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Conversation No. 735-001

Date: June 15, 1972  
Time: 10:31 am-12:10 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Luis Echeverria Alvarez, Alexander M. Haig, Jr. and Donald F. Barnes.

[Ronald L. Ziegler, members of the press and the White House photographer were present at the beginning of the meeting.]

Instructions

Waving to crowd  
-Cheering

Seating  
-Photographs

Introductions  
-Ziegler

Photographs

Movies  
-Mexico

Camp David



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### Introductions

- Number of people
  - Chicago
  - Washington

### United States [US]-Mexican relations

- Present meeting
  - Importance
    - The President's view
- Henry A. Kissinger
  - Travel schedule
    - Future consultations
      - People's Republic of China [PRC]
      - Mexico City visit
      - Japan
      - European countries
      - Canada
      - Echeverria's response
        - Previous meeting with Kissinger
- Water salinity problem
  - Resolution
  - Echeverria's visits to the Mexicali Valley
    - California
    - Arizona
  - 1944 agreement between United States [US] and Mexico
    - Nelson A. Rockefeller
    - Coverage
  - Source of water
    - Wells
      - Age of water
    - Colorado River
      - Irrigation
      - Recycling
  - Relationship between Kissinger and Mexico's Foreign Secretary [Emilio Rabasa Mishkin]



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- Resolution of salination problem
  - California and Arizona
- Indication of upcoming problems for Mexico and Latin American countries
- Water distribution
  - Mexican and American farmers
- Quality and quantity of water
  - Mexico's willingness to alleviate problems
    - California
- Possible wording of statement
- Meeting between Mishkin and Kissinger
  - Recapitulation of the conversation
    - Solutions
      - Water treatment
      - 1944 agreement
      - Colorado River
      - Water treatment 1944 agreement
      - Imperial Dam
- Water quality and quantity problem
  - Complexity
  - Echeverria
  - Water quality
  - Commissioner
  - Solution
    - Echeverria
    - The President
  - Visiting intermediaries in Mexico
    - Reactions to water problem
  - Baja, California
  - Mohawk River
  - Colorado River
  - Echeverria's role
  - Nixon's role
  - Kissinger
    - Improvement of water quality
    - Importance of technical matters



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- Mexican interest in water treatment problem
  - Latin America's interest
  - Kissinger
    - William P. Rogers
- Water usage in Mexico and United States [US]
  - Arizona and California
- American Congressional reactions
  - Arizona and California
  - Interest of US farmers
- Approval of the President's executive actions
- Sensitivity of issue

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 10:31 am.

The Mexican President's schedule

- Joint session of Congress
- Blair House
- Mrs. Echeverria
- The President's schedule

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 11:56 am.

United States [US] foreign policies

- Leonid I. Brezhnev
  - United States [US]-Soviet Union [USSR] relationship
  - Negotiations
- Water treatment problem between United States [US] and Mexico
  - Possible statement by the President
    - Congressional reactions
    - Personal commitment by the President
  - Mexico expectations
    - Mexican citizens in United States [US]
    - Technical problem
    - Water quality
  - Possible statement by the President
  - Resolution



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- Timing
- Gustavo Diaz Ordaz
  - Previous meeting with the President
    - Salinity
      - Oaxaca Dam
      - Puerto Vallarta
      - San Diego
      - State Department
- Presidential level of action
- Second meeting between the President and Echeverria
  - Statement
    - Water quality
    - Water treatment technical study
- Kissinger and Haig
  - Forthcoming meeting with Mexico's Foreign Secretary
    - Wording for possible statement
  - State Department involvement
    - Rogers
    - White House position
- Solution
  - The President's commitments
  - Echeverria's view
- Significance of Mexican border to United States [US]
  - Echeverria
  - Latin America

### Echeverria's schedule

- Joint session of Congress
- Third World policy
  - Latin America
    - Fidel Castro

### Cuba

- Relationship with Soviet Union
  - Echeverria's view
- United States [US] interests in relation to Cuba



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- Caribbean
- Latin America
- Influence
  - United States [US] resistance
  - United States [US] attitudes
  - Latin America
- Castro
- Comparison with European countries

### Latin American problems

- Population growth
- Unemployment
- Communism
  - Social tensions
- Possible solutions
  - Echeverria's schedule in United States [US]
    - Meeting with United States [US] business leaders
    - Rockefeller
- Mexico's role
- Private investment
  - Echeverria's address to business leaders
  - Technology
  - Employment
- Economic development
  - Mexican business leaders
  - Importance
  - Trade
- United States [US]-Mexican relations
- Brazil
  - Popular interest in Soviet Union [USSR]
- Struggle between capitalism and communism
- Echeverria's dinner with United States [US] business leaders
  - Expropriations
    - United States [US] business leaders' concerns
    - Effect on investment
- The President's conversation with United States [US] businessman



