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[Conversation No. 477-001](#)

Date: April 12, 1971
Time: 9:10 am - 10:33 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman and an unknown man

Charles W. Colson
-Mailings

Polls

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 10:33 am

- National Broadcasting Company [NBC]
- Vietnam
- News summary
- NBC
- Washington Star*
- Opinion Research Corporation [ORC]
- George H. Gallup
- Publicity
 - Robert J. Dole
 - Congress
- ORC
 - Presidential popularity
- Democratic poll

President's schedule



Forthcoming press conference, April 17, 1971

- Announcement
- Wire services
- Editors
- Ronald L. Ziegler
- President's time spent with press and media
 - Television network commentators
 - Reporters
 - Howard K. Smith
 - Women's press
 - Women's television commentators
 - Press conferences
 - Oval Office and television
 - Scheduling
 - Frequency
 - American Society of Newspaper Editors [ASNE]
 - Questions and answers
 - Victor Lasky
 - Allen S. Drury
 - Peregrine Worsthorne
 - Astronauts
- Instructions for Ziegler
 - Herbert G. Klein
 - John A. Scali
 - John D. Ehrlichman
- Format of future press conferences
 - Opportunity
 - Reaction
 - News summaries
 - Smith
 - Views of unknown journalists
- Editors' bulletin on President's press activities
 - Press corps
 - Ziegler

J. Edgar Hoover

- Possible resignation
 - Washington Star* article
 - Congress



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- Press
- President's defense of Hoover
- Haldeman's activities
- Richard G. Kleindienst
- John N. Mitchell
- President's conversation with Hoover
 - 1972 election
- General Lewis B. Hershey
 - Retirement
- President's possible conversation with Mitchell
- Mitchell's schedule

William P. Rogers

- Instructions to Haldeman
 - Haldeman's possible discussion with Rogers
- Attitude towards foreign service
- Charles W. Yost
 - Tenure
 - Views on Vietnam
- [Forename unknown] Tatu
 - Cambodia
 - Information to press
 - State Department spokespeople
- Support for President's Vietnam policy
 - Laos
- Yost
 - Rogers' attitude
 - Lack of information in White House files
 - State Department
- Goals
 - Rogers' support for President's Vietnam policy
 - Yost
 - President's forthcoming meeting with editors
 - Need for Rogers to disagree with Yost
 - Possible questions
 - Foreign service personnel
 - Rogers' attitude
 - Henry A. Kissinger
 - Support for President



- Yost
 - Tenure
 - President's defense
 - Rogers
 - Alger Hiss
 - Defense fund
 - Courtesy shown by White House
 - Council on foreign relations
 - Hubert H. Humphrey
 - Article
 - Kissinger
 - Letters
 - Middle East
 - Vietnam

Appointments

- [Robert M.?] O'Mahoney
- [Brian?] O'Doherty

Unknown event [Easter parade?]

- Need to abolish
- Franklin D. Roosevelt

President's schedule

- President's forthcoming meeting with Rogers
- Kissinger
- Vietnam
 - Laos
- President's Vietnam policy
- Sequoia*
- Press conference
 - Timing

Demonstrations

- Veterans, April 19, 1971
 - Prospect
- Daughters of the American Revolution [DAR]
 - Meeting
- Support



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- Common Cause
- Composition
 - Rennie Davis
- People's Coalition for Peace in Vietnam
 - Davis
 - Names
 - Timing
 - April 24, 1971

President's schedule

- Camp David
- Press conference
- Demonstrations

Demonstrations

- Focus
- Scheduling
- "May Day"
 - Weathermen
 - Goals
- Edmund S. Muskie

President's schedule

- Mitchell
- Republican Governors' Conference, April 18-20, 1971
 - Importance
 - President's possible attendance
 - Mitchell's views
 - Press
 - Revenue sharing
 - Politics
 - Mitchell's ideas
 - President's possible participation
 - Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
 - Meetings
 - Frequency
 - Agnew
 - Conference, April 18-20, 1971
- DAR



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- White House church service
- Press conference, April 24, 1971
 - Possible questions
 - Demonstrations
 - Possible response
 - Routineness
- Camp David
- Sequoia*
 - Instructions for Haldeman
 - Use
- Republican Governors' Conference
 - President's participation
 - Tom McCall
 - Politics
 - Mitchell
 - Public sessions

Hoover

- Possible retirement
 - Timing
 - Mitchell
 - Timing of announcement
 - Resolution from Congress
 - Praise for Hoover
 - Choice of successor
 - Washington Star* article
 - Subsequent President
 - Possible strategy
 - L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III
 - 1972 election
 - Federal Bureau of Investigations [FBI]
 - Choice of successor

President's schedule

- Speeches
 - Raymond K. Price, Jr.
 - DAR
 - Duration
 - Chamber of Commerce



-Content

President's use of media

- Radio talks
- Scheduling
- Audience
- Subjects

Youth conferences

- Resolutions
- Vietnam

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[Personal Returnable]

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[Duration: 3m 53s]

W. Clement Stone Dinner

- Queries
- Purposes
 - Politics
 - Ohio
 - Herbert G. Klein
 - William B. Saxbe
 - Robert A. Taft, Jr.
- Regional or state dinners
 - Benefits
 - Ohio
 - Finance
 - Pennsylvania
 - New York
 - California
- The President's participation
 - Tenor of event after the President left
 - W. Clement Stone



- H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman’s opinion
- Use of White House for similar dinners
 - H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman’s opinion
- W. Clement Stone's views
- Robert Douglas Stuart, Sr.
- Contribution publicity
- White House
 - Use as location for regional dinners by state
 - Florida
 - Ohio
 - Indiana
 - Pennsylvania
 - William W. Scranton
 - New York
 - New Jersey
 - Financial contributions

- “Establishment” dinner
 - Mitchell
 - List
 - Editors
 - Preston Wolfe
 - Francis L. Dale
 - President’s possible participation
 - Finance

- Maurice H. Stans dinner
 - Compared with W. Clement Stone dinner
 - Significance to participants
 - President’s activities
 - Timing
 - John B. Connally
 - Reaction
 - Paul W. McCracken
 - Briefing



Economy

- First quarter figures
- Predictions
- Gross National Product [GNP]
- Optimism
- Laos
- Confidence
- Construction
- Employment
- President's conversations with various people
- Recession
 - Arthur F. Burns
 - National agony
- Forecast

Revenue sharing

- Ehrlichman and George P. Shultz
- Sales plan
- Ehrlichman's schedule
- William L. Safire
- Price
- Need for explanation of plan

Margaret Chase Smith

- Defense of President
- Lieutenant William L. Calley, Jr.

Anti-ballistic Missiles [ABM]

- Appropriations
- Senate
- Kissinger
- Date of vote in Senate
- Briefing
 - Kissinger
 - Clark MacGregor
 - William E. Timmons
 - Scali
 - Ziegler
- Kissinger



- Briefing
- View of MacGregor

Staff

- Need for unity
 - Yost
 - United Nations [UN]
 - Yost
 - Tenure
 - MacGregor
 - Relations with Congress
- Timmons
- MacGregor and Timmons

Vietnam

- Conclusion of President's speech on Southeast Asia, April 7, 1971
 - Effects
 - Compared with November 3, 1969
 - Stabilization
 - Safire
- President's policies
 - Troop withdrawal
 - Casualties
- News story
 - US losses in fighting [related to North Vietnamese attack on Fire Base 6, Central Highlands, South Vietnam]
 - Helicopter
 - Casualties
 - Timing
- Casualties
- Cambodia
 - News story
- Network coverage
 - Casualties
 - News summary
- Press coverage
 - Decline since President's speech on Southeast Asia, April 7, 1971
- MacGregor
 - Haldeman's briefing



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- Scali
 - Colson briefing
- Colson
- Scali
 - Attendance at meetings
 - Kissinger
- MacGregor
 - Morale
 - President's April 7, 1971 meeting with MacGregor and others
 - Reaction to President's speech on Southeast Asia, April 7, 1971
 - Kissinger

Congress

- MacGregor
- Domestic programs
- Revenue sharing
- Economy
- Military appropriations
- Draft extension
- Carl B. Albert
 - Congressional reception at White House
 - 80th Congress members

