Date: June 18, 1973
Time: 12:32 pm - 3:12 pm
Location: Oval Office

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US-Soviet Union relations
   - Negotiations
     - Brezhnev’s visit
       - Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe [CSCE]
       - Middle East
       - Agreements
         - Preparations
         - Officials assisting in preparations
         - Kissinger, Rogers, Sonnenfeldt
           - 1972 summit

Soviet Union
   - Agriculture
     - Drought
     - Weather forecasts
   - Products
     - Grain
     - Wheat
     - Cotton
     - Sugar beet [?]
   - Positive outlook
-Industry
  -Capital allocation
  -Expenditures
    -Metal
    -Manpower
  -Visit of Soviet minister to US
    -Evgeny Evgenyvich Alexeyevsky
    -Report on US industry
    -Meetings with Brezhnev
    -US cooperation

-Agriculture
  -Climatic zones
  -Difficulty
  -Forthcoming agreement with US
    -Negotiations
  -Gas and oil exploration
    -Negotiations
  -Negotiations with US
    -Brezhnev’s background
    -Metallurgic engineering
    -Role of experts
  -Soviet food minister
    -Visit to US
      -Pepsi-Cola
      -Estonian heritage
      -Armand hammer
      -Occidental petroleum
  -Economic relations with US
    -Trade
    -Credits
    -Results of 1972 summit
    -Duration of relationship
      -Brezhnev’s meeting with senators
        -Natural gas trade

Brezhnev’s visit
  -Officials assisting in preparation
US-Soviet Union relations
- Brezhnev’s comments
  - President’s appreciation
- Brezhnev’s visit
  - President’s approach
    - Spirit of appreciation
- Dwight D. Eisenhower’s meeting with Nikita S. Khrushchev in 1960
  - Contrasts
    - Temper of the times
    - Nuclear weapons
- Foundation
  - Mutual respect and equal strength
- Other nations’ views
  - Brezhnev’s visit to France
    - French views of US-Soviet Union cooperation
- Forthcoming nuclear agreement, June 22, 1973
  - Brezhnev’s role

Brezhnev visit
- Agenda
  - Europe
    - CSCE
    - Mutual and Balanced Force Reductions [MBFR]
  - Middle East
    - Influence on negotiations

President’s visit to Moscow in 1972
- Agenda
  - Vietnam
    - Prior discussions

Vietnam
- Paris Accords
  - Adherence
Cambodia
- North Vietnamese
- Quest for peace

US-Soviet Union relations
- Role in world
  - Influence on war and peace
- Economic relationship
  - President’s goal
    - Support
    - Expansion of trade
- Goals of Soviet government
  - Shared goals with US
  - Expansion of trade
  - Most-Favored Nation [MFN] status
- Adaptation of systems
  - US-Soviet Union cooperation
- Boeing
- Soviet negotiations
- Mutual advantage
- Profits

Time difference between Moscow and Washington, DC

US-Soviet Union relations
- Air transportation and communication
- Forthcoming nuclear agreement, June 22, 1973
  - Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
  - Progress of talks
- Views of American people
  - Support for the summit
  - Henry M. (“Scoop”) Jackson
  - Kissinger
  - Meeting with Brezhnev
- Brezhnev’s opinion of Jackson
- Peace, friendship, co-operation
  - Jackson
Conversation No. 944-1 (cont’d)

- Aspirations of the American people
  - Brezhnev’s assessment
  - International hope
  - Brezhnev’s nature

Brezhnev’s schedule
  - Camp David
  - Adjustment to time change
  - Kissinger
  - Dobrynin
  - State dinner
    - Brezhnev’s possible telephone calls to Moscow
    - Sense of humor

President’s schedule
  - Meetings
  - Signing of documents
  - State dinner

The President, Brezhnev, et al. left at 3:12 pm.

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Conversation No. 944-8

Date: June 18, 1973
Time: 3:12 pm and 3:19 pm
Location: Oval Office

Unknown men met in Oval Office.

President’s schedule
  - Meeting with Leonid I. Brezhnev

Unknown men left at an unknown time before 3:19 pm.
The President met with Henry A. Kissinger, Alexander M. Haig, Jr., and Ronald L. Ziegler.