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- Mexico and Brazil
  - Financial climate
- Necessity for stability
  - Mexico as model for Latin America
    - Freedom of speech and press
    - Elections
    - Mixed economy
      - Importance of United States [US] investment
        - Effect
  - Necessity for private investment
    - Social disorder
    - Minorities in the US
    - United States [US] interests in solutions

### The President's meetings in the Soviet Union [USSR] and People's Republic of China [PRC]

- Results
  - Echeverria's view

### Latin America

- Mexico's role
  - Importance
  - Echeverria's role
- Haig and Kissinger
  - Salinity problem

### Demonstration in San Antonio, Texas

- Mexican political prisoners
- Angela Davis efforts
- Cuban and Chilean involvement
- Chicanos
- University of California groups
  - Attacks on Mexico

### Latin America's future

- Dictatorships



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- Need for private investment
- Threat of communism
- The President's August 15 announcement
  - Economic statement
  - President of Anaconda Copper Company
    - Visit to Mexico
      - Investment in Mexico
- Lack of technology and capital
- Overpopulation
- Soviet and Chinese communist propaganda
- Need for private investment
  - Role of Latin American governments
- Echeverria's conversation with Salvador Allende Gossens
  - Investment problems in Chile
- Possible socialist dictatorship
  - Investment programs
  - Castro
  - Need for long term planning
  - Soviet propaganda
  - United States [US] prosperity
- Need for new United States [US] policy
- Echeverria's forthcoming meeting with United States [US] businessmen
  - Latin America
    - Compared with Mexico
    - Brazil
    - The President's view
  - Communism
  - United States [US] future investments
    - The President's view
    - Instability
    - Expropriation
    - Partnership with local interests
  - Communism
  - Echeverria's possible statements
    - The President's view
    - Stability





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- Business policy
- Partnership
- Need for United States [US] investment
  - Unemployment
  - Results
  - Instability
  - Echeverria's role in Latin America
    - Latin Americans' responsibility
- Allende
  - Flight of foreign capital from Chile
  - Latin American business opportunities
    - Rockefeller
    - Comparison to other parts of the world
      - Indonesia
      - Thailand
      - Africa
    - Mexico as example
  - Instability, expropriation
    - Effect on investment
- Echeverria's forthcoming meeting with businessmen
  - The President's support for investment
  - Cuba
  - Chile
- Mexico's role of leadership
  - Castro

### United States [US]-Mexican relations

- Echeverria's forthcoming speech to United States [US] Congress
  - Salinity of water in Mexico
    - Bilateral relations
  - The President's meeting

Kissinger entered at 11:56 am.

Kissinger's briefing of Congress



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### United States [US]-Mexican relations

- Instructions for Kissinger
  - Salinity of water
    - Public statement
      - The President's policy
      - Deadline for settlement
  - Memorandum from Foreign Minister
  - Farmers
  - Arizona, California
  - Baja, California

### Echeverria's forthcoming speech to United States [US] Congress

- Illegal immigrants
  - Discussion
    - The President's meeting with Echeverria
- The President's schedule
  - Forthcoming meeting with the President

### United States [US]-Mexican relations

- Illegal immigrants
  - Working conditions in United States [US]
    - Study commission
  - Numbers in United States [US]
  - United States [US] farmers
    - Labor force
  - Location
    - Cities
      - California, Texas
      - Midwest
      - Chicago
  - Attitude of Chicano groups in United States [US]
    - Political activities
  - Working conditions in United States [US]
- Kissinger's schedule
  - Trip to Mexico
    - Acapulco



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-Briefing of Echeverria

Latin America

- Activities of Soviet Union [USSR] and People's Republic of China [PRC]
  - Chile, Argentina, Mexico
  - Impact on United States [US]
  - Cuban precedent
  - Military dictatorships
  - Effects on United States [US]
  - Cuba
  - Military dictatorships
  - Subsidies to youth groups
  - Echeverria's view

Echeverria's schedule

- Forthcoming speech to Congress
- White House dinner
- Forthcoming meeting with the President

The President, Echeverria, Haig, Barnes and Kissinger left at 12:10 pm.

Conversation No. 735-002

Date: June 15, 1972

Time: Unknown between 12:10 and 12:14 pm

Location: Oval Office

Stephen B. Bull met with unknown persons.