Hoover

- [Thomas] Hale Boggs
 - Publicity
- Resignation
- Resolution in Congress
- Letter of confidence
- Resolution
 - Boggs
- Letter
 - Circulation
 - House of Representatives
 - Political implications
 - MacGregor
 - Justice Department
 - Colson
 - Congress



- Letter
- Samuel L. Devine
- Democrat
- Circulation
- Content

President's forthcoming meeting with ASNE, April 16, 1971

- Planning
- Ziegler
- Preliminaries
- Television
- Network radio
- Planning

President's schedule

- Possible press conference, April 17, 1971
- Preparation
- Demonstrations

Demonstrations

- Polls
- Possible press conference
- People's Coalition for Peace in Vietnam
- Administration's efforts

President's schedule

- Press conference
 - Timing
- Press corps
- Press conference
 - Scheduling
- Demonstrations
- Press conference
 - Preparation
 - Television coverage
- Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT] talks
- Press conference
 - Scheduling
- May Day demonstrations



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- Possible conflict with press conference
- Duration
- Press conference
- Timing
- President's speech on Southeast Asia, April 7, 1971

President's schedule

- Executive Office Building
- Hoover
- Kissinger
- Easter parade

Kissinger entered and the President left at 9:40 am

[Pause]

Easter egg roll

White paper

- Nixon Administration
- Staff unity
- Ziegler

The President entered at an unknown time after 9:40 am

Kissinger's morale

Vietnam

- Casualties previous week
- Predictions
- Compared with Cambodia
- Yost
- Haldeman
- Rogers
- Letter of October 1969
- Memos on all subjects
- Tenure
- George H. W. Bush
- Yost



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- Washington Post*
- Meeting with Associated Press [AP] board
- Meetings with *Time* and *Newsweek* editors
- Support for President
- Yost
 - Statement in 1968 on negotiations
- Richard M. Helms
 - News summary
 - Pathet Lao desertions
 - Numbers

People's Republic of China [PRC]

- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
- Visit of ping-pong team
- Announcement of visit
- Recognition by US
 - Robert D. Murphy

Vietnam

- Fire Base 6
 - Central Highlands
- Possible US strategy
 - South Vietnamese military activities
 - Press attitudes
 - North Vietnamese casualties
- Pathet Lao
 - Helms
- Helms
- Network coverage of losses
 - Compared to Korea
 - Casualty counting
 - Methods
 - Korea

Calley case

- Administration's policy
- Unknown general's role
- Robert A. Taft, Jr.'s support for President
- Colson



- Prospects
- Release statement

PRC

- Radio broadcasts
- Reception of American ping-pong team
- Newsmen
 - NBC
 - AP
- Relations with US

Pakistan

- Agha Muhammad Yahya Khan
- State Department
- Rogers
- Joseph J. Sisco
- Dacca consulate
- US policy
- Analogy to Nigeria
 - Civil war
 - Biafra
 - Nazi Germany
 - Adolf Hitler
- Dangers of US involvement
- Bengali reaction
 - Leadership
- West Pakistan
- Rogers
- Forthcoming policy statement for President
- State Department
- Rogers
- US role
- Vietnam
 - "Civil War"
- Nigeria
 - Biafra
 - [Forename unknown] Bedell [sp?]
- Civil war
- Economic aid



- India
 - Reaction to civil war
 - Bengalis
- US policy
 - Neutrality
- Economic aid
 - West Pakistan

Vietnam

- Demonstrations
- Effects of war on American people
- US position
 - Delaying action
- Negotiations
 - Timing
- PRC
- USSR
 - Possible summit meeting
 - Lifting of trade restrictions with PRC

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[National Security]
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[Duration: 53s]

Vietnam

- North Vietnamese report
 - President's reputation in Communist world
 - North Vietnamese official's meeting with Japanese socialists
 - Success of Vietnamization
 - President's use of Mao Tse-tung's tactics



Vietnam

- Communists
- US policy
- President's speech on Southeast Asia, April 7, 1971

PRC initiative

- Kissinger's conversation with Rowland Evans
- Rogers
- Marshall Green
- State Department
- Khan
- Jean Sainteny
- Nicolae Ceausescu
- Indira Gandhi
- Press reaction
- Announcement on lifting of restrictions on trade
 - Timing
 - State Department
 - Announcement by President

President's schedule

- Meeting with Anna C. Chennault
- Meeting with Taiwan ambassador
- Press corps

The President, Haldeman, and Kissinger left at 10:33 am

[Conversation No. 477-002](#)

Date: April 12, 1971

Time: 11:28 am - 12:41 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger

President's meeting with Taiwan ambassador Chow Shu-kai



- New foreign minister
- Announcement of lifting of trade restrictions on People's Republic of China [PRC]
 - Timing
 - Provisions
 - Currency control
 - Shipping
 - Symbolism
- United Nations [UN] representation
- US policy
- Chiang Kai-shek
 - US emissary
- Ping-pong team
 - New York Times*
- Chinese
- Visit of US ping-pong team to PRC
 - Reception

Chow Shu-kai and Emil ("Bus") Mosbacher, Jr. entered at 11:31 am; members of the press were present at the beginning of the meeting

Greetings

Photo session

Chow Shu-kai's tenure

- Foreign Minister
- Schedule
- Career
- George Kung-chao Yeh

Taiwan

- Friendship for US
- President's greetings to Chiang Kai-shek and Madame Chiang Mayling Soong
- President's visit's to Taiwan
- US treaty commitments
- US relaxation of trade and travel with PRC
- US relations
- Visit of ping-pong team from PRC
- Relaxation of travel, currency, and shipping restrictions with PRC



-Significance

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[National Security]

[477-002-w001]

[Duration: 18m 55s]

Taiwan

- United Nations [UN] representation
 - US allies
 - Canadians
 - United Kingdom
 - Latin America
 - The President's message to Chiang Kai-shek
 - Dispatch of ally to Taipei
 - US emissary Robert D. Murphy
 - Schedule
 - Needs of Chiang Kai-shek
 - US position
 - Possible solution
 - Present situation
 - Albanian resolution
 - Potential expulsion of Taiwan
 - Admission of People's Republic of China [PRC]
 - Alternate US resolution
 - Dual representation of Taiwan and People's Republic of China [PRC]
 - Prevent expulsion of Taiwan
 - People's Republic of China [PRC] admission
 - The President's decision
 - Decision-making outside of Department of State [DOS]
 - The President's policies
 - Chiang Kai-shek
 - US position on Taiwan representation in United Nations [UN]
 - Potential press conference question
 - Robert D. Murphy's visit to Taiwan



- Get Chiang Kai-shek's advice
 - US position
- Votes in United Nations [UN]
- Chow Shu-kai's conversation with Melvin R. Laird
- Taiwan's prospects for United Nations [UN] vote
 - Chow Shu-kai's analysis
 - Possible formula
- Need for support for Taiwan
- Chiang Kai-shek's possible position
 - Able to trust the President
- Vote
- Defense
- Islands near Okinawa
- Taiwan's position
- Symbol
- Offshore islands
 - Quemoy and Matsu
 - The President's support
- Okinawa
 - Reversion to Japan
 - US policy
- Japan
 - The President's opinion
 - Trade with US
 - Textiles
- Okinawa
 - Reversion to Japan
 - Ryukyu Islands
 - Taiwan's position
- Quemoy and Matsu
- Offshore islands compared to Ryukyu Islands
 - Taiwan's point of view
- Okinawa
 - Reversion to Japan
 - Chow Shu-kai's analysis
- Department of State [DOS] statement on April 9
 - Charles W. Bray, III
 - Japanese embassy
 - Taiwanese embassy



- United Nations [UN] representation issue
- Symbolism
- Europe and Australia
- Department of State [DOS] approach to Japan
 - Chow Shu-kai's opinion
- United Nations [UN] representation
 - Taiwan's need for support

Taiwan

- Trade and currency regulations with PRC
 - Lifting of restrictions
 - Commerce Department
 - Announcement
 - Timing
 - Significance
 - Foreign flag vessels
 - US competitive situation

