recording.

President's schedule

-Ronald L. Ziegler

-Diplomatic credentials ceremony

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 9:10 am.

President's schedule

-Ziegler

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 9:22 am.

President's schedule

-Forthcoming speech on the economy [?]

-Diplomatic credentials ceremony

-Number

-India

-Announcement

-Ziegler

-California

-Diplomatic credentials ceremony

-Trip to Illinois

-Diplomatic credentials ceremony

-Time

-Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon

-Trip to Illinois

-Air Force One passengers

-Howard H. Baker, Jr.

-Thomas C. Korologos

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Conversation No. 939-1 (cont'd)

- Melvin R. Laird
- Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
- Laird
- Haig
- Congressmen and guests
 - Plane
- Baker
- Key Biscayne
- Timetable
- Pekin, Illinois
- Louella (Carver) Dirksen
 - Mother [Lillie Carver]
- Florida
- Haig, Ziegler

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 9:10 am.

President's schedule

- Haig
- Ziegler's schedule
 - Leonard Garment, J. Fred Buzhard, Jr.
- Haig

Bull and the unknown man left.

Conversation No. 939-2

Date: June 13, 1973

Time: 9:22 am - 10:10 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler. Discontinuities appear in the original recording.

Ronald L. Ziegler's meeting

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Press relations

- Vietnam negotiations
 - Joint communique
 - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
- National economy
 - President's address
- President's efforts
 - Vietnam negotiations
 - Messages
 - Nguyen Van Thieu
 - National economy
 - Vietnam negotiations
 - Henry A. Kissinger
- Watergate
- National economy
 - Possible freeze
 - Prices
- Vietnam negotiations
 - Saigon's reaction
- Forthcoming Soviet Union summit
- Cambodia
- Joseph W. Alsop's column, June 13, 1973
 - Forthcoming Leonid I. Brezhnev visit, Watergate
 - Agreement
 - Trade
- Elliot L. Richardson
 - Wire services

Phil Donahue

- Interview with Julie Nixon Eisenhower
 - White House response
 - Correspondents
- Insult

Watergate

- Ervin Committee hearings
- Maurice H. Stans

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- John W. Dean, III
 - Immunity
 - Archibald Cox's possible appeal
 - Judge John J. Sirica's role
 - Forthcoming Ervin Committee testimony
 - Possible effects
 - Transactional immunity
 - Strategy
 - Views of Haig and J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.
 - Forthcoming Ervin Committee testimony
 - John D. Ehrlichman
 - President
 - Ehrlichman and H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
 - White House response
 - Timing
 - Buzhardt
 - William O. Bittman
 - White House response
 - Raymond K. Price
 - Actions of *Washington Post* and *New York Times*
 - Immunity
 - White House response
 - Buzhardt, Charles A. Wright, Leonard Garment
- Ehrlichman's letter to President
 - Garment
 - Leaks to press
 - Elliot L. Richardson
 - Garment
- Garment

Haig entered at 9:34 am.

- Watergate
 - Garment
 - Conversations with Ziegler and Haig
 - Defense of President with press
 - Ehrlichman letter

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- Contacts with Bob Woodward and Seymour M. Hirsh
- Haig's opinion

Congressional relations

- Vietnam negotiations
 - Communique
 - William E. Timmons's activities
 - Staff meeting
 - Haig
 - Chowder and Marching Society
 - Society of Statesmen [SOS]
 - Cambodia
 - Timmons's schedule
 - Kissinger's forthcoming briefings
 - Bi-partisan Congressional leaders meeting
 - Mike J. ("Mike") Mansfield, Hugh Scott
 - Gerald R. Ford, Ted Stevens
 - President's role
 - Guest list
 - Timmons [?]
 - Importance
 - Kissinger [?]
 - Prisoners of War [POWs]
 - Chowder and Marching Society
 - Watergate
 - Watergate
 - Bella Abzug's speech, June 12, 1973
 - Haig's meeting with Chowder and Marching Society
 - Watergate
 - Laird
 - National economy
 - President's activities

Timmons entered at 9:38 am.

Congressional relations

- Vietnam negotiations

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- Wire services
- Congressional relations
- Mansfield, Scott
- Senate Foreign Relations Committee
 - Timmons's telephone calls
- Briefing schedule
 - President's role
 - Kissinger
 - Guest list
 - Congress compared with White House
 - President's economic controls speech
 - Scott and Ford's views
 - Kissinger's forthcoming briefings
 - Scott, Mansfield, Ford, Carl Albert
 - Press
 - Timing
 - President's approval
 - Communique
 - President's briefing on Soviet Union summit, June 13, 1973
 - Kissinger's role
 - Wilbur Mill, Wright Patman, William Proxmire

Timmons left at 9:41 am.