Gift for the President

- Steuben glass
- Walter H. Annenberg

Luis Echeverria Alvarez



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The President's schedule

This conversation was cut off at an unknown time before 12:14 pm.

Conversation No. 735-003

Date: June 15, 1972

Time: Unknown between 12:14 and 12:16 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule

-Apollo astronauts

-Gifts

-Photograph

-Press briefing

-John W. Young

-Thomas K. Mattingly, III

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:16 pm.

Conversation No. 735-004

Date: June 15, 1972

Time: 12:16-12:42 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Thomas K. Mattingly, III, John W. Young, Charles M. Duke, James C. Fletcher, and Alexander P. Butterfield.



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[Ronald L. Ziegler, members of the press and the White House photographer were present at the beginning of the meeting.]

Introductions

Arrangements for photograph

Presentation of gifts

-Wrist watches

Gift for Mexican President [Luis Echeverria Alvarez]

-Picture of North America taken from the moon

-Inscription

Wrench used on moon

-Presentation to the President

Space program

-Docking

-William Proxmire

-Cost of space exploration

-Cooperation with Soviet Union [USSR]

-Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]

-Congress

-Weapons

-Future

-Mars

-Jupiter

-Skylab

-Uses

-Space Shuttle

-Availability to other countries

-Japan

-Interest

-Europe

-International cooperation



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- Allen S. Drury's book
  - The President's view
  - The press
    - Spiro T. Agnew
- Joint mission with Soviets
  - Mars
  - Docking
    - Date
  - Budget
    - National attitudes
      - Domestic priorities
  - Soviet Union [USSR] attitudes
  - United States [US]-Soviet Union [USSR] competition
- National greatness
  - The President's view
  - Exploration of unknown
    - Austria
    - Exploration of Western Hemisphere
    - Science
    - Medicine
    - National spirit
      - Exploration of Moon
      - Mars
  - Cooperation
  - Intellectuals
    - Criticism
  - Exploration of unknown
    - Science
    - Education
    - Technology
    - Transportation

Astronauts' tour of United States [US] cities

- Public support

The President's meeting with cosmonauts



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- Physical appearance of cosmonauts and astronauts
  - The President's view
  - Woman cosmonaut
  - Physical requirements
- The President's meeting in the Soviet Union [USSR]

### Soviet Union [USSR] cosmonauts

- Frank Borman
  - Visit to the Soviet Union [USSR]
- Thomas P. Stafford
  - Attendance at cosmonaut funeral

### Space program

- Joint program with Soviet Union
  - Astronauts' visits
    - Arrangements
      - Henry A. Kissinger's staff
    - Purpose

### The President's meeting with Echeverria

- Latin American problems
  - Radical solutions
    - Fidel Castro

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 12:16 pm.

The President's meeting with Kissinger

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:42 pm.

### Space program

- Exchange with Soviet Union [USSR]
  - Publicity
  - Level of exchange

Astronauts' visit to Camp David



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- Facilities
  - Recreation
  - Movies
- Food

Ziegler entered at 12:39 pm.

Space program

- Forthcoming press briefing
  - Exchange with Soviet Union [USSR]
  - Exchange with other nations
- Impact

Forthcoming head of state dinner

- White wine

Mattingly, Young, Duke, Fletcher, and Ziegler left at 12:42 pm.

Forthcoming head of state dinner

- Presentation of Astronauts' picture
- Young

Butterfield left at 12:42 pm.

Conversation No. 735-005

Date: June 15, 1972

Time: Unknown between 12:45 and 12:49 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

Cabinet meeting

- John D. Ehrlichman





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- H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- John J. Rhodes
  - Republican party platform
  - Domestic agenda
- Photographs
- The President's remarks
  - Soviet Union [USSR] trip
- Size of group
- Maurice H. Stans
- John N. Mitchell
- Photographs
- Subjects

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 12:49 pm.

Conversation No. 735-006

Date: June 15, 1972

Time: Unknown between 12:45 and 12:49 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Henry A. Kissinger's schedule

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:49 pm.

