Conversation No. 948-1

Date: July 11, 1973
Time: Unknown between 8:15 am and 8:20 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

Greetings

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 8:20 am.

Conversation No. 948-2

Date: July 11, 1973
Time: 8:20 am - 8:33 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President’s schedule
- Cabinet meeting notes
  - Revision
  - Bryce N. Harlow
  - Future tasks

Watergate
- White House tapes
  - Dates of conversations
  - J. Fred Buzhardt’s monitoring
  - Alexander M. Haig
- Access
- Control
- United States Secret Service [USSS] Technical Services Division
- Review
Conversation No. 948-2 (cont’d)

H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman, Buzhardt, Bull
-Haldeman’s request
- March 13, 1973 and March 21, 1973
-Haldeman
- September 15, 1972
- Meetings with President
- Request
- March 13, 1973
- Haldeman’s presence

Ronald L. Ziegler entered at 8:25 am.

President’s schedule

Ziegler left at 8:26 am.

Watergate
- White House tapes
  - Access
  - Haldeman’s meetings with President
    - March 1973 meeting in Executive Office Building [EOB]
  - April 15, 1973 with Henry Petersen and Richard G. Kleindienst in EOB
    - Appropriateness of review
      - March 13, 1973
      - President’s notes
      - March 21, 1973
        - Quality of EOB tape
      - April 15, 1973
      - Petersen, Kleindienst portion
      - Discussion of Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman’s departure
      - Haldeman’s presence
      - Petersen, Kleindienst portion
      - Buzhardt’s review
  - Procedures
    - Haig’s telephone call to Bull
Conversation No. 948-2 (cont’d)

-Buzhardt
  -March 21, 1973 telephone tape
  -President’s approval

President’s schedule
  -Forthcoming reception for Senators on July 11, 1973
    -White House staff
      -Proportions
      -William E. Timmons, Bryce N. Harlow
      -Proportions
      -Timmons, Thomas C. Korologos, Max L. Friedersdorf
      -Harlow, Melvin R. Laird
    -Rotation of White House staff attendees
      -Korologos
      -Laird, Harlow

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 8:26 am.

Ziegler
  -Forthcoming meeting with President

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 8:32 am.

President’s schedule
  -National Alliance of Businessmen
    -President’s preference
    -Spiro T. Agnew
    -Declination
  -National Association of Farm Broadcasters
    -Earl L. Butz
    -Julie Nixon Eisenhower
    -President’s former address to organization

Ziegler entered at 8:32 am.

Greeting
Conversation No. 948-2 (cont’d)

Bull left at 8:33 am.

Conversation No. 948-3

Date: July 11, 1973
Time: 8:33 am - 8:38 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Watergate
- Ervin Committee hearings
  - John N. Mitchell’s testimony
    - News summary
  - Networks’ commentary
    - John W. Chancellor
    - Overriding theme
    - Reaction to Mitchell
  - Effect on John W. Dean, III’s testimony
- Lack of informing President
- Motives
  - Committee to Re-elect the President [CRP] [?]
- Chancellor, New York Times
- Jules Witcover’s coverage
  - Contrasted with granted immunity
  - Motives
    - George McGovern
  - Witcover’s prose
    - President’s appreciation
- White House response
  - Kenneth W. Clawson, William J. Baroody, Jr.
  - Dean
  - Financial arrangements
- Gordon C. Strachan
Julie Nixon Eisenhower, [Dwight] David Eisenhower, II
-British Broadcasting Corporation [BBC] interview
   -Networks’ coverage
      -American Broadcasting Company [ABC]
      -National Broadcasting Company [NBC]
      -Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
-Watergate
   -President’s reaction
   -President’s offer for assistance
   -Reception
   -President’s assessment of Julie Nixon Eisenhower and [Dwight] David Eisenhower, II
      -Compared to Cabinet officers
News leads
   -Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]’s reaction to US troop movements
   -Federal Reserve credit increases

The President and Ziegler left at 8:38 am.

Date: July 11, 1973
Time:  11:32 pm - 12:08 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods. This recording began while the conversation was in progress.

Watergate
   -Unnamed person [Howard H. Baker, Jr. ?]
   -Marjorie P. Acker [?]  
   -Ervin Committee hearings
      -John N. Mitchell’s testimony
      -Compared with John W. Dean, III, L[ouis] Patrick Gray [?]
Conversation No. 948-4 (cont’d)

-White House staff
  -Howard H. Baker, Jr.

