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Conversation No. 083-001

Date: November 15, 1971

Time: 3:36 pm - unknown before 11:59 pm

Location: Cabinet Room

The President met with William P. Rogers, John B. Connally, Melvin R. Laird, John N. Mitchell, William T. Pecora, Clifford M. Hardin, Maurice H. Stans, James D. Hodgson, John G. Veneman, George W. Romney, John A. Volpe, David M. Kennedy, George P. Shultz, Donald H. Rumsfeld, H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman, John D. Ehrlichman, Raymond K. Price, Jr., Alexander P. Butterfield, William Bird, and Chester C. Spurgeon

[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

TRANSPO '72

- Cabinet co-operation
- United States' leadership
  - Aircraft
- Theme
- Purpose

Ronald L. Ziegler entered and Bird and Spurgeon left at 3:40 pm

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[National Security]

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[Duration: 21m 19s]

John A. Volpe's previous trip to Europe

- Purposes



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- Transportation Safety Conference
- Experimental safety vehicles
  - General Motors, Ford
  - Germany
- Italy
  - John B. Connally, George W. Romney
  - President Giuseppe Saragat
  - Mariano Rumor
  - Amintore Fanfani

Clark MacGregor entered at 3:45 pm

- Graham A. Martin
  - Memo to William P. Rogers
- Rumania
  - Volpe's Conversation with President Nicolae Ceausescu
    - Middle East
      - Israel
    - India-Pakistan
      - Agha Mohammad Yahya Khan
        - Conversation with Ceausescu
        - Volpe's conversation with the Prime Minister of Poland
  - Vietnam
    - Volpe's conversation with Rogers
    - United States troop withdrawal
  - Airplanes
- Spain
  - Possible order for equipment
- Rumania
  - Volpe's schedule
- Poland
  - Orville Freeman's previous visit in 1962
  - Volpe's previous meeting with Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski in Rome
    - Church-State relations
  - Church Attendees
    - Volpe's previous trip to Soviet Union [USSR]



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-Volpe's meetings with Bishops

Ziegler left at 3:55 pm

- Views of Poles toward the United States
  - Minister of Transport
  - President of Science Academy
  - Chairman of State Council on Science and Technology
- Automotive Research Center
- Volpe's meeting with foreign minister
  - U.S. Ambassador Walter J. Stoessel, Jr.
  - Graham Martin
- Volpe's meeting with Jozef Cyrankiewicz
  - Agenda
    - India-Pakistan
    - Middle East
    - Cyrankiewicz's previous conversation with Josip Broz Tito
- Volpe's meeting with the new Polish ambassador

Ziegler entered at 4:00 pm

- The President's forthcoming trips to the Soviet Union [USSR] and the People's Republic of China [PRC]
- Volpe's conversations

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Budget

- Continuing resolution
  - MacGregor
- The President's previous meeting with congressmen
  - Michael J. ("Mike") Mansfield and Hugh Scott
  - Allen J. Ellender and Milton R. Young
  - Gerald R. Ford, George H. Mahon and Frank T. Bow
  - Carl B. Albert and [Thomas] Hale Boggs



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- Views of Mansfield and Ellender
- Timing
- Ford's views
- Mitchell's opinion
- Previous resolutions
- Office of Economic Opportunity [OEO]
- Cut-off of funds
  - Effect on government
- Ellender's views
- House of Representatives' rules

Connally

- Schedule
- Cost of Living Council

Opium poppies

- Utility
- Color

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[National Security]

[083-001-w002]

[Duration: 1m 28s]

- Production
  - Turkey
    - United States program
    - Ambassador William J. Handley
    - Dr. Rex R. Taggart
  - Prime Minister

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Opium poppies

- Role of opium in the plant
- Usage
- Hardin's conversation with an unknown Turkish poppy breeder
  - Aid to the United States
- Cultivation
- Unknown man's visits
- Creativity of youth to find drugs

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*[Previous PRMPA Personal Returnable (G) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift 10/18/2017. Segment cleared for release.]*

[Personal Returnable]

[083-001-w003]

[Duration: 40s]