Conversation No. 735-007

Date: June 15, 1972

Time: 12:49-1:26 pm

Location: Oval Office



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### The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

The President's meeting with Luis Echeverria Alvarez

- Length of meeting
- The President's re-election
- Kissinger's schedule

Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT] negotiations

- Length of Congressional briefing
- The President's statement to Congressmen
- Kissinger's briefing
  - Content
  - J. William Fulbright
- Senate ratification date
  - Timing
- Kissinger's briefing
  - Questions
    - John C. Stennis
    - Fulbright
      - Melvin R. Laird
        - New strategic programs
        - The President's view
        - Budget
        - Kissinger's response

### An unknown person entered and left at an unknown time after 12:49 pm.

Refreshments

Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT] negotiations

- Kissinger's briefing
  - John Sherman Cooper
    - Pace of arms build-up
  - Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson
    - Numbers of Soviet Union missiles



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- Limits
- Verification
- Light compared with heavy missiles
  - The President's meeting with Leonid I. Brezhnev
    - Missiles
    - Silos
- Administration support
- Laird
  - Strategic programs
- Effects of program
  - Savings
  - Anti-ballistic Missile [ABM] Treaty
- Stennis
- Kissinger's briefing
  - Length limitations

### Executive privilege

- Thomas E. ("Doc") Morgan's support for the President's position

### Congressional briefing on Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]

- The President's comments
  - Quotation from [Thomas] Woodrow Wilson
  - Executive privilege
- The President's role in negotiations
  - Kissinger's briefing
    - Donald M. Fraser's question
  - Four issues settled with Brezhnev

### Democrats

- Foreign policy issues

### People's Republic of China [PRC]

- Kissinger's announcement
  - Publicity
  - Press coverage



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### Vietnam

- Trip by Nikolai V. Podgorny
  - Press coverage
  - Expectations
  - Statement
    - Kissinger's schedule
    - Contents
    - Joint statement with North Vietnamese
    - Le Duc Tho
    - End of war
- Soviet Union [USSR]
- George H. Gallup poll
  - Copies of latest results
    - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
    - Presidential race
      - George S. McGovern
      - Hubert H. Humphrey
      - George C. Wallace
    - Kissinger's view
    - Chou En-lai
    - Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
    - Transmission
      - Haldeman
    - The President's changes against McGovern

### The President's meeting with Echeverria

- The President's re-election
- The President's prestige in world

### Vietnam

- Mining of harbors
  - The President's May 8, 1972 speech
  - Effect
  - Lyndon B. Johnson
  - Press coverage



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### Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]

- Congressional action
  - Timing for ratification
  - Kissinger's view
- William P. Rogers's statement
  - Gerard C. Smith's departure
- Future negotiations by Kissinger
  - Further agreements
  - Brezhnev
- The President's role in negotiations
  - Structure of treaty
  - Kissinger's role
    - Verification Panel
    - National Security Council [NSC]
  - John Foster Dulles
  - Smith
    - Rogers
  - Chou En-lai
  - Brezhnev
  - Rank of negotiators
    - Kissinger's role
  - Andrei A. Gromyko
    - Comparison with Kissinger
  - Rank of Secretary of State
- Rogers
  - Relations with press
    - Dulles
    - Kissinger
    - Problems

### Kissinger's briefing of Congressmen

- Timing
  - Clark MacGregor
- Fulbright
  - Kissinger's statement
- National television appearance



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- Timing
- Newsmen
  - Marvin L. Kalb
  - Comparison with Howard K. Smith

The President's interview with Dan Rather

Kissinger's future briefings on Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]

- Foreign relations committees

Congressional briefing on Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]

- Kissinger
- Rogers, Laird, Smith
- Testimony
- Question on secret agreements
  - Response
- Three submarines
  - Construction
  - Missile systems
  - United States [US] position
  - Possible conversion
- Defense program
  - McGovern's program
  - The President's view

Kissinger's schedule

- People's Republic of China [PRC]
  - Hawaii
    - Departure time
    - Shanghai
  - Guam
    - Stopover
    - Jet lag
    - Peking

Vietnam



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- United States [US] air action
  - People's Republic of China [PRC]
- Gen. John D. Lavelle
  - Possible role for the President
  - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
  - The President's orders to Laird
    - Bombing
  - Laird's orders
  - The President's view
  - Retirement
  - Laird's role at Defense Department
    - Handling of case
    - The President's critics
      - Compared with My Lai
    - Authority to bomb North Vietnam
      - Missile sites
      - Demilitarized zone [DMZ]

### The President's meeting with Echeverria

- Business investment in Latin America
  - The President's view
- Stability
- Chile
  - Salvador Allende Gossens
  - Investment capital flight
- Latin American attitudes
- Mexican Foreign Minister [Emilio Rabasa Mishkin]
  - Meetings with Kissinger
  - Dobrynin
  - Future meeting with Kissinger
- Salinity of Colorado River
  - The President's comments

### Kissinger's schedule

- Visit to Acapulco



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1972 campaign

-George S. McGovern

-Henry A. Kissinger's opinion

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Kissinger's briefing on Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]

-Question on the President's role in negotiations

-Smith

Kissinger left at 1:26 pm.