-Priorities
  -Role as head of campaign
  -President’s re-election

-Possible telephone calls
  -Woods
  -Supporters

-William E. Brock, III

-Campaign contributions
  -Charles G. (“Bebe”) Rebozo

-Ervin Committee hearings
  -Mitchell’s testimony
    -President’s knowledge, role
    -President’s foreign policy activities
      -Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR], Vietnam War

-Baker
  -Decision-making
  -Woods’s assessment

-Baker
  -Woods’s view
    -Louis [Last name unknown]
  -President’s assessment
  -Brock
  -Louis [Last name unknown]
    -Everett M. Dirksen
    -Weakness

-Julie Nixon Eisenhower and [Dwight] David Eisenhower, II
  -British Broadcasting Corporation [BBC] interview
  -Events in Texas

-[Dwight] David Eisenhower, II
  -Compared with Julie Nixon Eisenhower

-Julie Nixon Eisenhower
  -President’s assessment
  -Woods’s assessment

-Ervin Committee hearings
Conversation No. 948-4 (cont’d)

-Mitchell’s testimony
  -Martha (Beall) Mitchell
  -Loyalty
  -Dean, Jeb Stuart Magruder
  -Dean
  -Woods’s assessment
  -Woods’s forthcoming telephone call to Mitchell
    -Location
    -Trader Vic’s restaurant
    -Martha (Beall) Mitchell
  -President’s knowledge
    -H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
  -Concise responses
    -President’s knowledge
      -Hypothetical actions

-Cover-up
  -Compared to Chappaquiddick scandal
    -Young Republicans

-Dean
  -Mail from Ohio
  -Networks’ coverage
    -Compared to Mitchell
      -National Broadcasting Company [NBC]
      -American Broadcasting Company [ABC]
  -Woods’s attendance at party
    -Attire
      -Response
  -Ervin Committee hearings
    -Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman
    -Mitchell’s testimony
      -Networks’ coverage
        -New York Times
        -Woods’s possible telephone call to James C. Hagerty
    -Mitchell compared to Dean
    -Dean’s testimony
      -Immunity
        -Perjury
Conversation No. 948-4 (cont’d)

-William L. Safire’s conversation with Ronald L. Ziegler
  -New York Times
-Dean
-Guest column for Art Hoppe

Safire
-Salary
-President’s assessment

Watergate
-Ervin Committee Hearings
  -Mitchell’s testimony
-White House response
  -President’s possible press conference
  -Patrick J. Buchanan’s view
  -Compared to others’ advice
-Dean
  -Wisdom of response
-Dean
  -Woods’s reaction
-Ervin Committee testimony regarding Woods
  -Dr. W. Kenneth Riland
  -Dean’s refusal to name
-Report
  -Camp David
-Allegations regarding President
  -Immunity
-Allegations regarding President
  -Compared to Magruder
  -Motives
  -Fear of prison
-Magruder
  -Family
  -Views of Californians
-Dean
  -Background
-White House response
Press relations
- Helen A. Thomas
- Vera Glaser
  - Article regarding Woods
  - Headline
- Republicans
  - Party affiliation
- Coverage of administration
  - Negativity
- White House anti-Semitism
  - Safire, Leonard Garment, Murray M. Chotiner
  - Glaser
  - Kandy Stroud
- Thomas
  - Woods’s assessment
  - Behavior at President’s speech in Kansas City, July 1973
  - Attire
    - Slacks on Air Force One
  - Behavior

Jean Rogers’s telephone call to Woods
- Unknown man’s health
  - Woods’s forthcoming call to Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon
- Unknown man
  - Catholic faith
  - Unnamed priest’s visit
    - Last rites
  - Cross
  - Peace with dying
  - Woods’s, President’s assessment

Watergate
- Woods’s morale
  - Handling of telephone calls, criticism
  - Supporters
  - Robert Gray’s views
Woods left at 12:08 pm.

Date: July 11, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:08 pm and 12:09 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.
Conversation No. 948-5 (cont’d)

Ronald L. Ziegler
-Schedule
  -Press briefing
  -Photographs on Capitol Hill

President’s schedule
  -Meals
  -Meeting with Ziegler
    -Availability

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:09 pm.

Conversation No. 948-6

Date: July 11, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:08 pm and 12:09 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

President’s schedule
  -Timing
    -Hubert H. Humphrey, Gerald R. Ford, Arthur B. Hanson
    -Ronald L. Ziegler
      -Press attendance

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:09 pm.
Conversation No. 948-7 (cont’d)

Date: July 11, 1973
Time: 12:09 pm - 12:17 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Hubert H. Humphrey, Gerald R. Ford, Arthur B. Hanson, and William E. Timmons. The White House photographer and members of the press were present at the beginning of the meeting.

[General conversation]

Furniture in the Cabinet Room
- Humphrey’s admiration
  - Muriel F. (“Buck”) Humphrey
  - Williamsburg furniture

[General conversation]

Presentation of medallion to President
- [United States Capitol Historical Society]
  - Design of medal
    - Capitol Building
    - George Washington laying cornerstone
      - “1776”
  - Cost of medal

[General conversation]

[Photo session]

Spiro T. Agnew [?]