President relates story of friend in Florida

- Teenage son
  - Heroin
  - LSD
  - Car crash
- Parents kick son out of house
  - Son growing marijuana in garden

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Hardin

- Resignation from Cabinet
- Tenure in office
- Replacement
  - The President's conversation with Senator Young
- Chair



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- US Department of Agriculture [USDA] staff
- The President's conversation with Carl T. Curtis
  - Book on Nebraska football, Big Red
    - [Forename unknown] Ryboe [sp?]
    - Lloyd Cardwell
    - [Forename unknown] Stauer [sp?]
    - Former coach of Wyoming
      - Hardin's role
    - Albert
- Chair
  - US Department of Agriculture [USDA] staff

Agriculture

- Hardin's tenure and future
- The President's program
  - Views of Tony C. DeChant
    - National Farmers' Union
    - Role in Democratic Party
- Farm prices
  - Port strike
  - Animal growers
  - Prospects
  - Loan program
- Earl L. Butz
  - Confirmation as Secretary
    - Grange, Farm Bureau, and National Farmers' Union
- Soil conservation
  - US Department of Agriculture [USDA]
  - Monthly meetings
  - The President's Palm Springs radio broadcast
  - Importance
    - Dust Bowl
    - Butz's statement
    - Franklin D. Roosevelt

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[Unintelligible]

[083-001-w004]

[Duration: 5m 36s]

General conversation

Raising standards

John N. Mitchell

Ronald L. Ziegler

Alexander P. Butterfield  
-President's question

The President's schedule

Unknown person's visit to New York

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The President and Rumsfeld left at 4:26 pm; Rogers, *et al.* left at an unknown time before 11:59 pm

Conversation No. 083-003

Date: November 16, 1971

Time: Unknown between 12:00 am and 10:15 am

Location: Cabinet Room



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John B. Connally met with Donald H. Rumsfeld, Hugh Scott, Robert P. Griffin, Peter H. Dominick, Gerald R. Ford, Leslie C. Arends, John B. Anderson, Samuel L. Devine, Richard H. Poff, John J. Rhodes, Robert C. (“Bob”) Wilson, H. Allen Smith, Robert J. Dole, John D. Ehrlichman, George P. Shultz, Clark MacGregor, Harry S. Dent, William E. Timmons, Richard K. Cook, Eugene S. Cowen, Patrick J. Buchanan, and Ronald L. Ziegler

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[Unintelligible]  
[083-003-w001]  
[Duration: 7m8s]

General conversation

Review document

Finance

John D. Ehrlichman

Gratitude for attending meeting

H.R. Haldeman

The President entered at 8:07 am

Greetings

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Agenda





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- Rumsfeld
- Connally

### National Economy

- The President's program of wage and price control
  - Pay Board, Price Commission, and Cost of Living Council
    - Activities
    - Applicability of controls
  - Enforcement
    - Freeze
    - Internal Revenue Service [IRS]
  - Effect and role
    - Jobs
    - International context
    - Fiscal and monetary policy
  - Public certainty
  - Government activism
  - Congressional relations
  - Pending legislation
    - Democratic leadership
    - Public uncertainty
  - Price Commission
    - Guidelines
      - Aggregate
      - Business costs and productivity
      - Internal Revenue Service [IRS]
      - Profits and profit margins
    - The President's previous statement in Detroit
  - Pay Board
    - Union members
      - American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations [AFL-CIO]
    - Non-union workers, independent unions
    - Retroactivity
    - Future wages and contracts
    - George Meany and [Forename unknown] Neagle [sp?]



