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[Conversation No. 638-001](#)

Date: December 15, 1971
Time: Unknown between 8:38 am and 8:45 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule
-Meeting with an unknown person

Bull left at an unknown time before 8:45 am.

[Conversation No. 638-002](#)

Date: December 15, 1971
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Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 16-103]

[Conversation No. 638-003](#)



Date: December 15, 1971
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The President met with an unknown person.

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

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 8:45 am.

Conversation No. 638-004

Date: December 15, 1971
Time: 8:45 am - 11:30 am
Location: Oval Office

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

Television program

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[Personal Returnable]
[638-004-w001]
[Duration: 51s]

The President's schedule
-Sleep

H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman's schedule
-Sleep
-Difficulty of readjusting



The President's schedule

- Ronald L. Ziegler
- Staff meeting
- John B. Connally

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 8:45 am.

Pens

Bull left at an unknown time before 8:49 am.

Azores trip

- Media coverage
- Hobart Rowen
- Connally
- Airport statement

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at an unknown time after 8:45 am.

The President's schedule

- Meeting with Connally
- Timing
- Availability of the President

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 8:49 am.

Azores trips

- Media coverage
- Devaluation of the dollar
- Effects
- US consumers

Henry A. Kissinger entered at 8:49 am.

Oval Office

- Decoration
- “Star of the President”



The President talked with the White House operator at 8:49 am.

Margaret Chase Smith's location

[End of telephone conversation]

Oval Office

- Decoration
 - Walter H. Annenberg
 - Steuben glass
 - Presidential seal

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[Privacy]
[638-004-w021]
[Duration: 15s]

Margaret Chase Smith

- Steuben glass
 - Sell and leave to Tricia Nixon Cox
 - Value

Oval Office

- Decoration
 - “Star of the President”
 - Location in office
 - Birds

Azores trip

- Media coverage
 - “Today Show” and “Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS] Morning News”



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- Explanation of devaluation
 - Effects
 - Prices
 - Jobs
- CBS interview of Connally
 - National Broadcasting Company [NBC]
 - Georges J.R. Pompidou
 - British
 - Japanese
 - Germans
- Geroge R.S. Baring [Earl of Cromer]
 - Talk with Kissinger
 - United Nations [UN] Security Council Resolution
 - Comments
 - Earl of Cromer's location
- Edward R.G. Heath
 - French and US
 - Germans and Italians
- George P. Shultz
 - Talk with Kissinger
 - Convertibility
 - Talk with Connally
 - Peter G. Peterson
 - Arthur F. Burns
 - Kissinger's talk with Connally
 - Meeting
 - Convertibility
 - Numbers
 - Pompidou
 - Agreement
 - French
 - Numbers
 - Concessions
 - Pompidou
 - Note about US reaction
- Press
 - Joseph C. Kraft
 - Previous conversation with Kissinger
 - Reaction to coverage



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- French
 - “Azores Doctrine”
 - “Guam Doctrine”
 - Difference in policy
- Dan Rather
 - Comments
 - “Guam Doctrine”
 - Editorials
- Rowen
- Stock Market
 - Effect of agreement
- Communiqué
 - Pompidou
 - Connally
 - Status of the dollar
 - England
 - Italy
 - Japan
- Pompidou
 - “Group of Ten” meeting
 - Devaluation
- Briefing
 - Connally’s previous conversation with Kissinger
 - Ziegler
 - Rather [?]
 - John A. Scali
 - Preparation for questions
 - Kissinger
 - Pompidou
- Connally
 - Praise from Kissinger
 - Role
 - Liaison with Congress
 - Meeting with leadership
 - Clark MacGregor

President's schedule

- Florida trip
- Congressional meeting



- Connally
- Percentage of work

India-Pakistan situation

- British resolution
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] assurances
 - West Pakistan
 - No military attack
- US strategy
 - UN
 - Possible letter exchange
 - Leonid I. Brezhnev and the President
 - Effect on People's Republic of China [PRC]
 - West Pakistan
- Summit meeting
 - Media coverage
 - CBS
 - USSR
 - Indians
 - PRC
 - Yuli M. Vorontsov
 - Brezhnev
 - Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
 - Ziegler
 - Coverage of Summit
- Brezhnev
- Pakistan
 - USSR guarantee
 - Vorontsov
 - Dividing line
 - Formalization

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[National Security]
[638-004-w003]



[Duration: 1m 57s]

India–Pakistan

- Intelligence report
 - Indian strategy
 - West Pakistan
 - Indira Gandhi
 - Bombing
- Indian ambassador
 - Television appearances
 - Attacking US policy
 - Department of State [DOS]
 - Bay of Bengal landing
 - Carrier movement
- India
 - The President’s assessment of Indians
 - John A. Scali
 - Use of word “cannibalize”
 - United Nations [UN]
 - People’s Republic of China [PRC] position

Bull entered at an unknown time after 8:49 am.