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[National Security]
[477-002-w002]
[Duration: 39s]

Taiwan

- Trade and currency regulations with People's Republic of China [PRC]
 - US competitive situation
 - Significance
- United Nations [UN]

Taiwan



- UN representation
 - Possible press queries
 - President's meeting with editors, April 16, 1971
 - US position

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[National Security]
[477-002-w003]
[Duration: 3m 27s]

Taiwan

- Chiang Kai-shek
- Robert D. Murphy's arrival
 - Timing
- Chiang Kai-shek
 - The President's preferred method of communication
 - End run around Department of State [DOS]
- US position
 - The President's forthcoming question-and-answer session
 - American Society of Newspaper Editors [ASNE]
 - April 16, 1971
- Chiang Kai-shek's position
- Chow Shu-kai's schedule

Taiwan

- Travel, trade with PRC
 - US policy
 - Eastern Europe
 - USSR
- US treaty commitments
 - Melvin R. Laird
 - Defense support



- Chinese people
- Walter P. McConaughy
- US support for Taiwan

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[National Security]
[477-002-w004]
[Duration: 37s]

Taiwan

- US support for Taiwan
 - Chow Shu-kai's opinion
 - The President's position

Presentation of Gifts

- Madame Chow Lily Chang

Chiang Kai-shek

- President's previous visits

Taiwan

- UN representation
 - US position
 - Overseas Chinese

Chow Shu-kai's shedule

- Afternoon meeting with Kissinger

Chow Shu-kai and Mosbacher left at 12:05 pm

Chow Shu-kai



State Department
-Charles W. Bray, III's statement on Okinawa

Overseas Chinese
-Impact of PRC recognition
-Difficulties

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 12:05 pm

Picture session

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:07 pm

PRC
-Trade announcements
-Marshall Green
-John B. Connally
-Connally's view

An unknown man [Stephen B. Bull?] and Anna C. Chennault entered at 12:07 pm

Greetings

The unknown man [Bull?] left at 12:07 pm

Chennault's trip

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 12:07 pm

Refreshment

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 12:41 pm

Chennault's trip to Asia
-Taiwan
-Korea
-Thailand
-Philippines
-Singapore



- Taiwan
- Vietnam
 - General Nguyen Van Thieu
 - Schedule
 - Ellsworth F. Bunker
 - Thieu's possible conversation with President
 - Prisoner of War [POW] issue
 - Thieu's decision to release POWs
 - H. Ross Perot
 - Vice Presidents
 - Visit to various places
 - Demonstrations
 - [Unintelligible]
 - POWs
 - North Vietnamese objectives
 - Negotiations
 - 1968 bombing halt
 - Thieu's objectives
 - Possible meeting with President in Guam or Hawaii
 - Thieu and Bunker
 - Relationship
 - General Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.
 - Present conditions
 - Chennault's conversation with Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy
 - Thieu
 - Economic conditions
 - Press
 - Military operations

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[National Security]

[477-002-w005]

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Anna C. Chennault's trip to Asia



- Taiwan
 - Anna C. Chennault's conversation with Chiang Kai-shek
 - Two Chinas
 - Kuomintang
 - General Assembly meeting
 - Chiang Kai-shek
 - Age
 - Successor
 - Chow Shu-kai
 - Influence in US
 - Department of State [DOS]
 - Congress
 - Tenure
 - Replacement
 - United Nations [UN] representation
 - Anna C. Chennault's recommendation
 - Two Chinas
 - Chiang Kai-shek
 - Possible solutions
 - Two Chinas
 - One China–One Taiwan
 - Henry A. Kissinger's opinion
 - Anna C. Chennault's analysis

Anna C. Chennault's trip to Asia

- PRC
 - Ping-pong team
 - Businessmen's attitude
 - Trade
 - US Chamber of Commerce
 - Madame Duong (Tran) Thi Larg
 - Flying Tiger Airlines
 - Pan American/Trans World Airlines [TWA]
- Taiwan
 - US policy
 - Allies



- New Ambassador
- Chiang Kai-shek
- State Department

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[National Security]
[477-002-w006]
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- Anna C. Chennault's trip to Asia
 - Taiwan
 - Chiang Kai-shek
 - Request for President
 - Delay
 - Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]

- Anna C. Chennault's trip to Asia
 - Thailand
 - Prime Minister
 - [Communications Air Chief Marshal] Dawee [Chulasap]
 - Support for President
 - Foreign Minister Thanat Khoman
 - Problems
 - Khoman
 - Sugar quotas
 - Singapore, Korea, and Taiwan
 - Communications
 - State Department
 - Herbert G. Klein
 - Laird
 - Military aid
 - Asians



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- US policy in Asia
- US consultants
- Sir Robert Thompson
- Charles E. ("Chip") Bohlen
- Chennault's possible role
 - Schedule
 - Contacts
- Americans and Asians
 - Relationship
- Kissinger
- Chennault's liaison role
- Thieu

Vietnam

- Problem
- US public opinion
- US policy

Taiwan

- President's knowledge of Chinese
- President's support
- UN representation
 - Allies
 - US policy

PRC

- Relaxation of travel and trade restrictions
- Significance
 - Symbolism
- Reaction of Chinese community

Taiwan

- US alliance
- PRC
- USSR
- Middle East
- Chennault's role
- President's PRC initiative
 - State Department



- Chiang Kai-shek
- Overseas Chinese
 - Malaysia
 - Singapore

Chennault's position

- Title
- Taiwan
- Overseas Chinese
- Klein
- Chennault's support for the President
 - 1968 campaign
- Taiwan
 - US embassy
- US Chamber of Commerce
- Liaison
- Flying Tigers
- Republican Party
- Trade
- Klein
- Title
- Asian adviser
- State Department
 - Asian affairs
 - Everett M. Dirksen
 - Murphy
 - John N. Mitchell

Vietnam

- President's possible meeting with Thieu
- Elections

PRC

- Communism

Taiwan

- Economy
- Exports
 - Compared with PRC



-Lobby
Presentation of gifts

Farewells
-Chennault's daughters

Chennault's schedule

Kissinger and Chennault left at 12:14 pm

[Conversation No. 477-003](#)

Date: April 12, 1971
Time: Unknown between 12:41 pm and 12:42 pm
Location: Oval Office

Henry A. Kissinger met with Manolo Sanchez

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Request

Schedule

Kissinger and Sanchez left at an unknown time before 12:42 pm



[Conversation No. 477-004](#)

Date: April 12, 1971
Time: 12:42 pm - 12:46 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger

Kissinger's schedule
-John D. Rockefeller, III
-Vietnam

Green brothers
-Press story
-Vietnam

Anna C. Chennault
-Role
-Letter
-Distribution

People's Republic of China [PRC] - Taiwan
-US position

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 12:42 pm

Press photograph

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:46 pm

Vietnam
-Democrats
-Radicals
-Withdrawal
-US agreements
-Deadlines



- General Nguyen Van Thieu
- Nguyen Cao Ky
- Withdrawal
- Prisoners of War [POWs]
 - Charles W. Colson
 - US policy
 - POW wives

Kissinger left at 12:46 pm

[Conversation No. 477-005](#)

Date: April 12, 1971
Time: 12:47 pm - 12:53 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Marilyn Cochran, Barbara Cochran, Bobby Cochran, and Henry C. Cashen, II; the White House photographer and members of the press were present at the beginning of the meeting

Greetings

Introductions

Photographic session

Skiing

- Father
- Coach

Presentation of gifts

- Cuff links

Skiing

- Practicing
- Determination



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Oval Office

- Description
- Presidential seal
- Picture of White House in 1837
- Portrait of George Washington

Rose Garden

Easter egg roll

Farewells

M. Cochran, et al. left at 12:53 pm

[Conversation No. 477-006](#)

Date: April 12, 1971
Time: 12:53 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

Unknown event
-France

Bull left at 12:53 pm

[Conversation No. 477-007](#)