Humphrey
  - Vice presidency

Unknown man
US Bicentennial
- Legislation
- Need for celebration
- City Tavern replica in Philadelphia
  - Terms of lease
  - Marine Corps War Memorial Foundation
  - Location
  - Cost

Presentation of gifts by President
- Oval Office flags
- Gifts to wives
- Golf balls [?]
  - Humphrey’s schedule
    - University of Minnesota

Humphrey’s schedule
- Williams Scholarship Fund

Football
- Minnesota versus Michigan
- University of Minnesota team [?]
  - Legislation
- University of Southern California
  - Law School
  - Rankings
- Nebraska
- Rose Bowl
  - University of Southern California, Nebraska
  - University of Southern California
    - Previous Rose Bowl victory over Ohio State
      - Woody Hayes
    - Nebraska
      - Previous Rose Bowl victory over Notre Dame
  - Washington Redskins
Conversation No. 948-7 (cont’d)

-George E. Allen
  -Upcoming season
  -Mark Mosely
  -Ken Houston
  -Trade for Mack Allston and others
  -Minnesota Vikings
  -[First name unknown] Bloomberg [?]
  -Mascot

US Marine Corps

Leave-taking

Humphrey, et. al., left at 12:17 pm.

Conversation No. 948-8

Date: July 11, 1973
Time: 12:17 pm - 12:17 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

President’s schedule
  -Ronald L. Ziegler

The unknown man left at 12:17 pm.
The President dictated a memorandum [memo].

Memo
- Objectives
- Justice Department
  - President’s concern
  - Elliot L. Richardson
  - Priorities
  - Social justice compared to law and order

The President finished dictating the memo at an unknown time before 12:24 pm.

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler

Watergate
- Ervin Committee hearings
  - John N. Mitchell’s testimony
  - Rose Mary Woods’s views
  - Howard K. Baker, Jr.’s questions
- President’s probable response to cover-up
  - Baker’s view
  - President’s knowledge
  - Press coverage
Conversation No. 948-10 (cont’d)

-Betty Beale’s column, July 11, 1973
-John W. Dean, III
-Jude Wanniski’s column, July 11, 1973
-Report
-Camp David
-Wanniski’s column
-Date of receipt
-Wanniski’s column
-Role of G[eorge] Gordon Liddy
-Roles of Jeb Stuart Magruder, Mitchell, H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman, and John D. Ehrlichman
-President’s role, knowledge
-Dean’s testimony
-Perspective on President
-Effect of immunity
-Wanniski’s column
-President’s historical veracity
-Howard K. Smith
-Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
-Dean
-Immunity
-Activities before and after February 28, 1973 contrasted
-Role of prosecutors
-April 17
-Ehrlichman, Haldeman
-Immunity, compared to Dean

News leads
-Economics
-Henry A. Kissinger
-People’s Republic of China [PRC]
-Economics
-Phase IV
-Strength of US dollar

Press coverage
-Peter J. Brennan’s support
Conversation No. 948-10 (cont’d)

- Compared to other Cabinet officers
- Regional airtime compared to national coverage

Cabinet
- President’s opinion
- Frederick B. Dent
- Previous Cabinet meeting

Watergate
- Ervin Committee hearings
  - Witness schedule
    - Mitchell
    - Richard A. Moore
    - Ehrlichman and Haldeman
    - Ziegler’s conversation with J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr., July 10, 1973
    - Timing
    - Possible conclusion
      - Moore
    - Herbert W. Kalmbach
- John B. Connally’s view
- White House response
  - President’s schedule
  - Timing
    - President’s schedule
    - Europe
    - Need for public statement, August
- William L. Safire
- Possible joint session of Congress
  - John R. (‘Tex’) McCrary
    - Note to President
  - Advisability
- Forum for President’s public statements
  - Live audience
  - Possible location
  - Possible response
  - Audience
President’s Kansas City speech, July 9, 1973
- Press coverage
  - Brennan’s conversation with President
  - Helen A. Thomas
- Press’s views
  - Ziegler’s assessment
- Thomas
  - Preparation of story
    - Clarence M. Kelley’s appointment as Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] director
  - Headline
    - Ziegler’s conversation with Thomas
- Relations with White House

President’s schedule
- Executive Office Building [EOB]

Watergate
- Attitudes of Congressional leaders and Cabinet
  - Connally
    - Views
    - President’s schedule

Greeting

The President and Ziegler left at 12:55 pm.

Date: July 11, 1972
Time: Unknown between 12:55 pm and 3:00 pm
Location: Oval Office

A United States Secret Service [USSS] agent talked with an unknown person.
Conversation No. 948-22 (cont’d)

President’s location [?]

The USSS agent left at an unknown time before 3:00 pm.

Conversation No. 948-11

Date: July 11, 1973
Time: Unknown between 3:00 pm and 3:03 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President’s schedule
- John B. Connally’s arrival
  - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.’s attendance

Bull left at an unknown time before 3:03 pm.

Conversation No. 948-12

Date: July 11, 1973
Time: 3:03 pm - 4:22 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with John B. Connally.

Cabinet meeting, July 11, 1973

National economy
- Export controls
  - Exceptions
    - Meat
Conversation No. 948-12 (cont’d)

-Ceiling on prices
  -Compared to previous action
-President’s program
  -Need for taper
  -Short-term compared to long-term objectives
  -Government’s role
    -Consumer expectations
    -Food prices
-Fruits and vegetables
  -Seasonal fluctuations
-Meat
  -Ceiling on price
    -Earl L. Butz’s view
    -Beef compared with pork
    -Hog prices

Rose Mary Woods entered at 3:08 pm.

President’s schedule
  -Forthcoming meeting with Senators
    -Message
      -Julie Nixon Eisenhower

Woods left at 3:10 pm.

