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[Conversation No. 635-001](#)

Date: December 10, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 8:23 am and 8:38 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

- The President's schedule
- Henry A. Kissinger
    - Forthcoming meeting
  - Jerrold L. Schechter interview
    - Timing
    - Camp David
    - Ronald L. Ziegler
    - Tour

Bull left at an unknown time before 8:38 am.

[Conversation No. 635-002](#)

Date: December 10, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 8:23 am and 8:38 am  
Location: Oval Office



The President met with an unknown person.

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[Unintelligible]  
[635-002-w001]  
[Duration: 9s]

*[This portion of the tape is mostly room noise with some muffled background conversation.]*

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The unknown person left at an unknown time before 8:38 am.

[Conversation No. 635-003](#)

Date: December 10, 1971  
Time: 8:38 am - 8:48 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

- The President's schedule
  - Cornelius V. ("Sonny") Whitney
  - Correspondence
  - Possible telephone call
  - Appointment
    - Withdrawal from consideration
  - John N. Mitchell
  - Form of address

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[Personal Returnable]

[635-003-w001]

[Duration: 4m 17s]

- Robert H. Finch
  - California
  - Contributions
  - Check

- The President's schedule
  - Tricia Nixon Cox
  - Julie Nixon Eisenhower
  - New York
    - Dinner
      - Club 21
      - Timing
    - Thelma C. (Ryan) ("Pat") Nixon
  - Theater
    - Start time
    - Preparations
    - Hotel
    - Meal

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- The President's schedule
  - Camp David
  - Timing

- Julie Nixon Eisenhower's television show
  - Timing

Woods left at 8:48 am.



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[Conversation No. 635-004](#)

Date: December 10, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 8:48 am and 9:10 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

The President's schedule

- Meeting
  - Call from Barry M. Goldwater
    - Dulles Airport
    - John D. Ehrlichman
    - George P. Shultz
    - Clark MacGregor
  - Possible handling

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 9:10 am.

[Conversation No. 635-005](#)

Date: December 10, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 8:48 am and 9:10 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule

- 9:15 meeting
  - Rescheduling
  - Henry A. Kissinger

Bull left at an unknown time before 9:10 am.



[Conversation No. 635-006](#)

Date: December 10, 1971  
Time: 9:10 am - 10:31 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

- The President's schedule
  - Henry A. Kissinger
    - Notes
    - Cambodia
  - Barber
    - Timing
  - Nicholas P. Thimmesch

Bull left at an unknown time before 9:20 am.

H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman entered at an unknown time after 9:10 am.

- The President's schedule
  - Presidential addresses
    - Prayer breakfast for the Armed Forces
  - Tapings
    - Proposed length
      - Desired length
  - Telegrams
    - Leslie T. ("Bob") Hope
      - Wire from Lyndon B. Johnson
        - Eisenhower Center
        - Length

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[635-006-w001]  
[Duration: 2m 32s]

Republican National Committee [RNC]

- John N. Mitchell
- The President's attendance
  - India-Pakistan
  - Rationale
  - Broadcast
  - Possible conflict with trip to New Hampshire
  - Republican convention
    - No political appearances
- Maurice H. Stans
  - Public fundraising dinner

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remain closed.]  
[Privacy]  
[635-006-w002]  
[Duration: 3m 2s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

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- Robert A. Taft, Sr.
  - Dwight D. Eisenhower
    - Possible timing of attitude change



- Health
  - Awareness of illness

Kissinger entered at 9:20 am.

- India–Pakistan
  - Pakistan Army
    - Ceasefire
      - East Pakistan
        - Awami League
    - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
    - Washington Special Actions Group [WSAG]
      - Ceasefire resolution
  - United Nations [UN] Security Council
    - People’s Republic of China [PRC]
    - USSR
      - Timing of resolution
  - Communications with USSR
  - Movement of carrier and planes
    - Agreement with the USSR

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[National Security]

[635-006-w003]

[Duration: 5s]

- India–Pakistan
  - Henry A. Kissinger’s meeting with People’s Republic of China [PRC]
    - Message to move troops
    - Timing

