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Conversation No. 856-001

Date: February 14, 1973

Time: Unknown between 2:20 pm and 2:31 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with unknown network television technicians.

President's address on natural resources and environment

- Preparations for recording
  - Audio check
  - Room arrangements
  - Makeup
  - Lighting
  - John D. Ehrlichman's arrival [?]
  - Audio check
- Reading
  - Special programs on energy
  - Volume

The President participated in recording a televised address on natural resources and environment between 2:25 pm and 2:30 pm.

- Environment
  - Proposals
    - 92<sup>nd</sup> Congress
    - 93<sup>rd</sup> Congress
  - Environmental quality
  - 1972 trip to People's Republic of China [PRC]
    - “America the Beautiful”
  - Prisoners of war [POWs]



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- Beauty of US
- Energy crisis
  - Fuel shortages
  - The President's messages to Congress on energy
- Press coverage
  - Headlines
- Separate statement on energy

The President, et al., left at 2:31 pm.

Conversation No. 856-002

Date: February 14, 1973

Time: Between 5:29 pm and 5:33 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Elliot L. Richardson.

[See Conversation No. 043-084]

Conversation No. 856-003

Date: February 14, 1973

Time: Unknown between 5:34 pm and 6:06 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Gen. Brent L. Scowcroft.

President's talk with Elliot L. Richardson

-Adm. Thomas H. Moorer

-President's visit to Pentagon

-Prisoners of war [POWs]



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- Recognition
- Moorer
- Presidential citation
- Joint Chiefs of Staff
- Service secretaries
- Moorer
- Henry A. Kissinger
- Military morale

Conversation No. 856-004

Date: February 14, 1973

Time: Unknown between 5:34 pm and 6:06 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with John D. Ehrlichman.

Farm policies

- Tactics
  - Option paper
  - Legislative package
  - Earl L. Butz's opinion
  - Transition program
- Farm bill
  - Lack of support for change
- Butz
  - Removal of subsidies
    - Butz's effort in Congress
    - Consultation
    - Agriculture committee

[A transcript of the following portion of the conversation may be found in RG 460, Box 58, pp. 1-13.]



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[End of transcribed portion.]

Cabinet meeting

-Economic report

-Phase III

[A transcript of the following portion of the conversation may be found in RG 460, Box 58, pp. 15.]

Rose Mary Woods

-Patricia R. Hitt

-Woods's memorandum

-ACTION appointment

-Meeting with Robert H. Finch

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*[Previous PRMPA Personal Returnable (G) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift during chronological review 2007-2013]*

Finch

- Candidacy in California
  - Senate
  - Governor
  - Fear of Alan Cranston
  - Party building

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Woods's memorandum

- Ehrlichman's meeting with Woods
  - President's decision
- ACTION
  - Appointment for Hitt
    - Labor Department
    - Peace Corps
    - Management abilities
  - VISTA
    - Grandparents program
    - Peace Corps
      - Dismantlement
      - VISTA

Hitt

- Suggestions on ACTION
- Desire for job
- Woods's objection
  - Ehrlichman's statement
- Amenability

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 5:34 pm.



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Ronald L. Ziegler [?]

- Announcement [?]
- Report

Bull left at an unknown time before 6:06 pm.

### ACTION

- Joseph N. Blatchford
- Cut-backs
  - VISTA, Peace Corps
- Foster grandparents
  - Source of funds
  - Youth participation
- Hitt's role
- Deputy
  - Competency

### Haldeman

- Robert H. Taylor, William L. Duncan controversy
- Bad publicity
  - Woods's view
- Corrective actions to counter publicity
- Responsibilities
- Need for deputy
  - Kenneth R. Cole, Jr.
  - Lawrence M. Higby
    - Popularity
    - Competency
  - Bull
- Taylor controversy
  - Transfer
    - Heath
  - Talk with Ehrlichman
    - New job
- Ehrlichman's conversation with Ziegler
- Secret Service



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- Duncan
  - Presidential detail
  - Promotion
  - Ziegler
- Providence incident
  - Haldeman's involvement
- Conflict between Dwight L. Chapin and Taylor
  - New York
  - Press reports
    - Timing of incident
    - Overreaction

The President's message

- Environment
- Secret Service
- Prisoners of war [POWs]
- Family

Ehrlichman left at 6:06 pm.

Conversation No. 856-005

Date: February 14 or 15, 1973

Time: Unknown between 6:06 pm, February 14, 1973 and 8:15 am, February 15, 1973

Location: Oval Office

Unknown people met.

Inquiry

Unknown people left at an unknown time before 8:15 am, February 15, 1973.



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Conversation No. 856-006

Date: February 14 or 15, 1973

Time: Unknown between 6:08 pm, February 14, 1973 and 8:15 am, February 15, 1973

Location: Oval Office

Unknown people met.

Greetings

Unknown people left at an unknown time before 8:15 am, February 15, 1973.

Conversation No. 856-007

Date: February 14 or 15, 1973

Time: Unknown time between 6:08 pm, February 14, 1973 and 8:15 am, February 15, 1973

Location: Oval Office

Secret Service agents [?] entered.

Telephone call [?]

Secret Service agents [?] left at an unknown time before 8:15 am, February 15, 1973.