National economy
-Meat
  -Hog prices
    -Fluctuations
      -Cycles, overproduction
    -Ceiling on price
-President’s program
  -Previous meeting
    -Support
    -President’s strategy
  -Arthur F. Burns’s views
  -Controls
-Duration
-Exemptions
-Graduated approach
  -Public confidence
-Phase-out timetable
-Food
  -60-day
  -Input
-Livestock
-Beef-raising cycle
  -Butz’s view
-Hog production
  -Feed prices
    -Corn, grain
    -Profitability
    -Margin
-Single supplier
  -Flexibility
-Agriculture
  -Butz’s views
  -Leslie C. Arends’s views
-Controls
  -Farms, businessmen, labor leaders
    -Compared with consumers
  -Consumers’ support
  -Duration
-Butz
-Poultry production
  -Price of eggs
  -Cyclic production
    -Purina
      -Market dominance
    -Poultry compared to hog production
      -Broilers
    -Purina
      -Feed subsidies
Conversation No. 948-12 (cont’d)

- Supply of broilers
- Pork packing houses
  - Closings
  - Sanitary laws
- Cattle compared to chickens
  - Grain
- Export controls
  - Connally’s support

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 3:10 pm.

Refreshments

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 4:22 pm.

National economy
- Export controls
  - Duration
  - Possible effects
  - Priorities
    - Domestic consumption compared to world consumption
- Timing
  - Crop yields
  - Agricultural acreage
- World food supplies
  - Prosperity
  - Soviet Union
    - Leonid I. Brezhnev’s decisions
  - Consumer
  - People’s Republic of China [PRC]
    - Transition of economy
      - Future strain of PRC demand
      - Payment
        - Balance of trade
          - Textiles
- World food shortage
  - US role
-Latin America’s role
-Brazil
-Latin America’s role
  -Agricultural acreage
    -Compared to Midwest, Texas
    -Development of roads, refrigeration
-South America
  -Population
    -Poverty
    -Birth control
  -Studies
    -Efficiency of land use
-US expertise
  -Soviet Union
-Price controls
  -Industry
    -John T. Dunlop’s views
-Phase III
  -Difficulties
    -Timing
-Controls
  -Goal
    -Removal of controls
    -President’s possible statements to farmers
      -Pittsburgh, Des Moines, Illinois
    -President’s possible statement to livestock industry
-Food prices
  -Popular views
    -Balance of payments
    -Japan, PRC, Soviet Union
    -Strength of dollar
-US position in global economy
  -Strength of dollar
    -Paris, Zurich, Geneva, Bonn
-Soviet Union grain deal
  -Terms
-Agricultural prosperity
Regions of US
- South, Midwest, West
- Southeast
  - Peanuts, soybeans, cotton, corn, cattle
- Southwest, Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana
  - Soybeans, wheat
  - Wheat
- Midwest
- West
  - California
  - Economic and political importance

Cattle prices
- Connally’s sale of heifers, July 10, 1973
  - Feed
  - Beef production

Agriculture
- Prices
  - Corn
    - Yield
    - Net profit
  - Wheat
- Butz’s view
  - 60-day
- Export controls
  - Duration
    - Crop cycle
- Corn production
  - Compared with previous years, estimates
- Dunlop’s view
  - Need for controls
  - Council of Economic Advisors [CEA]
- Export controls
  - Predictions
    - Impact of weather, insects, storms
- Frederick B. Dent’s, others’ statement
  - Export controls
  - Crop year
-Labor
  -Forthcoming negotiations
  -Jobs
  -Real income
  -Possibility of strikes
  -Increase in real disposable income
  -Compared to inflation

-Food prices
  -Consumption of meat
    -President’s childhood diet
    -Increase in production, consumption
      -Per capita

-Farm program
  -Farm legislation
    -Subsidies
    -Anachronism
    -Signing of legislation
    -Public statements
  -Previous surpluses
  -Free market
  -Fears
  -Parity
    -1968 campaign
      -Hubert H. Humphrey
  -Grain program
    -Connally’s farm
    -Soil Conservation Service
      -[Higara ?]
        -Chicken feed
        -Implications of rules
      -Deferred grain program
        -Implications of rules
        -Export controls
    -Maize
      -Cattle feed, hay, chicken feed, hog feed
    -Cross-purposes
    -Deferred grain program
Conversation No. 948-12 (cont’d)

-Agriculture Department

-Farm bill
  -Parity for milk
    -Milk producers
    -Dairy co-operatives [co-ops]

-Milk
  -Previous supplies
  -Current production
  -Competition from overseas
    -Europe
      -Cheese, butter
  -Dairy co-ops
    -Compared with unions
    -Demand
  -Price supports

-Pending legislation
  -President’s approval
  -Senate
    -Carl T. Curtis
    -Milton R. Young
  -Senate bill compared to House of Representatives bill
    -Curtis
  -William R. Poage’s conversation with President
    -Leonid I. Brezhnev signing ceremony
  -President’s possible veto
    -Connally’s view
      -Support prices
    -Goal
    -Approval
      -Appeal to East Coasters
    -Sellers’ market
    -Possible effects of veto
      -President’s credibility
        -Labor-Management Advisory Committee