US-Soviet Union relations
- US capabilities
  - Soviet view
  - Henry A. Kissinger’s comments to media
    - Perception of US role
    - Strength during crises
    - Soviet perception of American strength
      - American media
        - Attacks on the President
    - Television coverage of arrival ceremony
    - Haig’s viewing
  - Conversation with President
  - Camp David
- Andrei A. Gromyko’s forthcoming meeting with William P. Rogers
- President’s previous meeting with Leonid I. Brezhnev
  - Preparations for Ronald L. Ziegler’s forthcoming press briefing
  - Preparations for Ziegler’s forthcoming press briefing
    - Review of forthcoming agreements
      - Development since the 1972 summit
    - Forthcoming bilateral agreements
      - Timing
    - President’s previous meeting with Brezhnev
      - Forthcoming agreements
        - Cultural exchange
        - Oceanography
          - Timing
        - Transportation
        - Agriculture
-Timing of ceremony
-General review of world situation
  -Southeast Asia
  -Middle East
  -Europe
  -Coexistence
  -Peaceful relations
    -US-Soviet Union relations
    -International peace
-June 22, 1973 agreement
  -Possible foreign response
    -Europe
    -People’s Republic of China [PRC]
      -Nuclear weapons
    -US diplomacy
-Preparations for Ziegler’s forthcoming press briefing
  -Forthcoming agreements
  -Presidential remarks
  -Gromyko, Rogers
-Forthcoming briefings
  -Congress
    -Departmental representatives
      -Timing
  -Press
  -Location
  -Documents signings
-Preparations for Ziegler’s forthcoming press briefing
  -Plenary session, June 19, 1973
    -Camp David
  -Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
  -Agenda for President’s discussions with Brezhnev
    -Economic matters
    -SALT
    -Regional discussions
      -Timing

Ziegler left at 3:31 pm.
US-Soviet Union relations
- President’s meetings with Brezhnev
  - Kissinger’s assessment of Brezhnev
  - Chou En-lai
  - President’s assessment of Brezhnev
  - Brezhnev
    - Compared to Nikita S. Khrushchev
      - Khrushchev’s retirement
    - Foreign policy
    - Party politics
      - Kissinger’s trip to Zavidovo
        - Comparison to Khrushchev
    - US interests
    - Relationship to Politburo
- Kissinger’s forthcoming trip to PRC
  - Chou’s schedule
    - Visit to US
- President’s previous conversation with Brezhnev
- Relations with Soviet Union
  - SALT
  - Cambodia
  - Europe
  - Superpower condominium

Kissinger left at 3:35 pm.

Watergate
- White House response
  - Patrick J. Buchanan, Ziegler, J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr., and Charles A. Wright
  - David R. Gergen
    - Possible conversation with Haig
- Washington Post article, June 18, 1973
  - Leonard Garment
  - Buzhardt’s view
- John W. Dean, III
  - Forthcoming statement to Ervin Committee
Conversation No. 944-2 (cont’d)

- Length
- Preparation
- Press handling
  - Washington Post, New York Times, and Newsweek
- Dean
  - Forthcoming Ervin Committee testimony
    - Compared to Maurice H. Stans
    - Fred D. Thompson’s possible cross-examination
      - Buzhardt
        - Haig’s view
- Howard H. Baker, Jr.
  - President’s view
- Dean
  - Possible testimony
    - White House response
      - Buzhardt
      - Buchanan
    - H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman’s possible response
- President’s May 22, 1973 white paper
- Perjury
- Leaks

President’s schedule
  - Televised coverage of remarks

Haig left at 3:45 pm.

Conversation No. 944-3

Date: June 18, 1973
Time: Unknown between 3:45 pm and 3:46 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.
Presidential remarks
- State dinner

President’s schedule
- State dinner
  - Guest list
    - Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
  - Receiving line
    - Leonid I. Brezhnev
    - Rose Mary Woods

Presidential remarks
- State dinner
- Timing

Brezhnev’s arrival ceremony
- Television [TV] networks
  - Coverage
  - Presidential signature

President’s remarks
- Preparation
  - Timing

Bull left at an unknown time before 3:46 pm.