Smith

- Incoming call

Bull left at 9:12 am.

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[Privacy]
[638-004-w004]
[Duration: 20s]



The President talked with Margaret Chase Smith between 9:12 am and 9:14 am.

[Conversation No. 638-004A]

[See Conversation No. 016-103]

[End of telephone conversation]

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[Privacy]

[638-004-w005]

[Duration: 15s]

William C. Lewis, Jr.'s health

Azores meeting

- Kissinger comments
- New York Times* story
 - Tad Szulc
 - Pompidou
- Terms discussed
 - Percentage of devaluation
- Germans, Japanese, and French
- Lyndon B. Johnson
- Connally
 - Kissinger opinion
- Shultz proposal



- Germany
 - Possible settlement
- Gold prices
- French
- Japanese
 - Finance Minister
 - Timing
 - Peterson report
- Pompidou
- Possible written statement
- Heath
- Pompidou
- “Group of Ten” meeting
- President's stature in Europe
- President's trips to New York and Paris
- French and US relations
 - Dwight D. Eisenhower
 - Pompidou
 - Maurice Schumann

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[National Security]
[638-004-w006]
[Duration: 3s]

- Azores meeting
 - French and US relations
 - Maurice Schumann
 - The President’s opinion of honesty

- Azores meeting
 - French and US relations



- Pompidou
- Upcoming American elections
- George H. Gallup polls

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[Personal Returnable]
[638-004-w007]
[Duration: 4m 37s]

1972 campaign

- John V. Tunney
- California
- Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy
 - Perceived invulnerability of the President in 1972
 - Setting up Edmund S. Muskie
 - Preparing for 1976 campaign
 - Henry A. Kissinger's conversation with George Meany
 - George Meany's health
- Edmund S. Muskie
 - Nomination
 - Possibility of Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy working against
- Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy
 - Effect of President's election
 - Next Democrat president
 - Need for opposition in the President
 - Can't run against a Democratic president
- Maurice Schumann
 - The President's chances in election
 - Elite opinion regarding the President
- Polls
 - Possibility people lie to pollster
 - Uselessness of polls
 - Only useful close to the election
 - Edmund S. Muskie vs the President
- Democrats



-Strategy

Azores meeting

- Media coverage
- Compared to John F. Kennedy
- Nixon Doctrine

Bull entered at an unknown time after 9:14 am.

President's schedule

- Connally meeting

Bull left at an unknown time before 9:28 am.

The President's schedule

- Florida

Connally entered at 9:28 am.

Schedule

Azores meeting

- Public relations
- Media coverage
 - Ziegler
 - Scali
 - Upcoming meeting with Connally
 - President's instructions about questions
- Publicity
 - Haldeman's opinion
- Compared to "Guam Doctrine"
- CBS coverage
 - Rather
- Rowen
- Devaluation of the dollar
- NBC



- Connally interview with Irving R. Levine
- Price rises
 - Jobs
- Ziegler
- Scali
- Devaluation
- Trade with Europe
 - US progress
- Improvement of American competitive position
- Devaluation
- Imports
- American goods
 - Prospects for the future
- Need for modesty
- US position
 - Consideration for US trade partners
 - Possibility of recession abroad
- Earl of Cromer
 - Recent conversation with Kissinger
 - UN Security Council Resolution
 - President's instructions
 - Connally's upcoming conversation with the Earl of Cromer
- Karl Schiller
 - Quoted in the newspaper
 - Need for another meeting
 - Willy Brandt
 - Relationship with Schiller
 - Nobel Prize

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[National Security]

[638-004-w008]

[Duration: 1m 40s]

Azores meeting



- Egon Bahr
 - The President's opinion
 - Meet with Willy Brandt
 - Ability to persuade Willy Brandt
 - Weekend of December 18-19, 1971
 - Karl Schiller
 - Meeting with John B. Connally
 - German attitude
 - Henry A. Kissinger's opinion
 - Berlin negotiations