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India–Pakistan



- Kissinger's Meeting With Golda Meir
  - Timing
- Adm. Thomas H. Moorer meeting
  - Kissinger's schedule
  - [Vietnam]
    - Possible military action
  - PRC
    - Priority of issues
  - Armed Forces
  - Proposed cancellation of Moorer meeting
- President's orders
  - Cambodia
    - Air strike reports
    - Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.
    - Moorer
      - Importance of daily reports
- The President's and Kissinger's schedule
  - USSR meeting
    - [Anatoliy F. Dobrynin]
      - Timing
  - Moorer meeting
    - Air strikes
      - Department of Defense [DOD]
  - Gen. Leonard F. Chapman, Jr.
    - Rescheduling of Moorer meeting

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 11

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[National Security]

[635-006-w011]

[Duration: 3m 45s]

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA [PRC]





END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 11

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India–Pakistan

- Report
- Ceasefire in the East
- Civilian bombing
- US planes strafed
  - State Department
    - News summary
    - Public protest in regards to US planes shot down
      - Alexander P. Butterfield
  - John F. [?] Kennedy
    - Unknown Harvard associate of Kissinger
      - Previous discussion about India
- Pakistan
- Yuli M. Vorontsov
  - Message to USSR
    - Kennedy memorandum
  - Meeting with the President
- President’s instructions
- India
  - Civilian bombing
  - Indian protests of US action in North Vietnam
  - State Department protest
    - Strafing
    - Public relations
    - Possible call to John N. Irwin, II
- PRC

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[National Security]



[635-006-w012]  
[Duration: 6s]

- India–Pakistan
  - India
    - People’s Republic of China [PRC]
      - Leak
        - Indian invasion
        - Timing

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- India–Pakistan
  - India
    - People’s Republic of China [PRC]
      - Pakistani Ambassador
        - Leak
        - Kennedy memorandum
        - Vorontsov
          - Obligation

Kissinger left at 9:35 am.

State Department

White House staff

- Proposed action

American planes strafed

- News summary
- Public relations
  - John A. Scali
- Kissinger
- Foreign policy
  - Public relations
  - Scali
  - Clark MacGregor
  - News summary



- George H.W. Bush
- Vietnam

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[National Security]  
[635-006-w004]  
[Duration: 7s]

- American planes strafed
  - Indians
  - The President's opinion

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- American planes strafed
  - News summary
  - Stories
    - Television and newspapers
  - Public opinion
  - Vietnam
    - Media coverage
      - Compared to World War II
  - Kissinger
    - State Department
      - William P. Rogers

An unknown person entered and left at an unknown time before 10:31 am.

- Willis Smith, Sr. funeral
  - Wreath
  - Harry S. Dent's attendance
  - Call to Mrs. Willis Smith, Sr. [Anna Lee Smith]
    - Letter from the President
    - Julie Nixon Eisenhower



- Location
- Possible telephone call or visit

National 4-H Congress speech, December 1, 1971

- Follow-up
  - Colson
  - Coverage
- Black youth
  - Chicago Defender* story

Christmas special

- Julie Nixon Eisenhower
  - Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
    - Constance M. Stuart
      - Discussion on feasibility of Christmas special
- Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
  - The President's one-on-one interview
    - The President's commitment to interview
- Stuart
  - Memorandum
    - Julie Nixon Eisenhower
  - Haldeman's forthcoming conversation
  - Julie Eisenhower
  - Tricia Nixon Cox

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

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[Personal Returnable]

[635-006-w005]

[Duration: 30s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

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Christmas special

- Charles B. Kuralt
  - Host of Christmas program
  - CBS
  - Highlights of program
- Christmas decorations
- Diplomatic children's party
- Christmas tree
  - Approval for program
- David N. Parker
- Hope holiday specials
- Tricia Cox
  - Wedding
  - Tour
- Rose Mary Woods
- Haldeman's talk with Julie Eisenhower
  - Julie Eisenhower's schedule
  - Durham, North Carolina
  - Duke University Research Center
- CBS
- Ronald L. Ziegler
- William H. Carruthers

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6

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[Privacy]

[635-006-w006]

[Duration: 1m 36s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6

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Haldeman's talk with John B. Connally