Date: June 18, 1973
Time: Unknown between 3:45 pm and 5:49 pm
Location: Oval Office

Henry A. Kissinger met with an unknown man.

President’s location
Kissinger left at an unknown time before 5:49 pm.

Date: June 18, 1973
Time: Unknown between 5:49 pm and 6:14 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President’s schedule
- Sequoia

Bull left at an unknown time before 6:14 pm.

Date: June 18, 1973
Time: 5:49 pm - 6:14 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with John A. Love and Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Love’s conversation with Henry A. Kissinger
- President’s previous meeting with Leonid I. Brezhnev
- President’s confidence with negotiations
- Time consuming negotiations

Watergate
- President’s appearance

Energy
Conv No. 944-5 (cont’d)

- President’s offer to Love
  - Clarification
    - President’s view of Energy crisis
- Popular perception
  - Crisis
- President’s view
- Cabinet officers
  - Agency rivalries
    - Interior Department
    - Treasury Department
    - White House

Henry A. Kissinger entered at an unknown time after 5:49 pm.

President’s forthcoming toast at State Dinner
  - Edits to toast

Kissinger left at an unknown time before 6:01 pm.

Energy
  - Administrative handling
    - Rank of head of program
      - Kissinger, Melvin R. Laird, Haig
    - White House posting
    - Accountability to the President
  - Access to President
    - Rogers C. B. Morton, George P. Shultz, William E. Simon, Dixy Lee Ray
  - Advisors
    - John B. Connally
      - Meeting with Soviet representatives
  - Range of expertise
    - Oil power
    - Coal power
    - Atomic power
  - Range of activities
  - Difficulties
An unknown man entered at 6:01 pm.
Haig’s schedule

Haig and the unknown man left at 6:01 pm.

Watergate
- Love’s possible press conference
- President’s May 22, 1973 white paper
  - John N. Mitchell
- Press
- Duration
- Ervin Committee hearings
- Allegations concerning President
- President’s May 22, 1973 white paper
- Ervin Committee hearings
  - White House cooperation
  - John W. Dean, III’s forthcoming testimony
    - Postponement
      - Reason
- Dean
  - Role on White House staff
  - Role
  - Jeb Stuart Magruder’s perjury
  - Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
  - Cover-up
  - Handling of funds
    - Honeymoon

Energy
- Situation in Persian Gulf
  - Kissinger
  - Libya
- Ann (Daniels) Love statement
  - Remarks

Middle East
- Israel
Conversation No. 944-5 (cont’d)

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-Love’s trip
-Saudi Arabia
-Iran
-Israel

-Israelis
-Capabilities
-Soviet Union
-Future collapse
-Arabs
-Military capabilities
-President’s conversations with Golda Meir
-Negotiations
-Israelis characterized
-Israel
-Views of American people
-Anti-Semitism
-Support for Middle East War
-Importance of oil to US

US readiness for war
-Middle East
-Western Europe
-Nuclear destruction

Soviet Union
-Interests
-Economic problems
-Military capability
-Nuclear arsenal
-SS-9 missle
-Multiple Re-Entry Vehicle [MRV]
-Brezhnev
-Health
-Possible successor
-Diplomacy

People’s Republic of China [PRC]
Conversation No. 944-5 (cont’d)

-Mao Tse-tung and Chou En-lai
  -Age
  -Health
  -Successors
-Capabilities
-Relations with Soviet Union
  -US diplomacy

Haig entered at 6:08 pm.

Energy
  -Love’s possible role
  -Qualifications
  -Location of office
    -Executive Office Building [EOB]
  -Schedule
    -San Clemente
  -Announcement
  -Staff

Love
  -Possible contacts with President
  -Cabinet meetings
  -Salary

Haig and Love left at 6:14 pm.

Date: June 18, 1973
Time: 6:15 pm - 6:16 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
Haig left at 6:16 pm.

Date: June 18, 1973
Time: 6:19 pm - 6:45 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

John A. Love

William W. Scranton
- Telephone conversation with Haig

Love
- Ann (Daniels) Love
- Travel plans
  - Israel
- Job offer
- Environmentalism
  - Compared to Scranton
  - US need for energy
- Views on controls
- Political views
Briefing at State Department
- Leonid I. Brezhnev visit
- Henry A. Kissinger, Ronald L. Ziegler

Ziegler entered at 6:21 pm.