-Role of government
  -Problem solving
  -Private initiative
Conversation No. 948-12 (cont’d)

- Businessmen, farmers, consumers
- Compared to Europe
  - Great Britain, France
  - Germany
    - Labor relations
- Japan
  - Labor rates
- Europe, Germany, Japan, USSR, PRC
- Private initiative
  - “Pioneer spirit”
  - US deficit
  - Midwest, South
    - Compared to East
      - Eastern establishment
- President’s leadership
- Watergate
  - Distraction
  - Timing
    - Forthcoming testimony of H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman, and John D. Ehrlichman
      - Possible outcome

Watergate
- Ervin Committee hearings
  - Forthcoming testimony of Haldeman and Ehrlichman
- Henry A. Kissinger’s conversation with President
  - Thomas W. Braden
  - Nelson A. Rockefeller
  - Braden, Frank F. Mankiewicz, and George S. McGovern
- Plan
  - John W. Dean, III
  - Duration, scope of investigation
    - Public interest
- Public opinion
- Ervin Committee hearings
  - Witness list
    - Haldeman, Ehrlichman, John N. Mitchell, and Herbert W.
Kalmbach
-Internal Revenue Service [IRS]
  -Enemies list
    -President’s and Connally’s knowledge
    -Dr. Michael DeBakey
    -Investigations
  -Audits of President’s returns in 1961 and 1962
    -Robert F. (“Bobby”) Kennedy
    -Leaks of income tax returns
  -Dean’s list
    -Request for investigations
    -Johnnie M. Walters’s response
-Investigation of Connally while Secretary of Treasury
-Investigations
  -Charles G. (“Bebe”) Rebozo
  -William F. (“Billy”) Graham
  -Dr. W. Kenneth Riland
  -Walters’s response
-Robert H. Abplanalp
-Stories regarding President’s San Clemente property
  -Campaign funds
  -President’s response regarding finances
  -President’s finances
    -Abplanalp
    -Rebozo
    -Los Angeles Times story regarding Teamsters

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5
[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 43 s]
Watergate
- Stories regarding President’s San Clemente property
  - General Services Administration [GSA] improvements
    - United States Secret Service [USSS]
  - Freedom of Information Act [FOIA] request
    - Press coverage, public reaction
  - Thomas J. (“Tom”) Steed’s statement
    - Approval
    - Justification
      - John F. Kennedy’s assassination
      - Robert F. (“Bobby”) Kennedy’s assassination [?]  
  - USSS
    - Fence
    - Railroad tracks
      - Mexican-Americans
  - President’s possible response
    - Facilities at Lyndon B. Johnson ranch
      - Airstrip
      - Public knowledge
    - Facilities at Dwight D. Eisenhower’s ranch
    - Hyannis Port, Massachusetts
  - USSS orders
    - Contrasted with President’s preferences
  - Net worth
  - White House response
    - President’s possible statement
      - Timing
      - Content
        - Watergate compared to President’s San Clemente property
Conversation No. 948-12 (cont’d)

-Abplanalp
  -Precision Valve Co.
    -Anti-trust suit
      -Jewish plaintiffs
      -Justice Department
      -Bertram L. Podell’s statement
  -Abplanalp, Rebozo
  -Reluctance to use Presidential plane
- Robert L. Vesco
-White House response
  -President’s possible statements
    -Aplanalp, Rebozo
    -Connally’s viewpoint
  -Need to build sympathy
    -Abplanalp
    -Rebozo
-Rebozo
  -Howard Hughes’s contribution
    -Maurice Stans
    -Handling
      -Return
      -Kalmbach
  -Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] agent [First name unknown] Calhoun
    -Amount

-1972 campaign contributions
  -Stans
    -Compared to McGovern’s campaign
    -Source of funding
  -White House response
    -Possible public statements
  -Possible Congressional action
    -Possible effects
  -Return to contributors
  -Contributors
    -Business people
    -Possible statements
Conversation No. 948-12 (cont’d)

-Ervin Committee investigation in Houston, Texas
   -Handling by Connally
   -George Brown
     -Statement

-Archipald Cox
   -Forthcoming White House response
   -Duties

Connally’s schedule
   -Foreign travel
     -Brezhnev
       -Timing of trip
         -August 3
       -Business interests
         -Possible task force
       -Connally’s conversation with Walter B. Wriston and William E. Simon
     -Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
     -Romania, Poland, Czechoslovakia
     -Middle East
       -Advisability
     -USSR
     -PRC
       -Connally’s personal interests
     -USSR compared with PRC
       -Order, timing of trips
       -President’s role
     -PRC and Japan
       -Timing
     -Connally’s availability
     -PRC
       -President’s experience

President’s schedule
   -Public appearances after Labor Day
     -Compared to campaign
       -Response to opponents
Connally’s schedule
- Domestic travel, speaking appearances
  - Florida
    - Edward J. Gurney
  - Kansas
    - Robert J. Dole
    - Kansas Republican Committee
- Oklahoma, Arizona, California, Oregon, Illinois
- Ohio
- New York
- Ohio, Pennsylvania
  - Frank Dale in Cincinnati
  - [Horace] Chapman (“Chappie”) Rose in Cleveland
  - Preston Wolfe in Columbus