- Politics
- Economy
  - The President's schedule

India-Pakistan situation

- Public concern with US involvement
  - Media
- Mail to White House
  - Colson
- USSR compared with PRC
- The President's PRC initiative
- India
  - Possibility of casualties

The President's schedule

- Barber
  - Kissinger
  - Timing
- Haldeman's calls to Otto E. Passman and Dr. John A. Hannah
  - Thanks from the President
  - Letter to Passman
    - George P. Shultz
    - Kissinger
    - Foreign aid
    - The President's call to Passman
      - William E. Timmons
        - Passman's involvement
        - Peace Corps
          - Amount to be cut
          - Shultz
          - Ehrlichman
          - Kissinger
          - ACTION
          - Proposed budget cuts
          - Robert H. Finch
          - Joseph H. Blatchford



-ACTION

- Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger
- Shultz
- Ehrlichman
- Timmons
- Side during budget battle

John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts appropriation

- Passing of tax bill
  - Timing
- Roger L. Stevens
  - Closing center to tourists
  - Lack of funds
- Congress
  - Stevens' discussions with Haldeman
  - White House
    - Blame
    - Apparent mismanagement of the Kennedy Center
- William McCormick Blair
- Timmons
- Charles H. Percy
  - Republican support
- Minority members of the Public Works Committee
- Timmons
- MacGregor
- Shultz
  - Possible response concerning the Kennedy Center
- General Accounting Office [GAO]

Peace Corps

- Timmons
  - Letter from the President
- Passman
- Budget

Tax bill [Revenue Act of 1971]

- Signing ceremony
  - Timing
  - Camp David



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- Tax cuts
  - Publicity
  - Timing of ceremony

William H. Rehnquist nomination

- Congressional action
  - Possible approval
- MacGregor
  - Special session
- Washington Post*
- Haldeman's talk with MacGregor
  - Special session
    - Possibility of Rehnquist not nominated
- Congressional recess
  - MacGregor
  - Timmons

The President's schedule

- Florida
  - India/Pakistan Situation
  - Rogers
  - Connally
    - Possible travel
    - Upcoming Christmas holiday

The President talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 9:35 am and 10:31 am.

[Conversation No. 635-6A]

American planes strafed

- Kissinger
  - State Department protest

[End of telephone conversation]

- Complaints of delay
- USSR
- Kissinger





- Cambodian bombing comparison
- Element of surprise

Joseph W. Alsop column

- Value-added tax
- Ehrlichman
  - Praise for column
- Property tax
- Democrats
- Parochial schools
  - Education issues
- Supreme Court
  - Robert C. Byrd
  - Rehnquist
- Connally
  - Ehrlichman
  - Talk with the President
  - Possible telephone call from Haldeman
    - Praise for column
- Haldeman's talk with Ehrlichman

Vietnam

- Vermont Royster* article
  - Public opinion
  - Politics
  - Economic issues
  - Edmund S. Muskie
  - Edward M. Kennedy
  - Attitudes toward war

Dr. Franklin D. Murphy

- Dinner
- Talk with Haldeman
- Los Angeles Times*
- Mike Royko column
- Murphy's meeting with Ford Motor Company Board of Directors
  - Timing
  - John Kennedy
    - Compared to the President



- Edward Kennedy
  - Ordering re-prints of Royko column
- Meeting with Leonard Bernstein, Norman Cousins, Black Panthers
  - Discussion
    - John V. Lindsay
      - Cousins
    - Edward Kennedy
    - Ronald W. Reagan
      - Similarities
      - Conservatism
        - General Electric [GE]
- View
  - Economy
    - Ford Board of Directors
  - USSR trip
  - PRC trip
  - Unemployment
  - Peace
    - The President's efforts
    - Carol (Crothers) Finch
      - Concerns from the American public
  - Vietnam
    - Peace issue
      - Perceptions
      - Analogy to Winston S. Churchill

Pentagon Papers

- Haldeman's talk with Ehrlichman
  - Timing after PRC trip
- National Broadcasting Company [NBC] program: "A Day in the Life of the President"
  - NBC special on the Pentagon Papers
  - Ngo Dinh Diem assassination
    - John Kennedy

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 9



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[National Security]  
[635-006-w009]  
[Duration: 2m 18s]