Conversation No. 735-008

Date: June 15, 1972

Time: Unknown between 1:26 and 1:35 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

The President's schedule

-Oval Office

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 1:35 pm.





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Conversation No. 735-009

Date: June 15, 1972

Time: 1:35-1:36 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

Items for the President's signature

Butterfield left at 1:36 pm.

Conversation No. 735-010

Date: June 15, 1972

Time: Unknown between 1:36 and 2:30 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown person.

Meeting with Ronald L. Ziegler

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 2:30 pm.

Conversation No. 735-011

Date: June 15, 1972

Time: Unknown between 1:36 and 2:30 pm

Location: Oval Office



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The President met with an unknown woman.

Ronald L. Ziegler's location

The unknown woman left at an unknown time before 2:30 pm.

Conversation No. 735-012

Date: June 15, 1972

Time: Unknown between 1:36 and 2:30 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President talked with an unknown person.

An unknown person's location

Conversation No. 735-013

Date: June 15, 1972

Time: 2:30-3:03 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman.

John D. Ehrlichman

-Return from trip

Chairs at the Congressional briefing on the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]

Hugh Scott

-Health



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Ehrlichman

- Meeting with the President

United States [US] domestic policies

- Busing
  - Detroit decision
  - Higher Education Act
  - Administration's plan
  - Stephen J. Roth's order
  - Provision

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1972 campaign

- Committee to Reelect the President (CRP)
  - Salaries
  - Frederic V. Malek's analysis
  - Salaries
    - Overpaid employees
    - Changes
    - White House complaints
      - Control
    - John N. Mitchell
  - Management of committee
    - John N. Mitchell
    - Arthur S. Flemming
      - Recruitment
      - John N. Mitchell



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- Frederic V. Malek
- Frederic V. Malek
  - Analysis of management
  - Conclusions
  - Good judge of people and morale
- Committee to Reelect the President staff morale
  - Press coverage
  - John N. Mitchell's meeting
  - Ultimatum to staff

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Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon

- William R. Codus
- Constance M. Stuart
- Rose Mary Woods
- Stuart
  - Instructions from Haldeman
- Advance staff
- Codus
  - Personality

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Film crew

- Tricia Nixon Cox
- Mrs. Nixon
- Edward R. Spiegel



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- Interview
  - New York
- Background
  - Jew
  - Liberal
- Editor
- Comparison to 1968 film crew
  - Leonard Garment
- Edward R. Spiegel's role
  - Experience
  - Producing
  - Editing
- White House supervision
  - Rough cut
  - Schedule and shooting approval
  - Richard Moore, William H. Carruthers
- Audience
  - Liberals
  - Column "The Movement is Head [?]"
  - Edward R. Spiegel
    - President's opinion

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Environment

- Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane [DDT]
  - Ehrlichman
  - William D. Ruckelshaus
  - The President's position
  - Effects in Ceylon [Sri Lanka]
    - Statement by Nobel laureate
  - Effect
  - Ruckelshaus's associates
    - Political leanings
    - Frederic V. Malek study



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- Ford Motor Company study
- The President's position
- Ehrlichman, John C. Whitaker
  - Judgment
- Sugar

United States [US] Government personnel

- Liberals
  - Effect of Washington on White House staff
  - Daniel P. Moynihan, Robert H. Finch, Donald H. Rumsfeld, Ehrlichman, William P. Rogers
- Youth

Public relations

- Spiegel filming
- Haldeman

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[Personal Returnable]

[735-013-w004]

[Duration: 2m 49s]

Film documentaries

- Spyros Skouras
  - 1960 documentary
    - Quality
    - Focus
  - Mrs. Nixon
  - John F. Kennedy

Documentary

- Professional film



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- Old movies vs. modern movies
  - Box office
  - Broad appeal
  - Potential directors
- White House supervision
  - Rough cut
  - Length of documentary
    - Half hour
    - Flexibility to expand

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Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 2:30 pm.

The President's schedule

- Sultan ibn Abd al-Aziz
- Melvin R. Laird
- Photographs

Bull left at an unknown time before 3:02 pm.