Date: April 12, 1971
Time: 12:53 pm - 2:00 pm
Location: Oval Office



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

Easter egg roll

- Crowd size
- Children
- Participation
- Tourists
- Previous year
- Weather

William P. Rogers

- Schedule
- Costa Rica trip
- Meeting with President
- Vietnam
- Charles W. Yost
 - Points
- President's meeting with American Society of Newspaper Editors [ASNE], April 16, 1971
- Possible statement
- Schedule
- Vietnam
 - Possible testimony in public session
- Yost
 - Effect
- Vietnam
- Schedule
- Meeting with President

President's schedule

- Meeting with Victor Lasky
- Taping of interview
 - Difficulties
 - Patricia (Pratt) Lasky
- Notes

Rogers

- Statement on Vietnam



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- Henry A. Kissinger
- Schedule
- Yost
 - Effect on Rogers
- Schedule
- Possible statement
- Yost
 - Statement
 - Letter of 1969
 - State Department
 - Rogers
 - Possible reply by President
 - Letters
 - Foreign Service

Anna C. Chennault

- Role
- Robert J. Dole
- Title
- Level in government
- Title

Easter egg roll

- Number of children
- Band

President's meeting with ASNE, April 16, 1971

- Press conference
 - Schedule
- Television
 - Press
 - John A. Scali
- Radio
 - Advantages
 - Television cameras

President's schedule

- Lasky meeting
 - Duration
 - Specific questions
 - Dwight L. Chapin



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- Henry Cabot Lodge
 - Recent visit to Southeast Asia
 - Vietnam
 - Possible visit to Southeast Asia
- Kissinger
- John D. Rockefeller, III
- John J. McCloy
 - Kissinger
 - Possible meeting with President
 - New members
 - Report
 - Composition
- Frank C. Carlucci
 - Name
 - James D. Hodgson
 - Press
 - Surnames
- Radio talks
 - Plan
 - Scheduling
 - Duration
 - Staff support
 - Subject focus
 - Groups
 - Possible topics
 - Work and leisure
 - Growth of America
 - Prisoners of War [POWs]
 - Reform movement
 - Fatherhood
 - Arts
 - Bicentennial
 - ”Radio fireside chat”
 - Timing
 - Competition
 - Advantages

Polls

- Thomas W. Benham



- President's speech on Southeast Asia, April 7, 1971
- Reaction
- Approval/disapproval rate
- Shifts
- Laos
- Lieutenant William L. Calley, Jr.
- Attitude changes
- Importance of seeing President on television
- Attitude of viewers
- Approval of President's performance
- President's handling of Vietnam
 - Approval
- Gains
- Reaction of non-viewers/viewers
- Importance of television
- President's credibility
 - Rating
- Public attitude on Vietnam
- Higher rate of approval
- Two hypotheses
- Explanation
- J. Edgar Hoover poll
 - Retirement
 - Telephone study
 - Approval rating
 - Partisan vote
- Calley case
 - Public attitudes on Vietnam
 - Advantages for President
- President's television speech on Vietnam
 - Viewers' reaction
 - Advantages
 - Interpretation of results
 - Negative impressions
 - Media

Staff

- Response to news summaries preparations
- Newsweek* letters



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- Vietnam veterans
 - Department of Defense
 - Daniel P. ("Pat") Moynihan
 - Letter to *Life*
 - Jeb Stuart Magruder
 - Charles W. Colson
 - Lyndon K. ("Mort") Allin
 - News summaries
 - Advantages
 - Editorials
 - Letters
 - Loyalty
 - Herbert G. Klein
 - Colson
 - Klein
 - Activities
 - Colson
 - Klein
 - Donald H. Rumsfeld
 - Robert H. Finch
 - Clark MacGregor
 - Leonard Garment
 - Background
 - Civil rights
 - Liberals
 - Pressure
 - Mail
 - Vietnam
 - Economy
- Vietnam
- Laos
 - News
 - Casualties
 - Reduction
 - Laos
 - President's speech on Southeast Asia, April 7, 1971
 - Timing
 - Congressional reaction



- Polls
 - Results
- New York Times*
 - Paul N. ("Pete") McCloskey, Jr.
- McCloskey
 - General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
 - Views on pacification
 - Schedule
 - Fact-finding trip
 - Views
 - Credibility
 - Withdrawal
- Yost
 - Cabinet
 - Impact
- News report
 - Unknown administration official
 - Leaks

Bureaucrats

- Partisan nature

President's schedule

- Saint John's Episcopal Church, April 9, 1971
 - Phil Watts
- Mamie G. D. Eisenhower
- Announcement
- News story
 - Easter Sunday
 - Demonstrations
 - John N. Mitchell

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Republican Party

- Harry S. Dent
- Dean Burch
 - The President's opinion
 - Extremely useful as political operator
 - Federal Communications Commission [FCC]
 - Republican National Committee [RNC]
 - Politics
- Harry S. Dent
- Dean Burch
 - Compared to Murray M. Chotiner
 - The President's opinion
 - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman's opinion
 - The President's opinion
 - Television
- Loyalists to President
 - Meeting
 - House
 - Senate
 - Governors
 - Republican National Committee [RNC]
 - Robert J. Dole
- Rogers C. B. Morton
- Franklyn C. ("Lyn") Nofziger
- Democratic Party
 - Lawrence F. O'Brien Jr.
- Robert J. Dole
 - Lawrence F. O'Brien Jr.
 - Problems with Democratic Party
 - Direction as national chairman

Staff

- Mitchell
 - Schedule



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- Maurice H. Stans
- Peter M. Flanigan
- Businessmen
- Stans
- Dole

Easter egg roll
-Weather

Haldeman left at 2:00 pm

[Conversation No. 477-008](#)

Date: April 12, 1971
Time: Unknown between 2:00 pm and 2:30 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

Peter G. Peterson's schedule
-Meeting with President

Bull left at an unknown time before 2:30 pm

[Conversation No. 477-009](#)

Date: April 12, 1971
Time: Unknown between 2:00 pm and 2:30 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

Peter G. Peterson's schedule



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- Lunch
- Meeting with President

President's schedule

- Peterson
- George P. Shultz

Bull left at an unknown time before 2:30 pm

[Conversation No. 477-010](#)

Date: April 12, 1971

Time: 2:30 pm - 3:37 pm

Location: Oval Office

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

President's schedule

- Meeting with Maurice H. Stans
- John N. Mitchell
- Stans
 - Schedule
- Mitchell
 - Schedule
- Stans
 - Schedule
- Peter G. Peterson
 - Relationship with Stans

Polls

- President's speech on Southeast Asia, April 7, 1971
- Viewers/non-viewers
 - Difference in attitudes

President's use of media

- Television



- Message
- Television
 - Scheduling
- President's interview with American Society of Newspaper Editors [ASNE], April 16, 1971
- Radio
- Reporters
 - Possible schedule
- Press conference, April 29, 1971
 - White House photographers dinner
- Scheduling
- Television appearances
 - Frequency
- Oval Office press conference
- Frequency of press conferences
- Options
- Schedule
- Evenings prior to press conferences
- Correspondents' dinner
- Photographers' dinner
- Friday evenings

Demonstrations

- Plans of demonstrators
- Dates
 - April 24, 1971
- Possible vandalism
- Disruptions
 - Dates
 - April 25 through May 5, 1971
 - Plans
 - Blocking bridges and traffic
 - Sit-ins
 - Interference with unknown employees
 - Telephone systems
 - Radio
 - Hanoi
 - Announcement of insurrection and martial law in Washington
 - Cutting power sources in Washington



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- Rock Creek Park
 - Campsite
 - Federal troops
- Campus support
- Groups
 - National Coalition Against the War
 - People's Coalition for Peace and Justice
 - Communists

President's schedule

- Press conference, April 30, 1971
 - Anniversary of Cambodia speech, April 30, 1970
- Florida
 - Press conference
 - Voluntary action meeting
- Cabinet meeting
 - Rescheduling
- Preparation
 - Oval Office press conference
 - Press conference
 - Television
- Reviewers
- Editors
 - Frank van der Linden
 - Allen S. Drury
 - Victor Lasky
- Stories
- Press conference
 - Scheduling
- Florida
 - Scheduling
 - Photographers
- Weekend
- Camp David
 - Scheduling
- Sequoia*
- Demonstrators
- White House
- Press conference