PAKISTAN

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 9

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Brazil

- Prospects

India

- Democracy
  - Voters
  - Literacy

Vietnam

- Murphy
- Withdrawal
  - Final announcement
- Troops
- Prisoners of war [POWs]
  - Numbers
- Bombing
- Residual American force
- Administration opponents

Murphy

- USSR and PRC trip

Child-care veto

- Poverty program



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- Patrick J. Buchanan
- Conservatives
  - Support for programs
    - John Birch Society
  - Barry M. Goldwater
    - Buchanan
  - Liberals

- India-Pakistan situation
  - State Department protest
    - Kissinger
    - Location

Haldeman talked with Kissinger at an unknown time between 9:35 am and 10:31 am.

[Conversation No. 635-6b]

State Department protest note

[End of telephone conversation]

- Strafing American planes
  - News summary
  - Protest already on file

The President's schedule

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 9:35 am.

- Kissinger
  - Notes

Haldeman and Sanchez left at 10:31 am.

[Conversation No. 635-007](#)



Date: December 10, 1971  
Time: 1:43 am - 10:51 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

Christmas show  
-Julie Nixon Eisenhower  
-Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1  
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[Personal Returnable]  
[635-007-w001]  
[Duration: 21s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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[Personal Returnable]  
[635-007-w001]  
[Duration: 4m 52s]

Christmas show  
-Constance M. (Cornell) (“Connie”) Stuart  
-The President’s opinion  
-Julie Nixon Eisenhower’s schedule  
-Competence of staff



- Uncommunicative with Tricia Nixon Cox and Julie Nixon Eisenhower
- Rose Mary Woods and Marjorie P. Acker's telephone calls
  - Julie Nixon Eisenhower and Tricia Nixon Cox
- Administration credit for Christmas
- H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman's talk with Julie Nixon Eisenhower
- Rose Mary Woods's talk with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- Julie Nixon Eisenhower
  - Television appearance
    - Rose Mary Woods's view
  - Organization of show

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

[Personal Returnable]

[635-007-w003]

[Duration: 1m 11s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

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[The President talked with Haldeman at an unknown time between 10:43 am and 10:51 am]

[Conversation No. 655-7A]

Julie Nixon Eisenhower's Christmas special

- Talk with Rose Mary Woods
- Editorial control

[End of telephone conversation]

- Constance M. (Cornell) ("Connie") Stuart
- David N. Parker

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Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 10:43 am.

- The President's schedule
- Meeting with Henry A. Kissinger
- Kissinger's schedule
- Location

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:51 am.

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

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[Personal Returnable]

[635-007-w002]

[Duration: 5m 21s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

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Woods left at 10:51 am.

[Conversation No. 635-008](#)

Date: December 10, 1971  
Time: 10:51 am - 11:12 am  
Location: Oval Office



The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

India–Pakistan

- Strafing American planes
  - State department protest
  - Publicity
- East Pakistan
  - Ceasefire
  - Combination
  - United Nations [UN] Security Council

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 10:51 pm.

The President’s schedule

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:00 am.

India–Pakistan

- West Pakistan
- Kissinger's meeting with Yuli M. Vorontsov
  - Timing
    - John F. Kennedy agreement
  - Note to Leonid I. Brezhnev
    - Cease-fire
- East Pakistan commander
- People’s Republic of China [PRC]
  - US position
- Carrier movement
- Jordanian planes
  - Number
- Saudi Arabia

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[Unintelligible]  
[635-008-w005]





[Duration: 3s]

India–Pakistan  
-Turkey

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India–Pakistan  
-Adm. Thomas H. Moorer meeting  
    -Possible cancellation  
-The President's schedule  
    -Camp David  
    -Azores  
-Congress  
    -Recess  
-Moorer and Melvin R. Laird meeting  
    -Timing  
    -The President's schedule  
        -Azores and Key Biscayne  
    -Two plans  
        -Laird  
    -David Packard  
    -Date and location of meeting  
    -Cambodia  
        -Bombing strike reports  
            -Lack of follow-up  
                -Kissinger's previous meeting with Moorer  
-Henry A. Kissinger's meeting with People's Republic of China [PRC]

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[National Security]

[635-008-w001]

[Duration: 2m 4s]



India–Pakistan

- Henry A. Kissinger's meeting with People's Republic of China [PRC]
  - Threaten to move or move troops
    - US role
    - Ceasefire
    - US deal with Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
      - Potential reaction from People's Republic of China [PRC]
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
  - Relations with People's Republic of China [PRC]
    - Pakistan
- French
  - Planes to Pakistan
  - Israelis
    - Anastasio Somoza Debayle
      - Funnel through Nicaragua
  - Pressure on Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
  - Talk with Henry A. Kissinger

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Ronald L. Ziegler entered at 11:00 am.