John Paul Vann's funeral

- Vann's family
- Medal of Freedom presentation
  - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
- Vann's letter to Joseph W. Alsop
  - The President's policy
    - Bombing
  - Vo Nguyen Giap's offensive
  - North Vietnamese military situation
- Medal of Freedom presentation
  - Haig
  - The President's schedule
  - Family



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The President's schedule

- Presentation of Medal of Freedom
- Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo
- Sequoia*
- Walker's Cay, Florida
- Logistics

Vann

- Haig
- Medal of Freedom

The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger at an unknown time between 2:30 and 3:03 pm.

[Conversation No. 735-013A]

Possible message to Nguyen Van Thieu  
-Defense of An Loc

[End of telephone conversation]

The President's schedule

Haldeman left at 3:03 pm.

Conversation No. 735-014

Date: June 15, 1972

Time: 3:04-3:45 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Sultan ibn Abd al-Aziz, Ibrahim al-Sowayel, Melvin R. Laird, Alexander M. Haig, Jr., and Camile Nowfel.





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[Members of the press and the White House photographer were present at the beginning of the meeting.]

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[National Security]

[735-014-w001]

[Duration: 25m 41s]

Introductions

Seating

Photographs

Sultan's meeting with Laird

General conversation

Mrs. Nixon's forthcoming trip to Texas

The President's conversation with Melvin R. Laird  
-Official United States [US] position of support  
-Saudi Arabia's difficulties in Middle East

The President's conversation with the Shah of Iran  
-Iran's relationship with Saudi Arabia

Iraq  
-Dangers to confront



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Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iran, oil producing countries, Jordan

- Importance to security

Jordan

- Support from Saudi Arabia and Iran

- King Hussein I

  - Abilities

- Survival

Saudi-U.S. Relations

- Message from King Malik Faisal ibn Abd al-Aziz al-Saud

  - Well wishes

  - The President's efforts for peace

  - United States [US] position in the world

  - President Nixon synonymous with peace

- Saudi Arabian relations

  - Iran

  - Jordan

  - Kuwait

  - Friendship with most Middle East countries

  - Bahrain

    - Future visit by William P. Rogers

    - Base

      - Planned Naval usage

- Melvin R. Laird's previous meeting with Sultan

  - Development of Saudi military

    - Training

    - Equipment

- Sultan's meeting with Melvin R. Laird and service secretaries

  - United States [US] support

- F-5 program

  - United States [US] support

  - Department of Defense [DoD] contract

- Military cooperation among Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iran

  - Iraq

    - Support of subversive elements



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- Saudi relations with Iran
  - Faisal
  - Borders
- Saudi Relations with Kuwait
  - Borders
    - Land and sea
    - Territory ceded to Kuwait
- Policy of Saudi Arabia
  - Peace
  - Building not destroying

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[National Security]

[735-014-w001]

[Duration: 15m 06s]

SAUDI ARABIA

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Saudi-United States [US] Relations

- Maintain close ties
- Message from King Faisal
  - Invitation from Melvin R. Laird
  - Well wishes of health and success
  - Mutual concerns
    - Peace and stability and security in Middle East
    - Well wishes to American people
- The President's response to Faisal
  - Haig



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- Saudi policies
  - Friendship and cooperation with United States [US]
- Possible visit to Saudi Arabia by the President
  - Laird's visit
- King Faisal
  - Invitation to Laird and the President
- Prince Fahd
  - Personal greetings
- Sultan's gifts to the President and family

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Sultan ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz, al-Sowayel, Laird, Haig, and Nowfel left at 3:45 pm.

Conversation No. 735-015

Date: June 15, 1972

Time: Unknown between 3:45 and 3:47 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Ronald L. Ziegler's briefing

The President's schedule

-John D. Ehrlichman

-Busing

-Ziegler

Bull left at an unknown time before 3:47 pm.



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Conversation No. 735-016/736-001

Date: June 15, 1972  
Time: 3:47-5:25 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman.

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Film documentaries

-Film crew

-William H. Carruthers

-Meeting with Dwight Chapin

-Edward R. Spiegel

-Producer

-Appearance

-Patrick J. Buchanan

-Samuel Thomas

-Wrote *Freedom's Finest Hour*

-The President's letter

-Warren Brooks

-Political philosophy

-Dean Burch

-National Geographic series

-Style

-David Wolper

-Documentarian

-*Years of Lightning, Days of Drums*



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- George S. McGovern documentary
  - Producer
- David Wolper
  - Appointment with Destiny* series
    - Lee at Appomattox
    - Abraham Lincoln
  - Quality of work
  - TV work
- Edward R. Spiegel
  - Reputation
- Amount film shot vs. used
  - Network news
- Editorial control
- Richard A. Moore
  - Views
- Republican convention
  - Potential audience

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Ronald L. Ziegler entered at 3:48 pm.