Watergate
- John W. Dean, III’s possible Ervin Committee testimony
  - White House response
  - Statement
    - Content and phraseology
    - Dean
  - Value
  - Content and phraseology
    - Dean
  - Leaks
    - J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.
  - Statement
    - Gerald L. Warren
- Effect of Leonid I. Brezhnev summit
- President’s conversation with Buzhardt
  - Dean
- Timing
  - Ziegler and Haig conversation
  - White House response
  - Warren

State Department briefing
- Leonid M. Zamyatin

Ziegler left at 6:27 pm.
Conversation No. 944-7 (cont’d)

-Dean
  -Buzhardt
    -Effect on credibility
-Charles W. Colson
-Dean
  -Handling of funds
    -$4,000
    -$16,000
    -Possible investigation
-Buzhardt
  -Activities
-Ervin Committee
  -Republican members
  -Fred D. Thompson’s conversation with Buzhardt
    -President’s opponents
      -Compared to Cambodian actions
      -Compared to the December Bombings
-Ervin Committee
  -Scheduling of Dean’s forthcoming testimony
    -Possible statements

Ziegler entered at 6:40 pm.

Watergate
-Ervin Committee
  -Scheduling of Dean’s forthcoming testimony
    -Content of Dean’s forthcoming testimony
      -Press coverage

Brezhnev’s visit
-Media coverage
  -Ziegler’s impressions of Russian customs
  -President’s speech
  -Arrival
    -President’s assessment of the media
-Signings
  -Schedule
Conversation No. 944-7 (cont’d)

Photographs
- President and Kissinger in Florida
  - Media coverage
- President and Brezhnev at Camp David

Brezhnev’s visit
- Agenda
  - Press coverage
  - San Clemente
    - Communiqué
  - Timing of Brezhnev’s speech
    - Sunday morning newspapers
  - Press coverage
    - Photographs at the Grand Canyon

Watergate
- Ervin Committee hearings
  - Dean’s possible testimony
    - Popular response
    - Timing
      - Brezhnev visit
    - Content
- Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters
- Dean’s documents
- Dean
  - Attacks
    - H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman, John D. Ehrlichman
    - John N. Mitchell
- Mitchell
  - Buzhardt’s view
- Dean
  - Attacks
    - Richard A. Moore
- March 20, 1973 meetings with President and Moore
Possible attacks
-Forthcoming Ervin Committee testimony
-Unknown man’s articles
-Ervin committee
  -Scheduling of Dean’s testimony
    -Brezhnev’s visit
  -Ervin
  -Scheduling of Dean’s testimony
    -Possible influences
-White House response
-Dean
  -Forthcoming Ervin Committee testimony
    -Media coverage
      -Compared with energy story
    -White House response
-James W. McCord, Jr.’s allegations
-Dean
  -Forthcoming Ervin Committee testimony
-William L. Safire
  -Columns
    -Compared to Victor Lasky
-Dean
  -Credibility
  -Handling of funds
    -Buzhardt’s possible release of story
    -Colson’s views
    -$22,000
      -Payment of advertisements
        -W. Richard Howard
        -Gordon C. Strachan
    -$15,000
      -President’s view
      -Payoffs to defendants
        -Colson’s view
        -Disposition
-Buzhardt
-Dean
Conversation No. 944-7 (cont’d)

- $4,000
  - Ehrlichman, Colson and Mitchell
  - Buzhardt
    - Possible release of story to press
      - $4,000
    - Forthcoming conversation with Samuel Dash
      - Dean’s bank records
    - Possible release of story
      - Colson

President’s schedule
  - State dinner

Brezhnev
  - Ziegler’s assessment
  - Media coverage
    - Crowd reaction

The President, Haig, and Ziegler left at 6:54 pm.

Conversation No. 944-10

Date: June 18, 1973
Time: Unknown between 6:54 pm and 11:59 pm
Location: Oval Office

Ronald L. Ziegler met with an unknown man.

President’s schedule

Ziegler left at an unknown time after 6:54 pm.