Personal appointments

- William Scranton
 - Conversation with Haig
 - Forthcoming conversation with Haig
 - Effect of possible appointment
- Timing of announcements
 - Press coverage
 - Scranton
 - Leonid I. Brezhnev
 - Energy
 - Harlow
 - Scranton

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- President's trip to Florida
- Brezhnev
 - San Clemente
 - President's conversation with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
 - Andrei Gromyko
 - Photo opportunity
 - “Spirit of Casa Pacifica”
 - Spirit of Camp David, Casa Pacifica, Glassboro, and San Clemente

Watergate

- Dean
 - President's conversation with Ronald Ziegler
 - Forthcoming Ervin Committee Testimony
- Press
 - Treatment of Whittaker Chambers
 - Alger Hiss case
 - Treatment of Dean
 - Joseph W. Alsop's column
 - Need for White House response
 - Haig's opinion
 - Buzhardt
 - Spiro Agnew's speech
 - Columns
 - Garment's contacts
 - New York Times, Washington Post*
- Dean
 - Immunity
 - White House response
 - Peter Lisagor's possible column
 - Ziegler's efforts
 - Discreditation
 - Importance of timing
- Henry (“Scoop”) Jackson's statement concerning Brezhnev's visit
 - Congressional response
- Dean
 - Immunity

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- Forthcoming Ervin Committee testimony
 - Prosecutors' evidence-gathering
 - Buzhardt
- Expectations
- Cross-examination
- Fred D. Thompson
 - Buzhardt
 - Howard H. Baker, Jr.
 - Edward J. Gurney
 - Daniel K. Inouye [?]
 - Herman E. Talmadge
- Gurney
 - Speeches in Florida
 - News coverage
 - New York Times*, *Washington Post*, Associated Press [AP]
 - Support for President
- President's role
 - Need for speeches by supporters
 - Content
 - Dean
 - Haldeman
 - Ehrlichman
 - Agnew
 - Congressmen
- Eugene J. McCarthy
 - Statement concerning President's tenure

Press relations

- Timing of announcements
 - Kissinger
 - Harlow
 - Energy statement
 - Scranton's appointment
 - Delay
 - Scranton
 - Florida
 - President's forthcoming speech on the economy

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National economy

- President's forthcoming speech
 - Timing
 - Ziegler's forthcoming conversation with Timmons
- President's schedule
 - Cabinet, Bi-partisan Congressional leaders
 - George P. Shultz

Ziegler left at 9:59 am.

National economy

- President's forthcoming speech
 - Preparation
 - President's appearance

Chowder and Marching Society

- Support for President
- Meeting, June 13, 1973
 - SOS
 - Attendees
- Haig's talk
 - White House relations with Congress
 - White House relations with Cabinet
 - President's activities
 - Economy, energy, Southeast Asia
 - Cambodia
 - Stability
 - Forthcoming Brezhnev visit
 - Significance

Nellie L. Yates entered at an unknown time after 9:59 am.

Telegram to Kissinger

- Congratulations
- Scowcroft

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Yates left at an unknown time before 10:10 am.

Chowder and Marching Society

- Haig's previous visits
- Complaints by attendees
- Attitude, June 13, 1973
- Cambodia vote
- Peter H. Dominick

Dominick

- Qualities
- Timmons
- Treatment by Committee to Re-Elect the President [CRP]

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Dominick

- Treatment by Committee to Re-Elect the President [CRP]
- Reelection
- Forthcoming conversation with Haig
- Colorado
- Harlow
- "Georgetown set"
- Possible conversation with Harlow

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Chowder and Marching Society

- Timmons
- George H. W. Bush

Watergate

- Dean

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- Forthcoming Ervin Committee testimony
- White House response
 - President's activities
 - Energy, Economy, White House staff, Southeast Asia, Brezhnev
- Evidence
- Ervin Committee hearings
 - Witness schedule
 - Haldeman, Ehrlichman, Dean
 - Agnew's speeches
 - Barry M. Goldwater, Jr.'s possible speech
 - Possible speeches by Congressmen
 - Forthcoming Brezhnev visit
 - Samuel J. Ervin, Jr.
 - Inouye's views
 - Ziegler
 - Possible speech or press story
 - Content

Haig's schedule

Scranton

-Florida

Haig left at 10:10 am.

Conversation No. 939-4

Date: June 13, 1973

Time: Unknown between 10:10 am and 4:32 pm

Location: Oval Office

Unknown persons met.

Agreement

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Conversation No. 939-4 (cont'd)

Message

Unknown persons left at an unknown time before 4:32 pm.

Conversation No. 939-3

Date: June 13, 1973

Time: Unknown between 4:32 pm and 8:50 pm

Location: Oval Office

Television technicians entered.

Arrangements for President's speech on national economy

-Lights

-Cable

An unknown woman entered at an unknown time after 4:32 pm.

John [Last name unknown]

Request for item

The unknown woman left at an unknown time before 8:27 pm.

The President entered at 8:27 pm.

Arrangements for President's speech

-Cue

-Bill [Last name unknown]

-Sound level

-Delay

-President's coat

-Duration

[First name unknown] Ryan [?]

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- Absence
- Nolan Ryan

Cue

The President delivered an address to the nation at 8:30 pm.

[A transcript of this speech appears in *Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States: Richard Nixon, Containing the Public Messages, Speeches, and Statements of the President*, 1973, pages 584-587.]

[Begin recorded remarks]

[End of recorded remarks]

- President's speech
 - Length
 - Preempted movies

Ronald L. Ziegler and members of the press entered at an unknown time after 8:46 pm.

- Cameras
 - Bill [Last name unknown] [?]

- [Photograph session]
 - Gratitude
 - Farewells
 - Chuck Tester [?]
 - Operations

Ziegler and the members of the press left at an unknown time before 8:50 pm.

- Operations [?]
 - Schedule
 - Delay

[Unintelligible]

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The President and the television technicians left at 8:50 pm.