- Cabinet meeting
- Chamber of Commerce
- Cabinet meeting

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The President's schedule

- Note from Maurice H. Stans
 - Rose Mary Woods
 - Dinner
 - Response
 - Attendance
 - Contributions

Youth

- Richard A. Moore
- High school juniors and seniors
- Potential support
- Pliability
- College juniors and seniors
- Objectivity
- Workers
- Letters to classes
 - Radio and television broadcast
- Voters

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



Peterson's arrival
-Meeting with President

Bull left at an unknown time before 2:50 pm

Paul W. McCracken
-Picture
-Inflation alert announcement
-Schedule
-Photo session

Peterson entered at 2:50 pm

-Book on Vice Presidency
-Interview with President
-President and Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
-Notes on Vice Presidency

Peterson's schedule
-*Time-Life* interview
-Remarks
-Possible questions
-Vietnam
-President's position
-Questions on negotiations

People's Republic of China [PRC]
-US relations
-Visit of ping-pong team

Haldeman left at 3:00 pm

-Background
-*Time-Life*
-President's initiatives
-State Department objections
-Relaxation of trade and travel restrictions
-Timing
-Henry A. Kissinger



- State Department
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
- Time-Life*
- US position relative to PRC and USSR
- Bridge
- Japanese role
 - Broker
 - Eisaku Sato
 - Trade
- Modus vivendi* with US
- Compared with USSR
 - Politics/philosophy
- US position
- President's initiatives
- State Department
 - Llewellyn E. ("Tommy") Thompson, Jr.
 - Charles E. ("Chip") Bohlen
 - Warsaw talks
 - USSR
 - Bureaucracy
 - Kremlinologists
- Benefits
- Agha Muhommad Yahya Khan
- Indira Gandhi
- Nicolae Ceausescu
- US-Soviet relations
- US policy
- Chinese/Soviet radio broadcasts
- Sino-Soviet relations
- Ping-pong team visit
 - Significance
- Opening
 - US strategy
 - Timing
 - PRC suspicion
- Isolation
 - Consequences
 - US-USSR
 - Dangers



- Nuclear capacity
- Chou En-lai
- Leadership
- Knowledge of non-communist world
- USSR
- US
- Japan
- Isolation
- Dangers
- US policy
- Trade
- Political difficulties
- US alliance with Taiwan
 - Korea
 - Philippines
- Trade relaxation
- Forthcoming announcement
- Relaxation of trade restrictions
- President's initiative
- State Department
- Time* magazine article

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 3:00 pm

President's schedule

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 3:11 pm

East-West trade

- Relationship to President's PRC initiative
- USSR
- US policy
- Yugoslavia
- Romania
- Prospects
 - Relation to events
 - Timing
- Scope
- Difficulties



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- Time-Life*
 - Peterson's schedule
- Review
- USSR
 - Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
 - Berlin
- Middle East
- USSR
 - Trade credits
 - Negotiations
- PRC
- USSR

Productivity Council

- Importance
- US trade position
- Engineers
- Scientists
- Industrial research
 - Supersonic Transport [SST]
- Need for US excellence
- Nuclear power
- Administration's position

State Department

- William P. Rogers
- Peterson
- Reorganization
- Rogers
- George P. Shultz
- Economics
- Foreign Service
- Shultz
- Agnew
- Rogers

US world position

- Foreign policy
- Economics



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- Nuclear parity
- Military parity
- Local wars
- Nikita S. Khrushchev
- President's 1959 remarks
- Vietnam
- Economic competition
 - US
 - Western Europe
 - Japan
 - PRC
 - USSR
- Latin America
- Africa
- Middle East
- Great Power competition
- Population
 - PRC
- Investment
- Trade
- Aid package
- National Security Council [NSC]
- Domestic Council
- International economic area
- Difficulties
- US policy
- Strategy
- Historians
- Possible *Time-Life* cover
- Rogers
- John B. Connally
- Shultz
- Clifford M. Hardin
- Cabinet
- Winton M. ("Red") Blount
- Defense Department

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 3:00 pm



President's schedule
-Arrival of Shultz

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 3:11 pm

US economic position
-Peterson's outline

Shultz entered at 3:11 pm

- Timing
- Bipartisanship
- President's experiences as congressman
- Marshall Plan
 - Bipartisan support
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO]
- Arthur H. Vandenberg
- Christian A. Herter
- Economic policy
- Foreign policy
- Bipartisanship
- Labor/business
 - Isolationism
- Economic plan
 - Shultz, Connally, and Peterson
- President's philosophy
- Peterson's *Time-Life* meeting
 - Schedule
- President's meetings with Peterson
- President's initiatives
- Roy L. Ash Council
- Intra-administration coordination
- Progress
- Opportunity for change in dialogue
- Committees
 - Citizens groups
 - Composition
 - Economists, businessmen, labor
- National leaders



- Committee
 - David Rockefeller
 - Andre Meyer
 - Easterners versus Westerners
 - Patrick E. Haggerty
 - Howard C. Petersen
 - International Harvester
 - Chicago
 - William Blackie
 - Caterpillar
 - Peoria

Textiles

- David M. Kennedy
 - Schedule
- Stans
 - Schedule
- Strategy meeting
- Japan
 - Negotiations
- Meeting
- Approach
- President's position
- Connally, Rogers
- Melvin R. Laird
- Kissinger
- Laird
- Stans
 - Schedule
- Kissinger
- Taiwan
 - Military aid
- Korea
 - Military aid
- Economics
- President's schedule
 - ASNE meeting
- Schedule
- State Department



- Korea
- Taiwan
- Hong Kong
- Negotiations
- Japan
- Background
- State Department views
- Negotiations
- State Department
- Peterson's possible conversation with Kissinger
- PRC/Taiwan
- Rogers' trip to Latin America
- U. Alexis Johnson

Peterson left at 3:21 pm

Civil rights

- Black Caucus
 - Policy review
 - Timing
- Dr. Arthur A. Fletcher
 - Ten-year program
- Civil Rights Commission
 - Reverend Theodore S. Hesburgh
 - Questionnaires to departments and agencies
 - Domestic Council and Office of Management and Budget [OMB]
 - Discussion with departments and agencies
 - Responses
 - Coordination effort

Housing

- Department of Housing and Urban Development [HUD] policy
- Review
- Civil Rights Commission
- Policy review
- Forum
- Announcement by President
- General Services Administration [GSA]
- Defense Department policies



- Fair housing for personnel
- GSA site selection criteria
 - Public access
 - Open housing for employees
 - Fair housing element
- Administration's policy
- Issue
 - Degree of sensitivity
- GSA site selection
 - Fair housing
 - Zoning
 - Blacks
- GSA leasing
 - Congress
- Policy issue
- Internal Revenue Service [IRS] building in Fresno
- Possible GSA directive
- Issue
- GSA criteria
- Civil Rights Commission's questions to GSA
- GSA statement on policy
 - Criteria on available housing
 - Fair housing
 - Assumptions

Federal government employment

- "Philadelphia plan"
- Orders
- Textile cases
- Affirmative action plan
 - Federal government requirements
 - Minority employment
 - OMB goals
- Civil Service Commission [CSC] policy towards agencies
 - Timetables
 - Remedial action
 - Recruiting
 - Merit system
- Administration's policy



- Political considerations
- OMB
- Publicity
 - Press releases
- Demagoguery
 - Race
- Promotions
- Supergrades
- "Low key"
- CSC
- OMB's approach
- Publicity
 - Problems
 - Race
 - Demagoguery
- Congress
- OMB's approach

- Stans' trip
 - Europe

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- George P. Shultz's schedule
 - Golf
 - Burning Tree
 - Garden

Shultz left at 3:37 pm



[Conversation No. 477-011](#)

Date: April 12, 1971
Time: 3:37 pm - 4:27 pm
Location: Oval Office

H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman met with Maurice H. Stans and James T. Lynn

[General conversation]