The President's schedule

- Public relations
  - Henry A. Kissinger's forthcoming trip to the People's Republic of China [PRC]
  - Congressional briefing on Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
    - The President's comments
  - Head of state visit by Luis Echeverria Alvarez
  - Astronauts' meeting

Astronauts

- John W. Young
  - Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS] interview
  - Statement



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- Schedule
  - Camp David
- Young's statement on trip around country
- Space program
  - Popularity
  - Joint program with the Soviet Union [USSR]

### Congressional briefing on Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]

- Kissinger
  - Statement
    - Length
    - Press reaction
    - Preparation
    - Staff problems
      - Reasons
    - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
  - Length of statement
- Time of start
  - Clark MacGregor
  - J. William Fulbright
- The President's statement
  - The President's role in negotiations
  - Negotiations with the Soviet Union
    - State Department
      - Nature of agreement
    - Arms spending
      - Leonid I. Brezhnev
      - Spending levels
        - George S. McGovern
  - Press coverage
- Press coverage
  - Size of briefing
  - Length of briefing
- Kissinger's view
- Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson



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### Space program

- Astronauts
  - Young's statement
    - Joint mission between United States [US] and Soviet Union [USSR]
      - Language study
      - Details

### Kissinger's trip to the People's Republic of China [PRC]

- News leads
  - Network television
  - New York Times*
  - Washington Post, Washington Star*

### Vietnam

- Nikolai V. Podgorny trip
- Kissinger's trip to the People's Republic of China [PRC]
  - Effect
- People's Republic of China's [PRC's] reaction to Vietnam War
- Michael J. Mansfield's statement
- The President's opponents on war
  - Reactions of People's Republic of China [PRC] to Soviet Union [USSR]
    - Tactics

### Echeverria

- Political skills
- Statement on children

### Kissinger entered at 4:05 pm.

- Meeting with mothers and children

### Vietnam

- Charles McC. Mathias, Jr.'s call to Kissinger
  - Mansfield amendment
    - Opposition
  - Dinner





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- Kissinger's remarks
- Nelson A. Rockefeller
- Mathias
- Support in Maryland
- [John] Fife Symington [?]
- Liberals

### Kissinger's trip to the People's Republic of China [PRC]

- Press coverage
- Trip announcement
- Effect
- Podgorny's trip to Hanoi
- Effect
- Honolulu, Hawaii

### Vietnam War

- Military activity
- Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, Jr. analysis
- 21st Division
- Nguyen Van Thieu
- Performance
- Kissinger's assessment
- III Corps
- An Loc
- Press coverage
- Effect
- Performance of South Vietnamese Army
- Kissinger's view
- 23rd Division
- Kontum

### John Paul Vann's funeral

- Joseph W. Alsop's letter to the President
- Presentation of Medal of Freedom
- Vann
- The President's view



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-Performance

### Vietnam military activity

-Hue

-North Vietnamese Army

-B-52 sorties

-Bombing

-Mansfield's statement

-Mining

-Kissinger's trip to the People's Republic of China [PRC]

### Mexico

-Military

-Quality

-Echeverria's entourage

-Number

-Composition

-Acapulco

-Miguel Aleman's cove

-Gustavo Diaz-Ordaz

-Puerto Vallarta

### Key Biscayne, Florida

-Background

-Refugee Cuban Minister of Education

-Purchase of island

-Graft

### United States [US] foreign aid

-Recipients

-Corruption

-Latin American conditions

-The President's view

-Mexican presidents

-Adolfo Ruiz Cortines

-Aleman



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- Residence
  - Mohammed Reza Pahlavi [Shah of Iran]
- Mexican upper class
  - Lower classes
  - Head of Mexican public relations
- Acapulco

### Kissinger's forthcoming trip to the People's Republic of China [PRC]

- Honolulu
- Gerald R. Ford's and [Thomas] Hale Boggs's forthcoming People's Republic of China [PRC] trip
  - Bryce N. Harlow
- The President's message for Chou En-lai
  - Kissinger's meeting with the Soviets
  - The President's meeting with Chou En-lai
    - The President's meeting with Brezhnev
  - Soviet strategy
    - Chinese interests
  - Agreements with the Soviets
- Astronauts
  - People's Republic of China [PRC] program

### Kissinger left at 4:26 pm.

#### Kissinger

- Mathias
  - Dinner
- Schedule
  - Echeverria dinner
  - Trip to the People's Republic of China [PRC]
  - Workload
    - Meeting with Mexican Foreign Minister [Emilio Rabasa Mishkin]
    - Salinity of the Colorado River

#### Latin America

- United States [US] ambassadors



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- Work responsibilities
- Residences
- Servants
- Foreign Service
- Servants

Kissinger

- Reaction to briefing

Ziegler left at 4:30 pm.