Bangladesh

- US recognition
- India

Ziegler left at 11:04 am.

Indonesia

- Aid
  - John B. Connally
    - Previous conversation with Kissinger
- Lt. Gen. T.N.J. Suharto
  - Kissinger's previous conversation with the Indonesian Ambassador
    - Connally
- Connally
  - Talk with Kissinger
    - Timing



International monetary situation

- Kissinger's meeting with Georges J.R. Pompidou
  - British
  - Connally
    - George R.S. Baring [Earl of Cromer]
  - Group of Ten meeting
    - Proposed meeting between the President and Pompidou
  - Japanese
  - Arthur F. Burns
  - Connally
    - Sense of urgency

India–Pakistan

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[National Security]

[635-008-w002]

[Duration: 56s]

India–Pakistan

- People’s Republic of China [PRC]
  - Troop movements
  - Trucks
  - Planes
- Indians
  - The President’s opinion
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] threats
  - Iran
  - Turkey
  - Other countries
  - US response

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India–Pakistan

- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
  - The President's meeting with Vladimir V. Matskevich
  - Possible ceasefire
- Bangladesh
  - US position
- Brezhnev letter
  - Agha Muhommad Yahya Khan
    - Ceasefire and withdrawal
- West Pakistan
- USSR
- East Pakistan
  - Demand of independence
  - Recognition of Bangladesh
- Zulfikar Ali Bhutto
- Aid to West Pakistan
  - Program

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[National Security]

[635-008-w003]

[Duration: 15s]

India–Pakistan

- Aid to West Pakistan
  - Henry A. Kissinger talk with the French
    - French weapons

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India–Pakistan

- Congress
- Economic aid



- Aid to India
  - Amount
  - Treaty with USSR
  - Karachi
- Kissinger's meeting with Vorontsov
  - John F. Kennedy agreement
  - Proposed tone of conversation
- West Pakistan
  - Situation
  - USSR
  - PRC
- India-US relations
  - John A. Scali

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[National Security]  
[635-008-w004]  
[Duration: 1m 18s]

- India–Pakistan
  - India-US relations
    - John A. Scali
      - Public relations
      - White paper
      - Pin blame on them
  - Indians
    - Vietnam
    - The President’s opinion
  - Pakistan
    - Press
    - Lack subtlety

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India–Pakistan  
-John N. Irwin, II  
-Indian ambassador  
-Acquisition of territory

Kissinger left at 11:12 am.

[Conversation No. 635-009](#)

Date: December 10, 1971  
Time: 11:13 am - 12:00 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with W. Allen Wallis, Frederick Mosteller and George P. Shultz.

Introductions

Doodles

Report

W. Braddock Hickman's death

The President

- Federal government
- Schedule
  - People's Republic of China [PRC]
  - India
  - Pollution
  - Congress

Committee

- Richard M. Scammon

Commission on Federal Statistics

- Commissioner



- Federal statistical system
  - World admiration
  - Compared to other statistical systems
- Infant mortality rate
- Consumer Price Index [CPI]
- Gross National Product [GNP]
- Statistical agencies
  - Bureau of Labor Statistics [BLS]
  - Census Bureau
- Non-statistical agency
  - Credibility
  - Examples
    - Interstate Commerce Commission [ICC]

#### Statistical organizations outside the federal government

- Census Bureau
- Survey Research Center
  - University of Michigan
- National Opinion Research Center
  - University of Chicago
- Pollsters
  - Albert E. Sindlinger
  - Louis P. Harris
  - George H. Gallup
    - Study after 1948 election