-Trip to USSR
  - Timing
  - Eastern Europe
    - Poland
  - Announcement
    - Ronald L. Ziegler and Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
    - Trip preparations, rejoining law firm
    - Timing, focus
      - President’s forthcoming speech

Jamaica
- Statehood

Nassau [Bahamas]
- Independence
  - Likelihood of success
- Government
  - US action
- Population
- Poverty
- Military, diplomatic corps
  - United Nations [UN] ambassador, ambassador to US
Conversation No. 948-12 (cont’d)

- Appropriations
- Tourism
  - Taxation
    - Hotels
- Abplanalp
  - Residence

Watergate
  - White House
  - Timing
  - Effect
- Popular view
  - Ervin Committee hearings
    - Mitchell, Haldeman, Ehrlichman
    - Televised testimony
- Popular view
  - Saturation

John A. Love
  - Appointment to Energy Policy Office
    - Need for encouragement
  - Meeting with [Shah of Iran] Mohammed Reza Pahlavi
    - Connally’s attendance

Connally’s schedule
  - Forthcoming dinner

Connally left at 4:22 pm.

Date: July 11, 1973
Time: Unknown between 4:22 pm and 4:24 pm
Location: Oval Office
The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President’s schedule
- Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
  - Availability

President’s meeting with Peter J. Brennan
- Invitation to Mr. and Mrs. George Lang [sp?]
  - Message to secretary
- Long Island [?]

Bull left at an unknown time before 4:24 pm.

Date:    July 11, 1973
Time:    4:24 pm - 5:05 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Haig’s trip

John B. Connally
- Previous meeting with President
  - Connally’s schedule
    - Possible trip to Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
- John A. Love
  - Connally’s assessment
- Watergate
  - Popular opinion
- Announcement
  - Law firm, trip to USSR
  - Coordination with Haig, Ronald L. Ziegler
- Meeting with [Shah of Iran] Mohammed Reza Pahlavi
Haig’s speech to American Iron and Steel Institute [?] in New York, July 10, 1973
- Standing ovation
- Jacob K. Javits’s comments
- American Iron and Steel Institute

National economy
- President’s package
  - Haig’s concerns
  - Balanced budget provision
    - Possible vetoes
    - Bryce N. Harlow’s view
    - Benefit
      - Administration’s performance
    - Impoundments, vetoes
    - Advisability, timing
    - President’s commitment
- Connally’s views
  - Balanced budget provision
  - Phase IV, 60-day freeze
  - Compared with Arthur F. Burns’ views
  - Effect on farmers
  - Hogs
  - Credibility
- Haig’s meeting
- Phase IV
  - Balanced budget
  - President’s paper
- Announcement
  - Phase IV
  - Export controls
  - Strict fiscal policy
  - Congress
    - Haig’s view
      - Compared with views of Melvin R. Laird, Harlow, and George P. Shultz
- Papers for President’s review
Conversation No. 948-14 (cont’d)

-Phase IV
  -Balanced budget
    -Vetoes
    -Layoffs
  -President’s presentation
  -Announcement
    -Congress
      -President’s experience contrasted with Harlow, Laird
      -Balanced budget
        -Political climate
          -Possible vetoes
          -Possible reaction
    -Ceiling
  -Watergate
    -Possibility of distraction
      -Forthcoming Ervin Committee testimony of John N. Mitchell, H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman, and John D. Ehrlichman
    -Haig’s conversation with Ziegler, July 10
  -Possible briefings
    -Congressional committees, chairman
    -Businessmen, labor leaders, governors
    -Congressman, Senators
    -East Room
    -Phase IV
    -Balanced budget
  -Balanced budget
    -President’s disinclination
      -Fiscal policy
        -Spending
      -Future possibility
    -Harlow
    -Laird’s view
  -Announcement
    -Format
      -Possible briefings
        -Businessmen, elites
-Contrasted with State of Union address
  -Congressmen, Supreme Court members
-Business, labor, political leaders
  -Governors
-Question-and-answer session
-Press coverage
-Duration
-Harlow, Laird’s view

-Phase IV
  -Possible popular reaction
  -Reassurance of businessmen, public
-President’s previous budget policy
  -Previous vetoes
  -Impoundment
-Balanced budget
  -President’s reluctance
  -Possible criticism
-Announcement
  -Phase IV, balanced budget
  -Possible effects
    -Inflation, dollar, stock market
-Format
  -Television [TV], Congress
    -Advisors’ viewpoint
      -Contrasted with President’s viewpoint
-National press conference
  -Haig’s view
-Possible briefings
  -Leaders of labor, business, Congress
  -East Room
  -Speech
    -Phase IV
    -TV
      -Timing
      -Evening news cycle

-Timing
-John T. Dunlop
Conversation No. 948-14 (cont’d)

