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
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
   -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
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
Haig entered at 9:34 am.

Watergate
  -Garment
    -Conversations with Ziegler and Haig
    -Defense of President with press
    -Ehrlichman letter
-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
    -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
Conversation No. 939-2 (cont’d)

-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
- 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
'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
-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
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
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
Conversation No. 939-2 (cont’d)

-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
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 [?]
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]
The President and the television technicians left at 8:50 pm.