Easter egg roll

The President entered at an unknown time after 3:37 pm

Stans' upcoming trip

-Itinerary

-Romania

-Spain

-Greece

-Iran

-Austria

-Ireland

-John D. J. Moore

-US relations

-John A. ("Jack") Mulcahy

-Dublin

-Schedule

-Country

-Mulcahy

-Property

Commerce Department

-Business attitudes towards administration

-Previous discussions

-Ombudsman for business



- Reaction
- National Business Council for Consumer Affairs
 - Environment
 - Agencies
 - Consumerism
 - Codes of ethics
 - Self-regulation of advertising
 - Ralph Nader
 - Timetable
- Conference on American business in 1990
- Office of Management and Budget [OMB] minority enterprise funding proposal
 - Budget
 - Impact
 - Sam Whiting
 - OMB
 - George P. Shultz
 - Black Caucus
 - Figures on black business franchises
 - Comparison with 1969
 - Administration's initiatives
 - Progress since 1969
 - Automobile franchises
 - Publicity
 - President's comments to an unknown group of African-Americans
 - Figures
- Franchises
 - Automobile industry
 - Set of charts
 - Accomplishments
 - Comparisons with previous efforts
 - Possible presentation to Domestic Council and Cabinet
 - Length of presentation
- Franchising
 - Council on International Economic Policy [CIEP] meeting
 - Commerce Department study
 - Legislation
 - Programs
 - Congress



- Securities and Exchange Commission [SEC]
- Administration's proposal
- Small business
- Forthcoming report
- Technology
 - Gap
 - Private enterprise economy
 - Difficulties in development and transfer
 - Proposals
 - Program
 - Timing
- State Department
 - Commercial services
 - William P. Rogers
 - Bureaucracy
 - CIEP
 - Peter G. Peterson
 - Kinsey public opinion survey
 - Business community opinions
 - Foreign services
 - Publicity
 - Funding
 - Outside firm
 - Leaks
 - Rogers
- Business dissatisfaction
 - Rogers
 - Transfer of commercial services to Commerce Department
 - Upgrading of commercial services by State Department
 - Attitude
 - British, Canadian, and Japanese initiatives
 - Congress
 - Hearings
 - Abraham A. Ribicoff
 - Hearings on upgrading commercial services
 - Encouragement
 - Bureaucracy
 - Possible agreement
 - Foreign service



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- Peterson
- Multinational corporations
 - Statistical study
 - Timing
- CIEP
 - Peterson
- Labor unions' proposals
 - Double taxation
- Incentive
- Effect on earning power
- Earnings on foreign investment
- Balance of payments
- Problem
- CIEP
 - Need
 - Issues
- State Department

President's instructions on government-business relations

- Peter M. Flanigan
 - Schedule
- President's recent meeting with Flanigan
- John B. Connally
- Materials for Flanigan
- Agencies
- Anti-trust
- Internal Revenue Service [IRS]
- Consumerism
- Anti-trust
 - John N. Mitchell
- Environment
 - William D. Ruckelshaus
 - Business as "whipping boy"
- Consumers
 - Virginia H. Knauer
 - Demagoguery
- IRS
 - Connally
 - Attitude towards business



- Rulings
- Labor relations
 - Flanigan
 - Congress
 - Legislation
 - Prospects
 - Flanigan
- Representation abroad
- State Department
 - Rogers
 - John Foster Dulles
 - Foreign Service
 - Commercial attaches
 - View of private enterprise
 - Ambassadors
 - Walter H. Annenberg
 - [David] Kenneth Rush
 - Foreign Service
 - Diplomacy
 - Social aspects

Commerce Department report on business attitudes towards Administration

- Summary
- Recommendations
- Fixing responsibility
 - Unfavorable business factors
 - Commerce Department
 - Congress
 - Circumstances
- Expectations from Republican administration
 - Dissatisfaction
 - Inadequate consultation
 - Commerce Department's initiatives
 - Health insurance bill
 - Time limitations
 - Effects on small business
 - Chamber of Commerce
 - Need for time
 - Health insurance bill



- Cost to business
- Business concerns affected
- Alternatives
- Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy
- Costs
- Administration's possible strategy
 - Business support
 - Alternatives
- Ruckelshaus
- Edmund S. Muskie
- Anti-trust
 - Staff
 - Richard W. McLaren
- IRS
- Consumers
 - Flanigan
 - Knauer
- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission [EEOC]
 - Instruction to Stans to meet with Flanigan
 - President's conversation with Paul W. McCracken
 - Possible injunctive powers
- Defense posture of business
 - Polls
 - Public's attitude to business
 - Colleges
 - Water pollution
 - Concentration of power
 - Pollution laws
 - Legislation for consumers
 - Environmentalism
 - Nader
 - Consumerism
 - Self-defense efforts
- Business expectations
- Administration's initiatives
 - Political realities
- Support from business community
- Government attitude toward business
 - Congress



- Agencies
 - Environmental Protection Agency [EPA]
 - Anti-business views
- Business criticisms
 - Power of labor unions
 - Congress
 - Environment
 - Consumerism
 - Anti-trust
 - Federal Trade Commission [FTC]
- Democrats
- Administration's efforts
 - President's meeting with unknown group
- Environmentalists
- Businessmen
- Timing
 - Environmentalism
 - Consumerism
 - Growth
 - Hubert H. Humphrey
- Suggestions
- Economic factors
 - Cost, financing, profits, prices
- Business criticisms
 - FTC
 - Anti-trust division of Justice Department
 - Patent licensing
 - Franchises
 - Limitations on rights
 - Overseas investments
 - Trade
 - Need for solutions
 - Administration's fiscal policy
 - Full employment budget
 - Deficits
 - Chamber of Commerce poll
 - Clumsiness of government
 - Bureaucracy
 - Influence on decisions



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- Previous administrations
- Approval of administration policies
 - Congress
 - Depreciation allowances
- Republican contributors
 - Meeting with Stans
 - Support for administration
 - Critics
 - Daniel C. Gainey
 - Supporters
 - Stock market
- Government/business relations
 - Transportation industry
 - Automobile industry
 - Petroleum industry
 - List
 - Environment
 - Consumer affairs
- International business
 - Action against US business by foreign governments
 - Since 1969
 - Nationalizations
 - Expropriations
 - Restrictions
 - Cases
 - Andean group
 - Venezuela
 - Retroactive taxation of oil companies
 - Ecuador
 - Tuna boats
 - Ownership of banks, insurance, and service companies
 - Movement of capital
- Concerns
 - List

Suggestions

- Possible agency initiatives
 - Consultation with business



- Studies on impact programs on prices, small businesses, and minority businesses
- Public criticism of business by government officials
- Review of anti-trust policies
- Research and development
- Inventory of restrictive work practices
 - Productivity Council
 - Shultz
 - Industry problems
 - List of work restrictions
 - Painting, transportation, utility
 - Focus
 - Capital
 - Work restrictions
 - Need for inventory
- Citizen use of courts for environmental enforcement
 - Ruckelshaus
- Bias against business
 - Tax Reform Act of 1969
- Environment
 - Criticism of business on pollution
 - Industry's contributions
 - Economic factors
 - Technological limitations
 - Time requirement for orderly adjustments
 - Paper industry
 - Modernization/obsolescence
 - Time
 - Financial aid
 - Need for national pollution control standards
 - Contact with industry
 - Anti-trust restrictions
 - McLaren's speech on environment
 - Government incentives for pollution control experiments
 - Tax incentives
 - Accelerated depreciation allowances
 - Regulations
 - Financial assistance to companies for anti-pollution measures
 - National Industrial Pollution Control Council



- Losses due to Food and Drug Administration regulations
 - Possible reimbursements
 - Cyclamates
 - Dwight D. Eisenhower administration
 - Cranberries, chickens
 - Integrated plan for environmental improvement
 - Long-term
 - Ten or twenty years
 - Pressures on industry
 - Ten-year plan regarding reduction of pollution
 - Economic impact statements on anti-pollution actions
 - Alaska pipeline
 - Flanigan
- Foreign commerce
 - Credit support for exports
 - Export-Import Bank [Ex-Im] legislation
 - Tax incentives for US companies
 - Foreign competition
 - Relaxed trade restrictions
 - East-West trade
 - Elimination of controls on American capital investments abroad
 - Arthur F. Burns
 - Connally
 - Changes in export laws
 - Foreign government standards
 - Germany
 - France
 - US
 - Promotion of international standards
 - Standards of quality/performance
 - US position
 - Need for US participation
 - Possible legislation
 - OMB
 - Protection of overseas investments
 - Expropriations
 - Regulations and harrassments
 - Retroactive measures
 - Number of cases