-Need for preparation
- President’s schedule
  - Cabinet meeting
  - National Security Council [NSC] meeting
- Announcement
- Donald McI. Kendall
  - Duration
  - President’s, Haig’s assessment
- Pierre Rinfret
  - Controls, taxes

-Taxes
  - Burns
  - Charles H. Percy
  - Wilbur D. Mills
  - Production controls, incentives
- Rinfret
  - Support for President
- President’s package
  - Garnering support
  - Shultz
  - Laird
  - Production controls, need for legislation
    - Harlow
- Kendall
  - Price
  - Business

Watergate
- White House response
  - Haig’s conversation with [First name unknown] Liebman [sp?], July 10, 1973
    - [Horace] Chapman (“Chappie”) Rose
    - J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.
    - Size of counsel’s staff
  - Recommendations
- President’s concerns
- Haig’s conversation with Liebman
Conversation No. 948-14 (cont’d)

-President’s possible statement

-Connally’s view
  -Henry A. Kissinger
  -Democrats’ strategy

-Robert H. Abplanalp
  -Democrats’ role
  -Anti-trust suit

-Elliot L. Richardson
  -Conversation with Haig
    -Richardson’s meeting with Archibald Cox, July 10, 1973
    -Spokesman’s role
      - Compared with Cox’s role

-Ervin Committee hearings
  -Witness list
    -John D. Ehrlichman, H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman, Charles W. Colson
    -Plumbers [Watergate burglars]

-Colson
  -Conversation with Haig, July 10, 1973
    -Colson’s mood
    -Telephone call to Rose Mary Woods
    -Mitchell’s Ervin Committee testimony
      -Reaction
        -George McGovern

-Ervin Committee hearings
  -New articles
  -Witness list
  -Witness list
  -Notification

-Cox

-Wiretaps
  -Elliot L. Richardson
  -Robert F. (“Bobby”) Kennedy
  -President’s schedule
    -Possible meeting with Clarence M. Kelley, Haig
      -Timing
      -Instructions
President’s schedule
  - Joints Chiefs of Staff [JCS]
    - Adm. Thomas H. Moorer [?]
    - Dr. James R. Schlesinger
    - Laird

National economy
  - President’s package
    - Development meetings
      - Harlow, Haig
    - President’s schedule
      - William E. Timmons, Peter M. Flanigan
      - Roy L. Ash, Laird, Harlow, Anne M. Armstrong
      - Armstrong
      - Sequoia
    - Balanced budget
      - Laird
  - Announcement
    - Congress
    - Format
      - Briefings
        - Leaders of business, labor, Congress
        - Governors’ conference
        - Question-and-answer period
      - Press briefing
      - Speech
      - Timing
      - Press coverage
      - TV
        - Primetime
        - Public reaction
    - Balanced budget
      - President’s concern
    - Cost of living

Shultz
  - Tenure in office
Conversation No. 948-14 (cont’d)

-President’s reaction
-Schedule
  -People’s Republic of China [PRC]
    -Henry A. Kissinger’s reaction

Watergate
- Richardson
- Connally’s view
  - Investigations
    - President’s supporters
    - Internal Revenue Service [IRS]
-Cox
- Richardson
  - President’s assessment
  - Haig’s assessment
  - Views regarding Cox
    - Cox’s support for Richardson’s election
-Cox
  - Democrat
  - Harvard University
- President compared to George S. McGovern

Environmental Protection Agency [EPA]
- Russell E. Train’s appointment
- William D. Ruckelshaus

National economy
- President’s package
  - Congress
    - Roy L. Ash
  - Balanced budget
  - Announcement
    - Phase IV
    - East Room
    - Briefings
      - Leaders of business, labor, Congress
      - Connally’s view
The President and Haig left at 5:05 pm.

Date: July 11, 1973
Time: 5:06 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 41-62]

Date: July 11, 1973
Time: 5:07 pm - 5:13 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

President’s schedule
-Camp David
  -Melvin R. Laird, Bryce N. Harlow, Haig
  -Wives
  -Staff meetings
  -Counselors

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[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]
President’s schedule
- Timing of meeting
  - Agenda

National economy
- President’s package
  - President’s concerns
  - Balanced budget
    - Possible vetoes of bills
    - Election year

President’s schedule
- Camp David
  - Timing
  - Dinner
  - Timing
  - Haig, counselors, Ash
    - Sequoia

Haig left at 5:13 pm.
Conversation No. 948-17

Date: July 11, 1973
Time: Unknown between 5:13 pm and 5:16 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown person.

Request for Ronald L. Ziegler

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 5:16 pm.