#### Commission on Federal Statistics

- Census Bureau
- Function
- Reorganization of federal agencies
- Federal statistical system
  - Statistical Policy Division
    - Julius Shiskin
  - Improvement
    - Enlargement of the Statistical Policy Division Staff
      - Surveys
        - Controlled field studies
        - Welfare programs
      - Daniel Patrick Moynihan



- Opinion
  - Poverty programs
  - Headstart
- Office of Management and Budget [OMB]
  - Shiskin
- Pollsters
- Statistical organizations outside the federal government
  - Universities
- Census Bureau
- Department of Commerce
- BLS
- Individual agencies
  - Central point
- New agencies
  - Strengthening the system
    - OMB
  - Statistical Policy Division Staff
    - Factors involved
      - Staffing
    - Production and use of statistics
      - OMB
      - Remedial education
        - Moynihan
          - Instant credibility
    - Statistics
      - Prove statements made
      - Minority groups
      - Must know the facts
      - Examples
        - British-Irish
        - Blacks
        - Asians
      - Value of statistics
- National Academy of Sciences
- Outside review
  - Operating agencies
    - Shiskin
  - Statistical Policy Division
- Census Bureau





- Confidentiality and privacy
  - Statistical Advisory Board
    - Compared to President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board [PFIAB]
    - Civil Rights Commission
      - Workability
    - PFIAB
      - Richard M. Helms
      - Henry A. Kissinger
      - State Department
      - Department of Defense [DOD]
  - Public statements
  - American public
    - Attitude toward statistics gathering
      - Census Bureau
      - Internal Revenue Service [IRS]
      - Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]
      - Credit agencies
      - Army surveillance
- Recommendation of guidelines
  - Shiskin
  - Advisory board
    - Confidentiality
    - Duties and responsibilities
      - Regulation
    - Freedom of Information [FOI] Act
      - Protections offered
    - Census
    - Confidentiality
      - FOI
      - Proposal to improve the laws
        - Confidentiality
    - IRS
      - Improvements
    - Census Bureau
      - Quinquennial [five-year] census
        - Cost benefit study
          - Recommendations
            - Cost of census
          - Stabilization of US population



- Comparison of Brazil population
- Movement of blacks to cities
- Congressional district changes
- Movement of blacks to suburbs
  - Freedom of choice
    - Schools and housing
    - Strom Thurmond
    - Comparisons and differences
- Economic statistics
  - Accuracy and timeliness
  - Research
  - Federal Reserve Board
  - OMB
  - Bank deposits
    - Indication of change
  - Research
  - GNP statistics
    - Figures
      - Accuracy
        - Preliminary
        - Adjusted
        - Final
      - Corrections
        - Congress
        - Shultz
        - Business
          - Wall Street Journal*
          - Pollsters
  - Commerce Department
    - Raw data
  - Statistical Policy Division
    - 1959
      - Study of price statistics of the federal government
        - CPI Wholesale Price Index
        - George Ziegler [?]
      - Study of employment statistics
  - Commerce Department
    - Elimination of preliminary estimate
    - Retail sales



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-Estimates

- Public outlook
  - Business
    - Inflation
  - Comparison to politics
    - Cab drivers
    - Barbers
  - Business
    - Decision making

Outside commission

-Shultz

[General conversation]

Wallis, *et al.* left at 12:00 pm.

[Conversation No. 635-010](#)

Date: December 10, 1971

Time: 12:00 pm - 12:01 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule

- Meeting with Nicholas P. Thimmesch
- Distinguished Service Medal Award presentation
  - Gen. Leonard F. Chapman, Jr.
  - Maj. Gen. James D. Hughes
- Briefing

Bull left at 12:01 pm.



[Conversation No. 635-011](#)

Date: December 10, 1971  
Time: 12:01 pm - 12:03 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull and Maj. Gen. James D. Hughes.

Award presentation  
-Guests  
-Gen. Leonard F. Chapman, Jr.  
-Ronald L. Ziegler [?]

Bull and Hughes left at 12:03 pm.