- Adequacy of US efforts
 - Defense of US business
- Report to President

David M. Kennedy's role

- Mission
- Press reports
- State Department
 - Rogers
- Commerce Department
 - Stans
- Peterson
- Trade
- Commerce and State Departments
- Peterson's possible statement
- Departments involved
- Press
- Mission
- Trade with Japan
 - Negotiations
- Peterson
- Circulation of Stans' report

Stans' schedule

- Trip to Europe

Stans and Lynn left at 4:20 pm

President's schedule

- Flanigan
- Rogers
- Meeting with Victor Lasky
 - Use of recorder
 - Patricia (Pratt) Lasky

Stans

- Possible future appointment
- Presentation of report



Business/government relations

- John D. Ehrlichman
- Flanigan
- Stans' study
- Ehrlichman
- Domestic Council

Cabinet reports to President

- Clifford M. Hardin
- Rogers C. B. Morton
- George W. Romney
- John A. Volpe
- Contact with the President
 - Individual meetings versus Cabinet meetings
- Stans
- Individual meetings
- Hardin
- Morton
- Individual meetings
- Frequency
- Stans' report
 - President's summarization
- Connally
 - Hypothetical report to President
 - Commercial attachés
 - Rogers
- Stans
- Defense of Administration
- Consumerism
 - Flanigan

President's schedule

- Peterson
- [D. M.?] Kennedy
- Connally
- Ehrlichman

Business expectations

- Connally's views



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- Consumers
- Environmentalists
- Ehrlichman
- Stans' poll
- Public attitudes towards business
- Administration's initiatives
- Public opposition
- Jews
 - Israel

President's schedule
-Sequoia

Haldeman left at 4:27 pm

[Conversation No. 477-012](#)

Date: April 12, 1971
Time: Unknown between 4:27 pm and 4:30 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

President's schedule

- William P. Rogers
- Victor Lasky
- Patricia (Pratt) Lasky

Bull left at an unknown time before 4:30 pm

[Conversation No. 477-013](#)

Date: April 12, 1971



Time: 4:30 pm - 5:22 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Victor and Patricia (Pratt) Lasky and an unknown man [Stephen B. Bull?]

Greetings

The unknown man [Bull?] left at an unknown time before 5:22 pm

P. Lasky

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[Personal Returnable]

[477-013-w006]

[Duration: 1m 14s]

Victor Lasky

-Physical fitness

-The Watergate

-Health club

-Apartment

-John N. Mitchell and Martha (Beall) Mitchell

-Arthur F. Burns

-Martha (Beall) Mitchell

-Taking out trash

Lasky's book on President

-Coverage

-Administration

-Possible title

-The Man and the Myth



- Writings on President
- Knowledge of President
 - 1948 to present
 - Alger Hiss case
- Outline
- President's preparation for office
- Difficulties in 1968
 - Internal situation
 - Vietnam
 - Middle East
 - Economy
 - Dangers
 - Inflation/depression
- Emphasis
 - Dramatic moments
 - Crisis handling
- Publication schedule
- Possible paperback edition
 - 1972 campaign
- President's approaches to problems
 - Handling
 - Risks
 - Vietnam
 - Economy

Economy

- Confidence
- Controls
- Inflation
- Business community
- Inflation
- Growth
 - Rate
- Administration's emphasis on steadiness, responsibility
 - Growth
 - Peace
 - Foreign policy
 - Avoiding extremes, sudden shifts
- Controversy



- Wage and price controls
 - Cabinet
 - President's policies
 - Office of Price Administration [OPA]
 - Effect on US economy
- Foreign affairs
 - Nuclear equality
 - US advantages
- Inflation
- Harmful actions
- "Diet"
- Unemployment
- Inflation
- Optimism
- New York Times* financial writers

Vietnam

- Vietnamization
- Troop withdrawals
- Vietnamization
 - Timing
 - General William C. Westmoreland
 - Comparison with Korea
 - South Vietnamese
 - Theory
- Troop withdrawals
 - President's announcements
 - US military
 - South Vietnamese
 - President's policy
 - Timing
 - Melvin R. Laird
 - 1969 trip to Vietnam
 - Recommendations
 - President's meeting with General Nguyen Van Thieu
 - Midway
- Announcements
 - First withdrawals
 - Difficulty



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- Defense Department
- Thieu
- South Vietnamese
- Pentagon
- US policy
 - Steady course
 - Flexibility
 - Troop levels
- Support for President
 - Henry A. Kissinger
- Establishment
 - Criticism of the President
- Overthrow of Ngo Dinh Diem
 - John F. Kennedy
- Partition of Laos
 - W[illiam] Averell Harriman
- American involvement
 - Kennedy
 - Beginnings
 - 1963
 - Lyndon B. Johnson
 - Diem
 - Laos
 - Ho Chi Minh Trail
 - Diem
 - Consequences
- Establishment
 - US withdrawal
 - "Domino Theory"
 - President's statements
 - November 3, 1969
 - Cambodia [April 30, 1970]
 - April 7, 1971
 - Support for President
 - Compared with previous administrations
 - Life*
 - Opposition to President
 - Television networks
 - Columnists



- Kissinger
- ”Guilt complex”
 - Spanish Civil War
 - Comparison with Vietnam
 - General Francisco Franco
- Isolationism
- Foreign involvements

Israel

- Compared with Vietnam
- Support for President’s policies
- Yitzhak Rabin
- Golda Meir
- [V.?] Lasky’s visit to Israel
- Liberals
- View of Israel
- J. William Fulbright
 - Statement
- Michael J. (“Mike”) Mansfield

Middle East

- Prospects
- [V.?] Lasky’s visits
- Negotiations
- Israeli/Egyptian conflict
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
- Jordan
 - US policy

US position in world

- Jordan
- Cambodia
- Trust in US
- Vietnam
 - Future
- Indonesia
- Thailand
- Philippines
- Japan



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- Trust in the US abroad
- American spirit
- Vietnam
 - Withdrawal
- Pacific area
- South Vietnam
- Future of US
- Future of Middle East
- American spirit
 - US role in world
 - World peace
 - World freedom
- Germany and Japan
 - Economic power
 - Military power
- Europe
- USSR
- People's Republic of China [PRC]
- Establishment
- America's role
- Vietnam
- Need for American strength
- Economy
- Military strength

Middle East

- Jordan
 - Kissinger
- Israel
 - West Bank
 - Golan Heights
 - Dodoc Kibbutz
 - Liliuri [sp?] Gardens
 - Golan Heights
 - Syrians
 - Jordanians
 - Libyans
 - Israel/Egypt
 - USSR/US



- Chief of Israeli intelligence
- Israel
 - Relations with Arab neighbors
 - Internal situation
 - US commitments to
 - President's successor
 - US policy
 - Vietnam
 - US obligations

Staff

- Kissinger
 - Relationship with the President
 - V. Lasky's books on
 - Kissinger's books
 - Memoranda to John N. Mitchell on Vietnam
 - 1968 campaign
 - Nelson A. Rockefeller
 - Log
- President's concerns
- Cabinet
- Task forces
 - Arthur F. Burns' role
 - Dwight D. Eisenhower Administration
 - Program
- Domestic Council
 - Purpose
 - Burns
 - John D. Ehrlichman
- Economic Council
 - Daniel P. ("Pat") Moynihan
- Foreign Affairs Council
- Domestic Council
- National Security Council [NSC]
- Council on International Economic Policy
 - Peter G. Peterson
 - Importance

US purpose in world



- Military balance
 - Consequences to US economy
- Supersonic Transport [SST]
- Exploration
 - Connection to greatness
 - Historical experience
 - SST/space
 - Scientific research
 - Need for outward look
- General Charles A. J. M. de Gaulle's statement on France
- War
- Need for great enterprises
- Environment
- Standard of living
- Minorities
- Great enterprises
- World power
- US role
 - Benevolence, dynamism
- Competition
- Trade policy
- Productivity
- SST
- Transportation
- SST
- President's relations with Congress
 - Welfare reform
 - Revenue sharing
 - Government reorganization
 - Goals
 - Appointees
 - William J. Casey