Congressional briefing on Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]

- Starting time
- Delay
- F. Edward Hebert

Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]

- Senate ratification
- The President's view
- Congressional debate
- Fulbright

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Henry Kissinger's meeting with Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson

- Edmund S. Muskie
- Charles W. Colson
- Comments regarding George S. McGovern
- On paper



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Harlow's meeting with Jackson

- Support for the President
- Democrats for Nixon
- Possible position in Administration

Rose Mary Woods entered at 4:34 pm.

Tables for Echeverria dinner

- Seating arrangements
  - Maurice H. Stans
  - Cabinet officers
  - Ignacio E. Lozano, Jr.
  - Martin S. Hayden
  - Astronauts
    - Young
  - Mrs. Willis Smith, Jr.
  - Mrs. Charles H. Meyer

Gifts for Echeverria

Woods left at 4:37 pm.

Echeverria dinner

- Unknown woman
- Lozano
- Patricia R. Hitt
- Stans
- Mrs. Smith
- Astronauts

Jackson

- Harlow



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-Possible Cabinet position

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1972 campaign

-Democrats for Nixon

-John N. Mitchell

-Charles W. Colson

-John B. Connally

-Prominent individuals

-Recruitment

-Harry F. Byrd, Jr.

-John N. Mitchell

-Harry S. Dent

-Bryce N. Harlow

-Samuel W. Yorty

-Jesse Unruh

-John Brademas

-George S. McGovern

-*Los Angeles Times* editorials

-National defense

-Teamsters Executive Committee meeting

-California

-Frank E. Fitzsimmons

-Charles W. Colson

-Possible meeting with the President in San Clemente

-Endorsement first then meeting with President

-John B. Connally's ranch

-Democrat defectors



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-Create an atmosphere of anti-McGovernism

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Parochial school aid

- Wilbur D. Mills bill
  - John Cardinal Krol
  - John D. Ehrlichman
    - Timing of support
  - John N. Mitchell and Charles W. Colson
  - The President's forthcoming meeting with Krol
    - Philadelphia plan

Edward M. Kennedy

- Colson
- Boston Globe* article

William F. ("Billy") Graham's call to the President

- Request for telegram
  - Explo '72
    - Message from the President
    - Attendance
    - Television coverage
- L. Nelson Bell's election in the Presbyterian Church of the United States [US]

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1972 campaign



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- George S. McGovern
  - Nomination
    - Religion will be a factor
    - National Council of Churches
      - Endorsement of George S. McGovern
  - Pastoral background
  - Church attendance

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Graham

- The President's previous call from Soviet Union
  - Graham's location in Ireland
- Explo '72

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[Personal Returnable]

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[Duration: 14s]

1972 campaign

- George S. McGovern
  - Appeal to liberal protestant churchman
  - Pacifist
  - Marijuana

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The President's schedule

- Florida





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- Jaycee Convention
  - Spiro T. Agnew
- Public appearances
- Activities since return from Soviet Union [USSR]
  - Press coverage
  - The President's view

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[Personal Returnable]

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[Duration: 3m 20s]

1972 campaign

- California
  - Campaign kick-off
    - President's opinion
    - Comparison with Dwight D. Eisenhower's Gettysburg
    - Costs
      - \$400,000
    - Attendees' pay
      - Publicity
    - El Adobe donates dinner
    - San Diego meeting
    - San Clemente
  - Convention hall in San Diego
    - Stay in San Clemente
    - Modifications needed
    - Timing
    - Speech

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An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 4:37 pm.

Refreshment

The unknown person left before 4:57 pm.

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[Personal Returnable]

[735-016-w014]

[Duration: 1m 5s]

1972 campaign

-Start

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 4:37 p.m.

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[Duration: 24s]

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1972 campaign

- Conventional thinking
  - Kick-off campaign
  - New type of thinking
  - Length of campaign
- George S. McGovern

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Woods entered at 4:57 pm.

Seating arrangements for Echeverria dinner

- Echeverria
- Rabasa
- William P. Rogers
- Lozano
- Astronauts
- Mrs. Smith
- Hitt

Woods left at an unknown time before 5:25 pm.

The conversation was cut off at an unknown time before 5:25 pm.

[The conversation continues on 736-1]