[Conversation No. 635-012](#)

Date: December 10, 1971  
Time: 12:03 pm - 12:15 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull, John H. Chafee, Adm. Thomas H. Moorer, Adm. Elmo R. Zumwalt, Gen. John D. Ryan, Gen. William C. Westmoreland, Gen. and Mrs. Leonard F. Chapman, Jr., Mrs. R.D. Crutcher, Captain J.H. Blichfeldt, SGM Joseph Dailey, John W. Warner, Lt. Gen. and Mrs. Lewis J. Fields, Gen. and Mrs. Raymond G. Davis, Lt. Gen. William J. Van Ryzin, Lt. Gen. and Mrs. John Chaisson, Col. and Mrs. David Twomey, Col. Richard Schulz, Col. Gerald Thomas, Com. C.J. Wages, Major Joseph Felter, GySgt. William Weigh, George P. Shultz, Lt. Col. Vernon C. Coffey, and Brig. Gen. James D. Hughes; the White House photographer and members of the press were present at the beginning of the meeting.

Instructions

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:14 pm.

[General conversation]



Introductions

[Photograph session]

Award presentation

- Distinguished Service Medal
  - Gen. Leonard F. Chapman, Jr.
  - Reminiscences from the President
  - Marine Corps career
  - Mrs. Chapman
  - Sons
    - Vietnam
- Citation
- Chapman's remarks
  - Sgt. Maj. Dailey
  - Families

[General conversation]

The President talked with Stephen B. Bull between 12:14 pm and 12:15 pm.

[Conversation No. 635-12A]

[See Conversation No. 16-78]

[End of telephone conversation]

Bull and Alexander P. Butterfield entered and Chafee, *et al.* left at 12:15 pm.

The President's schedule

- Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Bull and Butterfield left at 12:15 pm.

[Conversation No. 635-013](#)



Date: December 10, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 12:15 pm and 12:19 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

- The President's schedule
  - Henry A. Kissinger
  - Timing
  - Location
  - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
  - David Packard
  - Resignation letter

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 12:19 pm.

[Conversation No. 635-014](#)

Date: December 10, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 12:15 pm and 12:19 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull and Rose Mary Woods.

- The President's schedule
  - Meeting with David Packard
  - Meeting with Nicholas P. Thimmesch

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:19 pm.

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Franklin Haydn Williams  
-Meeting with heads of state  
-Report  
-Henry A. Kissinger

Woods left at an unknown time before 12:19 pm.

[Conversation No. 635-015](#)

Date: December 10, 1971  
Time: 12:19 pm - 12:36 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with David Packard and Alexander M. Haig, Jr.; the White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

[Photograph session]

Adm. Thomas H. Moorer meeting  
-Cancellation  
-North Vietnam  
-Bombing  
-Supply routes  
-Melvin R. Laird



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- Congress
- Henry A. Kissinger
- William P. Rogers's schedule
- Location

Offset agreement with West Germany

- Terms

Packard's resignation

- Support
- Election
- Kissinger
- Praise from the President
- Crises
  - Cambodia
  - Laos
  - Jordan
  - Anti-ballistic Missile [ABM] Treaty
- Kissinger
- Management functions
- Business elite
  - Respect for Packard
  - Business Council
- California
  - Packard's home
  - Los Altos
- The President as Vice President
  - Leaving office
  - Dwight D. Eisenhower
  - Advice to Packard
    - Comparisons
    - Thomas Wolfe
- Laird
  - Defense
  - Staff
  - Praise
  - Packard's role

Defense budget





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- Meeting
  - Conservatives
    - Barry M. Goldwater
    - Peter H. Dominick
    - John G. Tower
- Figures
  - George P. Shultz
  - Research and development
- Services
- F-111's
  - Fort Worth
  - California
- Packard's list
  - Kissinger
  - Job impact
- Command and control capability
  - Airborne Command Posts
    - California
  - Boeing aircraft
    - Impact
- Packard's list
- Letter of resignation
  - Copy
  - Date

Presentation of Presidential gifts

- Money clip
- Cufflinks

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 12:19 pm.

Money clip

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 12:36 pm.

Money clip

- Presidential seal
- US Secret Service
- Silver compact with Presidential seal



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Vietnam

- Prisoners of war [POWs]
  - Humanitarian impact
- US position
  - Possible bombing
  - Troop withdrawal
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]

Packard and Haig left at 12:36 pm.