President's disappointments

- Inflation
- Unemployment
- Vietnam
- USSR



V. Lasky's book publication schedule

- Possible developments
- PRC

US foreign relations

- President's PRC initiative
 - State Department
 - Soviet/PRC radio broadcasts
 - Isolation
 - Trade/travel announcements
 - Recognition
 - United Nations [UN]
 - Taiwan
 - Future
- PRC, USSR, and the US
 - Dangers of isolation
 - State Department
 - Kremlinologists
 - USSR
 - Recognition
 - Relations with PRC/USSR
 - Ping-pong team visit
- State Department
 - USSR
 - Taiwan
 - President's conversation with Chow Shu-kai
 - Difficulties
 - UN
 - President's position

V. Lasky's book publication schedule

- Timing
- Contents
- President's possible contribution to book
- Unofficial

Young people

- Problem
 - Inherited



- View of society and the world
 - Disaffection with the "system"
 - Global phenomenon
- President's talks at colleges and universities
 - Futility
- Need for US success
 - Vietnam
 - Economy
 - Benefits of living in US
 - Comparison with other countries
 - President's own travels
 - PRC
 - Vietnam
 - Draft
- Need for introspection
 - Vietnam
 - Environment
 - System
 - Spirit
- Solutions
- Excuses
- Need for introspection
 - Self reliance

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 4:30 pm

President's schedule

- Albee [sp?] [Surname unknown]

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 5:22 pm

Democrats

- Laos
 - Effect
- Edmund S. Muskie
 - Demonstrations
- Position on Vietnam
- Economy
- Timing



-Vietnam

Bull entered at an unknown time after 4:30 pm

President's schedule

-Meeting with William P. Rogers

Bull left at an unknown time before 5:22 pm

V. Lasky's lawyer

Democrats

-Unknown man's book on Muskie

-George S. McGovern

-Harold Himmelman

-Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy

-Hubert H. Humphrey

-Vietnam

-Vietnam

-V. Lasky's columns

-Johnson

Staff

-President's address on Southeast Asia, April 7, 1971

-Kissinger

-Support for President

-Vietnam

-Carl Sandburg

-Book on Civil War

-General William T. Sherman

-Vietnam

-Rogers

-Troop withdrawal

-Public opinion

Presentation of gifts

-Golf

V. Lasky's schedule



The Laskys left at 5:22 pm

[Conversation No. 477-014](#)

Date: April 12, 1971
Time: 5:23 pm - unknown before 6:20 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with William P. Rogers and an unknown man [Stephen B. Bull?]

President's meeting with Victor Lasky

Photo session

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[Personal Returnable]

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[Duration: 16s]

William P. Rogers

-Vacation

-Where William P. Rogers stayed on vacation

Photo session

-Weather

-Location

-Instructions to Ronald L. Ziegler

-Pad of paper



The President, Rogers, and the unknown man [Bull?] left at 5:35 pm

[Pause]

Ziegler entered at 5:35 pm

Photo session
-Participants

[Pause]

The President and Rogers entered at an unknown time after 5:35 pm

Ziegler's meeting with Tricia Nixon
-Schedule

[The President talked with the White House operator at 5:35 pm]

[Conversation No. 477-14A]

[See Conversation No. 1-67]

[End of telephone conversation]

Tricia Nixon Cox's wedding
-Ziegler's role
-Foreign guests
-Constance M. (Cornell) ("Connie") Stuart

[Previous PRMPA Privacy (D) reviewed under PRMPA regulations 06/17/2019. Segment cleared for release.]

[Privacy]
[477-014-w005]
[Duration: 5s]

Tricia Nixon Cox's wedding
-Constance M. (Cornell) ("Connie") Stuart



-The President's opinion

Tricia Nixon Cox's wedding

- Handling of press
- Style
- Schedule
- Rose Garden
 - Arrangements
 - Procession
- Reception
- Television
- Film coverage
- Guests
- Decorations
- Stuart
- Prince Charles
 - Press coverage
- Handling of press
- Television
 - Stuart
 - Prime time
 - Talk shows
- Look* magazine
 - Cover
 - Life*
 - Formal portrait
 - Editorial control
- Ladies' Home Journal*
- Foreign press

The President talked with T. Nixon between 5:34 and 5:36 pm

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[Personal Returnable]
[477-014-w002]
[Duration: 1m 31s]

The President talked with T. Nixon between 5:34 and 5:36 pm

[Conversation No. 477-014B]

[See Conversation No. 001-068; one item has been withdrawn]

[End of telephone conversation]

Ziegler left at 5:39 pm

Tricia Nixon Cox's wedding
-Difficulties

Julie Nixon Eisenhower's wedding

Tricia Nixon Cox's wedding
-Interest
-Diplomatic Corps
-Guillermo Sevilla Sacasa
-Congressmen and Senators
-Cabinet
-Rose Garden

David M. Kennedy's trip
-President's conversation with Maurice H. Stans
-Organization of American States [OAS]
-Costa Rica
-People's Republic of China [PRC]/Taiwan
-United Nations [UN] representation

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 5:39 pm



Refreshment

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 6:20 pm

PRC and Taiwan

- UN representation

Vietnam

- Staff
- Congressional reaction
- Prospects

Bull entered at an unknown time after 5:39 pm

President's schedule

- Ziegler
- Fredrick C. LaRue
- Photograph for book

Bull left at an unknown time before 6:20 pm

Unknown person's trip to Texas

Vietnam

- Casualties
- Cambodia

LaRue entered at an unknown time after 5:39 pm

Photograph

LaRue left at an unknown time before 6:20 pm

Vietnam

- Prospects
- Prisoner of War [POW] issue
 - [Clark M.?] Clifford
 - Major General James D. ("Don") Hughes
- Negotiations
 - Trade POWs for withdrawal



- Timing
 - POW wives
 - President's speech on Southeast Asia, April 7, 1971
 - POWs
- North Vietnamese
- US withdrawal
- Interruptions
- Cambodia
- President's policies
- Protests
- Withdrawal
 - Fixed date
 - Flexibility
 - Negotiations
- Casualties
- Prospects
- PRC
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
- PRC
 - Visit of ping-pong team
 - President's initiative
 - Relaxation of trade restrictions

President's schedule

- Forthcoming meeting with American Society of Newspaper Editors [ASNE], April 19, 1971
- PRC
 - Relaxation of trade restrictions
 - Scope
 - Timing
 - USSR

Taiwan

- UN representation
- Rogers's conversation with John B. Connally
- Chiang Kai-shek
- Walter P. McConaughy



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[National Security]

[477-014-w003]

[Duration: 30s]

Taiwan

- Robert D. Murphy
- Timing
- Chow Shu-kai

Taiwan

- Chiang Kai-shek
- Timing
- Korean elections

Korea

- Possible negotiations
- North Korean initiatives
- US role

USSR

- Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
- Timing
- Gerard C. Smith

President's USSR/PRC initiatives

- Credit
- Anti-ballistic Missile [ABM] treaty
- Defense appropriations
- Congress
- Peace initiatives

President's conversation with Lasky



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- Middle East
 - Jordan
 - Cease fire
 - Desire for peace

Vietnam

- US involvement
 - Casualties
 - Withdrawal
- Cambodia
- Dwight D. Eisenhower
 - Korea
 - Open skies

Korea

- US troops
 - Levels
 - Casualties
- Negotiations
 - Truce
 - Panmunjom

Vietnam

- Negotiations
 - Prospects for truce
 - Timing
- General Nguyen Van Thieu
 - Elections
- Effect on the President's policies
 - Negotiations
 - Peace
 - Possible strategy
- Credit for the President

Administration's accomplishments

- Okinawa
- Germ warfare
- Credit
- Vietnam



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- Visibility
- Press
- Ping-pong team publicity
- Television

PRC

- Invitation to US ping-pong team
- Japanese
- Cambodians
- Tournament

Recording was cut off at an unknown time before 6:20 pm