Conversation No. 948-18

Date: July 11, 1973
Time: 5:16 pm - 5:41 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Watergate
- Ervin Committee hearings
  - John N. Mitchell’s testimony
    - Lowell P. Weicker, Jr.’s questioning
  - White House response
  - Samuel J. Ervin, Jr.
- Members
  - Ziegler’s opinion
- Mitchell’s testimony
- White House response
- Mitchell’s testimony
  - William White’s characterization
- Witness schedule
  - Charles W. Colson
  - Timing
Conversation No. 948-18 (cont’d)

-White’s article [?]
-President’s conversation with John B. Connally
  -Democrats’ strategy
    -Possible popular reaction
  -President’s possible response
    -September
-Archibald Cox
  -Special Prosecutor
  -Elliot L. Richardson
  -White House response
    -Removal
      -Justice Department
    -Legacy
-News leads
-Ervin Committee hearings
  -Mitchell’s testimony
    -Weicker’s questioning
  -Colson’s rumor regarding Mitchell and Weicker
    -“Spirit of cooperation”
-Connally’s view
  -White House response
-White House response
  -Power of the Presidency
    -Judicious use
-Press coverage
  -William L. Safire
    -New York Times
      -Investigative team
  -John W. Dean, III
    -Expectations of President’s opponents
  -Allen Drury’s book, Courage and Hesitation
-New York Times
  -Independence
  -Editorial
-Washington Star
-Press relations
  -Press conference
Conversation No. 948-18 (cont’d)

- Tactics
  - Ziegler’s hypothetical conversation with Art Taylor
    - Anti-trust issue
    - Mitchell’s testimony
      - Network TV coverage

Cable TV
  - President’s position

National economy
  - President’s package of Phase IV economic controls
    - Announcement
  - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.’s conversation with President
    - Melvin R. Laird, Bryce N. Harlow, George P. Shultz
      - Joint session of Congress
  - Compared with Harry S. Truman’s action as President
    - Election year

Public relations [PR] campaign
  - Timing of domestic tour
  - President’s statements
    - Framework
    - Content
      - National economy
        - Effectiveness of message
      - Foreign policy
    - Public reaction
  - Safire’s views
    - Public reaction
  - President’s radio speeches in 1967 and 1968
    - Press reaction
      - Lyndon B. Johnson
    - Presidency
  - Watergate
    - Status as issue
      - Public perception
    - Safire’s view
Conversation No. 948-18 (cont’d)

-White House campaign
  -President’s economic package, foreign policy
  -Need for philosophical base
    -President’s philosophy
  -Timing
    -Domestic tour
-Connally’s schedule
  -Speaking tour

Press relations
  -Watergate
    -Press expectation
      -President’s withdrawal
      -Press conference
  -White House strategy
    -Receptions, White House correspondents, Gridiron dinners
    -Press conference
    -Availability
      -White

Ziegler left at 5:41 pm.

Conversation No. 948-19

Date: July 11, 1973
Time: Unknown between 5:41 pm and 5:42 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

Stephen B. Bull’s schedule
  -Availability

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 5:42 pm.
Date: July 11, 1973
Time: 5:42 pm - 6:04 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

Watergate
- Woods’s friend
- Telephone calls, letters
- Possible trip to DC
- Timing
- Lowell P. Weicker, Jr.
- Ervin Committee hearings
  - John N. Mitchell’s testimony
    - Dr. William M. Lukash
  - Weicker’s questioning
    - Mitchell’s response
    - Goal
    - Logs, telephone conversations, meeting participants
  - President’s knowledge
    - John W. Dean, III, H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman
- Weicker
- Dean
  - March 21, 1973 conversation with President
    - Camp David
  - Immunity
- Ervin Committee hearings
  - Mitchell’s testimony
    - Weicker’s questioning
    - President’s knowledge
    - Mitchell’s attorney
    - Demeanor
Conversation No. 948-20 (cont’d)

-Howard H. Baker, Jr.
  -Bryce N. Harlow
  -President’s campaign support

-Weicker
  -President’s campaign support
  -Connecticut
  -$65,000

-Dean
  -Handling of funds
  -Wylie T. Buchanan, Jr.’s telephone call
    -$4850
    -Telephone call to New York Times [?]

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Watergate
  -Ervin Committee hearings
    -Mitchell’s testimony
      -Weicker’s handling compared to Dean’s treatment
    -Duration, breaks
  -President’s March 22, 1973 meeting with Dean, Haldeman, John D. Ehrlichman, and Mitchell
  -Dean
    -Information to President
    -Woods’s opinion
  -Support for President
    -J. Willard (“Bill”) Marriott’s note
Conversation No. 948-20 (cont’d)

- Telephone calls and letters
- President’s reception in Kansas City
  - Helen A. Thomas’s article
  - Weather
  - Cheering

Thomas
- Access
  - Woods’s refusal to interview
  - President’s acknowledgement
    - Mitchell [?]
- Conduct

Watergate
- Support for President
  - Ohio Republican State Committee chairwoman’s telephone call to Woods
  - Telephone calls, letters
- Ervin Committee hearings
  - Herbert W. Kalmbach’s forthcoming testimony
    - William O. Bittman
    - Contact with President
- Questioning
  - Baker, Weicker
  - Mitchell’s testimony
    - President’s knowledge
- Dean
  - Mitchell’s testimony
- Dean
  - Dean

The President and Woods left at 6:04 pm.
Date: July 11, 1973
Time: Unknown between 6:04 pm on July 11, 1973 and 2:15 pm on July 12, 1973
Location: Oval Office

United States Secret Service [USSS] agents met.

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PRESIDENT’S LOCATION

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This conversation was cut off at an unknown time before 2:15 pm on July 12, 1973.