- Azores meeting
 - Schiller
 - Brandt
 - Future meeting with the President
 - Pompidou

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 22
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 [National Security]
 [638-004-w022]
 [Duration: 43s]

WEST GERMANY

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 22



Azores meeting

- Congress
 - Henry S. Reuss
 - Possible Action
 - MacGregor
 - Briefing
 - Reuss
 - Jacob K. Javits
 - Authority to devalue
 - Trade terms
 - Potential problems
 - Convertibility
- Pompidou
- Congress
 - Strategy
 - Resolution of authority
 - Trade concessions
 - Banking and Currency Committee
 - Finance
 - Ways and Means Committee
 - Paul A. Volcker
 - Inclusion
 - Briefing
 - Schedule
 - Convertibility
 - Strategy
- Convertibility
 - Agreement
 - Recessions and depressions
 - World trade
 - Camp David
 - Burns
 - Predictions
 - Stock exchange
- Agreement
- Briefing
 - Peterson
 - Shultz
 - Paul W. McCracken



- Herbert Stein
- Burns
- Kissinger
- State Department
 - Foreign Affairs Committee in Congress
 - J. William Fulbright
 - Involvement in briefing
 - India-Pakistan situation
 - Haldeman's call to William P. Rogers
 - Macgregor and Connally
 - Ways and Means Committee
- Nathaniel Samuels
- Volcker
 - Haldeman's call to Rogers
 - State Department's involvement
- Ziegler
- Scali
- William D. Eberle
- Directive about public statements
- Michael J. Mansfield
- Carl B. Albert
- Michael J. Farrell

Haldeman left at 9:47 am.

- Public statements
 - Treasury Department
- Press
- Trade
 - Tobacco
 - Citrus
- Pompidou
 - Meeting with Kissinger
 - Tobacco
 - Grain
 - Germans
 - Need for his assistance
- Canadians
- Connally's role



-Credit for the President

Connally's schedule

- Call to Germany
- Schiller meeting
 - Timing
- Breakfast
- Communications with Egon Bahr

Child care bill

- Media
 - James J. Kilpatrick, Jr. column
 - News summary
 - President's use
 - Dallas
 - Chicago
 - Washington Post*
 - Kilpatrick
 - Column

Azores meeting

- Connally
 - Strategy
 - Ziegler
 - Scali
 - Assistance to Connally
 - Future
 - Jobs
 - NBC interview
- Convertibility
 - Pompidou
 - Shultz
 - Instructions
 - Conversations with Connally and Kissinger
 - Views

Haldeman entered at 9:55 am.

-Levine



- Previous conversation with Connally
- Pompidou
- Congress
- Agenda
- Trade
- Revaluation of exchange rates
- Political strategy
 - Inflation
 - International monetary conditions
 - Employment
 - US leadership
- President's instructions
 - Public relations
- US world position since World War II
 - Finance
 - Monetary importance
 - The President's August 15, 1971 statement
 - Press coverage
 - European reaction
 - Need for co-operation
 - Importance
- Pompidou
- European position
 - Germany
- Jobs
- Results of meeting
 - Time lag
 - Currency realignment
 - 1972 election
- Impact of trade changes
- Burden sharing

Butterfield entered at an unknown time after 9:55 am.

- President's schedule
- Congressional briefing
 - Peterson
 - Ziegler
 - Scali



Haldeman, Kissinger, and Butterfield left at 10:00 am.

Azores meeting

- Connally
- Credit for the President
- August 15, 1971 actions

Briefing

- The President's August 15, 1971 statement
- World markets
 - Convertibility
 - Jobs in Germany, France, and the US
 - Effects on trade
 - Need to improve US position
- Attitudes of Europeans
- Economics
 - Vitality of all participants
 - Importance to US interests
- US stance
 - Toughness
 - Purpose
- Upcoming agreements
 - Japan
 - Canada
 - Europe
- Devaluation of the dollar
 - Scali
- Possible comments by the President
- German deutschemark
- August 15, 1971 actions
- Wage and price controls
- Implications for the future of US currency
- Explanation of US position
- Scali
 - Location

Haldeman entered at 10:01 am.



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- Photograph
- Scali

Ziegler entered at 10:02 am.

President's instructions

- Need for unity
- Sensitivity of issues
 - Connally
- Scali
- Need for open communication
- Timing

Scali entered at 10:05 am.