[Conversation No. 635-016](#)

Date: December 10, 1971  
Time: 12:37 pm - 12:47 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Nicholas P. Thimmesch and Ronald L. Ziegler; the White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

Thimmesch's columns

[Photograph session]

Thimmesch's schedule

[Edward C. Nixon]  
-Navy

Thimmesch's age

Florida

- Navy
- Jane's Fighting Ships
- National Broadcasting Company [NBC]
  - Executives



Thimmesch's columns

The President's meeting with David Packard

- Packard resignation
- Reasons

Navy

- US position
  - Nuclear fleet
- Undersea Long-range Missile System [ULMS]
  - “Polaris”
- Surface fleet
  - Attempt to modernize
- Parity
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] navy
  - Modern
- Merchant Marine
  - Thimmesch's experience

Thimmesch

- Washington Post*
- Washington Star*
- Los Angeles Times*
- Washington Post*
  - Benjamin C. Bradlee
  - Katharine L. Graham
- Charles W. Colson
  - Smith Hempstone, Jr.
    - Marine Corps experience
- Work on trips
  - Robert F. Ellsworth
- Writing
- Children
  - Location
- Mike Wallace story
  - Wallace's background
- Background
  - Luxembourg visit



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- Jack Thimmesch
- Nicholas Thimmesch
- Minnesota
  - Family
- Writing columns
  - Enjoyment
- Time* and *Newsweek*
- Los Angeles Times*
- Television appearances
  - "Meet the Press"
  - "Firing Line"
    - William F. Buckley, Jr.
- Educational programs
- Peter M. Flanigan
  - Public broadcasting
- Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
  - Job offer
- Children

Thimmesch and Ziegler left at 12:47 pm.

[Conversation No. 635-017](#)

Date: December 10, 1971  
Time: 12:47 pm - 1:01 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger

India–Pakistan

- Kissinger's meeting with Yuli M. Vorontsov
  - Message to Leonid I. Brezhnev
- [Vladimir K. Matskevich]
  - Brezhnev
- Andrei A. Gromyko
- Anatoliy F. Dobrynin



- Treaty
  - Democrats
  - John F. Kennedy agreement
    - Obligation
  - Brezhnev
- Movement of military forces
  - Timing
- Brezhnev
  - Possible summit with the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
- State Department briefing by Kissinger
- Possible reaction at the United Nations [UN]
  - U. Alexis Johnson

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- India–Pakistan
  - People’s Republic of China [PRC]
    - Henry A. Kissinger’s message urging action

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- India–Pakistan
  - Kissinger’s view
    - Ceasefire
      - Timing
  - USSR
    - Possible agreement with US
  - Kissinger's meeting with People’s Republic of China [PRC]
  - Agha Muhommad Yahya Khan
    - Talk with Kissinger
  - The President's meeting with Matskevich



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- Brezhnev
- Pakistan
- State Department
  - UN
  - Johnson
    - USSR
    - PRC
  - Proposed talks
- William P. Rogers
  - USSR
- UN
- US-USSR relations
  - Possible motives
- Israel
- Egypt
- Middle East
- Golda Meir
  - Potential sale of jets
  - Nicaragua
    - Anastasio Somoza Debayle
- Negotiations
  - USSR Summit
  - 1972 election

The President's meeting with David Packard

- Praise from the President
- Finances
- Secretary of Defense
  - Offered to Packard
  - Melvin R. Laird
- Defense budget
  - The President's previous conversation with Packard
  - Figures
    - George P. Shultz
  - Memorandum
    - Jobs
      - F-111's
      - Texas and California
      - Airborne Command Posts



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-Boeing aircraft

- Figures
- Shultz
- Laird
  - Support
- Conservatives
- Figures
- Packard
- Laird and Shultz

India-Pakistan situation

- Rogers
  - The President's schedule
    - Camp David
      - Briefing materials
  - Talk with Kissinger
  - USSR
- USSR-Indian relations
  - US-USSR relations

Kissinger left at 1:01 pm.

[Conversation No. 635-018](#)

Date: December 10, 1971

Time: Unknown between 1:01 pm and 3:35 pm

Location: Oval Office

Unknown people [Secret Service agents] entered.

The President's location

- Barber shop

An agent talked with an unknown person.

[Conversation No. 635-18A]



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