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- Previous union contracts
- Price Commission
  - Effect on inflation
- Contrasted with total control
  - Enforcement
- Pay Board
  - Bellwether unions
  - Consumer Price Index [CPI]
- Phase I
  - Wholesale Price Index
- Canadian experience
- Effect of public support
- Inflation
  - Budget restraint
  - Productivity
- Businessmen
  - Complaints
- Labor participation
  - Meany
  - Korean War experience
- Temporary program
- Fiscal and monetary policy
- Productivity
- The President's previous press conference
  - Stock market
- Situation in 1968
  - Compared to present situation
- Current situation
  - Vietnam War
  - Inflation
  - Unemployment
  - Investment
- The President's program
  - Duration
    - Inflation rate
  - Democrats



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- Harry F. Byrd, Jr.
- Stock market
  - Margin requirements
  - Prospects
    - The President's meeting, November 15, with George E. Allen
- Pending legislation
  - Economic Stabilization Act
    - Votes in House of Representatives' Banking Committee
      - Minish Amendment
      - Patman Amendment
      - Annunzio Amendment
      - Hanna Amendment
    - Forthcoming Senate action
      - Amendments
      - Tax Bill
      - Committee's actions
        - John G. Tower
  - Revenue Act
    - Senate Finance Committee's actions
      - Republican members
    - Amendments
      - Tax credit for higher education
      - American Depositary Receipt [ADR]
    - Birch E. Bayh, Jr.'s actions
      - Clifford P. Case's vote
    - Business community
      - New Jersey
      - American Depositary Receipt [ADR]
    - Timing of forthcoming Senate vote
      - American Depositary Receipt [ADR]
      - Ralph Nader
    - Democratic Senators
      - John C. Stennis
      - Constituents
    - Charles H. Percy
    - Importance



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- Passage
- Benefits
- Pay Board and Price Commission

United States' foreign trade

- Possible speeches by congressmen

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[National Security]

[083-003-w002]

[Duration: 4m 16s]

- Connally's Meeting with the Japanese
- Philippines
- Europe
  - Complaints regarding Connally
- Japanese trade with Europe
- Philippines
  - Morrell-Langley [?] Agreement
  - Grain trade with Canada
- Protectionism
- The President's program
- The President's speech to Congress
- Negotiations with foreign powers
- Possible speeches by Congressmen
  - Foreign aid
  - Example

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- Deficit figures
- Possible audiences



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- The President's program
  - Editorials in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and *Newsweek*
  - Audience
- The President's previous speech in New York, November 9
  - The President's previous speech in Chicago, November 9
  - Audience
    - Trade concerns with Europe, Japan
    - Gold prices
- Monetary and fiscal policies
- Trade deficit figures

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[National Security]

[083-003-w004]

[Duration: 55s]

- Negotiations

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- Import surcharge
- Price of gold
- Convertability
- The President's role
  - Democrats' possible legislation
- Negotiations

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[083-003-w005]

[Duration: 1m 33s]

India-Pakistan

- Refugees
  - The President's conversation with Indira Gandhi
- United States position

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National Economy

- Importance to foreign relations
- Foreign aid
- Defense of free world
- Foreign trade
  - Terms
  - Comparative importance
- US economic wealth

United States' foreign trade

- Negotiations
  - Import surcharge
  - Democrats' possible charges
  - Trade deficits

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[National Security]

[083-003-w006]

[Duration: 14s]

Foreign trade relations



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- Negotiations
  - Possible Democratic criticism
  - Possible speeches by congressmen
    - Surcharge
  - Previous State Department efforts
  - Other nations' positions
  - Scott's conversations with foreigners

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[National Security]

[083-003-w008]

[Duration: 58s]

- Foreign economies
  - Japan
  - Canada
  - West Germany

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- The President's policy
  - Criticism

Democratic Congressmen

- Stennis
- Ford and House Republicans
- Possible criticism of the President's trade policy



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### United States' foreign trade

- Meany's criticism
- Effect of the President's domestic economic program

### National economy

- Rumsfeld
- The President's program
  - Prices
  - Jobs
  - International concerns
- Wage and price controls
- Popularity

### Supreme Court

- Confirmation of the President's nominees
  - Scott's conversation with Michael J. ("Mike") Mansfield
  - Bayh
  - Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy
  - Griffin
  - Delay
    - Effect
      - Warren E. Burger's view
  - Ideology
    - Joseph L. Rauh, Jr.'s views of William H. Rehnquist
    - William O. Douglas
    - William J. Brennan, Jr.
    - Hugo L. Black
    - Felix Frankfurter
- Lewis F. Powell, Jr.
- Rehnquist
- Confirmation of Powell and Rehnquist
  - Bayh
- Rehnquist
  - Efforts as poll watcher

### Pending legislation





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- Tax Bill
  - Amendments
    - Political contributions
- Budget
  - Continuing resolution
    - The President's meeting with Allen J. Ellender, November 15
      - Mansfield

Ellender

Earl L. Butz

- Confirmation hearings
  - George S. McGovern and Hubert H. Humphrey
  - Association with Ezra T. Benson
  - Democrats' forthcoming critique
  - Clifford M. Hardin's forthcoming conversation with Milton R. Young
  - Breakfast with Jack R. Miller, November 16
  - Meetings with Herman E. Talmadge and Young, November 16

Pending legislation

- Department of Defense appropriation bill
  - Boland Amendment
  - MacGregor
  - Howard W. Robison's amendment
    - Mansfield
    - Support
  - Ford's conversation with George H. Mahon
    - George W. Andrews
    - Jamie L. Whitten
- Boland Amendment
  - Language
    - Compared with Mansfield Amendment
    - Combat support in Indochina
    - Prisoners of War [POWs]
  - Legislative strategy
    - Whitten



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- Robison's amendment
  - Language
  - Effect on Boland Amendment
- Mansfield Amendment
- Congressional responsibility
- Vietnam

Vietnam

- The President's actions
- Prisoners of War [POWs]
- Negotiations with North Vietnam
  - Nguyen Van Thieu
  - Prisoners of War [POWs]
    - Possible Congressional action
- The President's troop withdrawal announcement
- Prisoners of War [POWs]
  - Possible Congressional action
  - Possible military action against North Vietnam

Pending legislation

- Commerce Committee
  - Civil Aeronautics Board [CAB]
- Amendments

Vietnam

- The President's actions
- Negotiations with North Vietnam
  - Prisoners of War [POWs]
  - Possible Congressional action
  - Credit

The President left at 9:50 am

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[083-003-w002]

[Duration: 1m 18s]

General conversation

Greetings

Congress

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Connally, et al. left at an unknown time before 10:15 am

Conversation No. 083-004

Date: November 16, 1971

Time: 10:15 am - 10:56 am

Location: Cabinet Room

The President met with Elliot L. Richardson, Patricia R. Hitt, Clair W. Burgener, Kenneth Robinson, Jeannette Rockefeller, Nan Ulle, Joseph H. Douglas, Kenneth R. Cole, Jr., and James H. Cavanaugh

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Robinson

Arrangements for photo  
-Oliver F. (“Ollie”) Atkins



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-Copies

Robinson

-Activities

Douglas

-Department of Health, Education, and Welfare [HEW]

Mentally retarded

-United States' programs

-Compared with other nations

-Number and appropriations

-Consolidation

-Variety

-President's Committee on Mental Retardation

-Role

-Burgener

-Douglas

-Institutional population

-Program goals

-Integration into society

-Alternative housing

-Scandinavia

-Costs of institutionalization

Youth

-Protection

-Treatment by parents

-Walter H. Judd

-Keynote speech at 1960 Republican Convention

-Daughter

-Involvement with mental retardation

Youth National Association for Retarded Children [YNARC]

-Membership

-Activities



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- Media coverage
- Legislation
  - State level
- Involvement with charitable causes
- Involvement with mental retardation
- Goals

### Robinson

- Background

### Mental retardation

- Hitt's experience
  - Robinson
- Julie Nixon Eisenhower
  - Conversation with the President, November 15
  - Visit with Mayor Ralph J. Perk's child
- Prevention
  - Prenatal
- Diagnosis
- Physical cause
- Diagnosis
- Prevention
  - Genetic counseling
  - Premature birth
  - Pre- and postnatal care
  - Identification of high-risk populations
  - Birth damage
  - Amniocentesis
  - Development of fetal lung
  - Measles
  - Drugs
- Committee's forum in Honolulu, October 1971
  - Nations participating
  - Resolution commending the President
- Press coverage
  - The President's forthcoming statement



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- Committee
- Efforts
- Importance

Presentation of gifts by the President

- Cuff links and compacts

The President's schedule

Robinson's future

The President, *et al.* left at 10:56 am