- Press coverage
 - Upcoming negotiations
 - Need for White House clearance of remarks
- Connally
 - Wage and price freeze
 - Taxes
 - International monetary situation
 - President's accomplishments
 - Historical context
 - Timing
 - The President's August 15, 1971 statement
- Economic policy
 - Inflation
 - Phase I and II
 - Jobs
 - Tax incentive
 - International monetary situation
 - Chances for success
- Devaluation
 - Meaning
 - Effect on US goods and jobs
 - Reasons
- US monetary situation since World War II
 - Compared to other countries



- US dollar overvalued
- Trade situation
 - Effect of monetary reform
 - Timing
- Results of Azores meeting
 - President's leadership stressed

Kissinger entered at 10:13 am.

- "Azores Doctrine"
 - Corollary to "Guam Doctrine"
 - Mutuality and burdensharing
- US role in meeting
 - Nationalism
- Effects in Europe
 - Burns's view
 - Instability
 - Possible recession
- US responsibility
 - Spending
 - Freedom
 - Stability
- European viewpoint
 - Pompidou
 - Perceived victory

Azores meeting

- Dealing with the Germans and Japanese
- National interests
- Reasons for US involvement
 - Offset agreement
 - Major currency realignment
 - Trade concessions
 - Realignment
 - Fairness to US dollar
- Pompidou
- Result for France
 - *Washington Star* article
 - George Sherman



- Heath's upcoming visit
- Pompidou
 - Previous conversation with the President
 - Simile
 - Lebanese
 - United Press International [UPI]
 - Helen A. Thomas
- France
 - Victory in devaluation
 - Attitude toward gold
- Press
 - Kissinger's opinion
 - US objectives
- US results
- French results
 - Ideology
- Gold prices
 - World market prices
 - Raising of price
 - French viewpoint
 - Connally's opinion
 - Hoarding
 - History
 - French Revolution
 - Kissinger's opinion
 - Attitude toward own currency
- PRC
 - View of money
 - Methods
- French
 - View of gold
 - Pompidou
 - Forthcoming election
 - Relative revaluation
 - Connally's backgrounder
- US position compared to French position
- Devaluation
- Revaluation



President's instructions

- Volcker
- Reuss
- William Proxmire
- Javits
- Democrats
 - View of agreement
 - Possible change
 - Franklin D. Roosevelt
- Revaluation
 - Effects internationally
 - Prices
 - Jobs
 - Prices abroad
 - US product prices
 - Effects in the US
 - Common Market
 - Japan
 - Effects on dollar
 - Vulnerability and strength
- Realignment of world currencies
 - Effects
 - Competitiveness of US goods
- Revaluation
 - Semantics
- France
- Connally
 - Work toward agreement
 - Recommendations
 - Negotiations
- President's comments about agreement
 - Pompidou
 - Great Britain
 - US economy
 - Compared to other Western powers
 - Germany and Japan
- Results
 - Credit
 - Connally



- Friday meeting with Connally
- Instructions

Connally, Scali, and Kissinger left at 10:38 am.

USSR summit

- Press coverage
 - Ziegler's previous conversation with Haig and Kissinger
- India
- USSR
 - Ziegler's strategy
- Kissinger

Haldeman talked with Kissinger [?] at an unknown time between 10:38 am and 10:41 am.

[Conversation No. 638-4B]

Requested Kissinger return to the Oval Office

[End of telephone conversation]

- India-Pakistan
 - USSR role
 - UN
 - Effect on negotiations
 - Potential problems

West Coast dock strike

- Timing of statement
- Settlement from President
- Possible questions
- Congress
 - Legislation
- Need for legislation
- Shultz's, Charles W. Colson's opinion
 - Farm belt opinion
- Need for transportation legislation
- Strategy
 - Ziegler's opinion



-Congressional action

Kissinger entered at 10:41 am.

India-Pakistan situation

- Ziegler strategy
 - USSR Summit
 - Possible effect
 - Kissinger's comments to the press
- Negotiations
 - Potential for success
- Administration plans
- Rogers
- Effect on negotiations with USSR
- USSR Summit
 - Cancellation possibilities
 - Kissinger's remarks
 - The President's remarks
- PRC
- Vorontsov
 - Meeting with Kissinger

Azores meeting

- Connally
 - Compared to rest of Cabinet
 - Credit
 - Pompidou
 - Upcoming Group of Ten meeting
 - Publicity
 - Negotiations
- Press
 - Szulc
 - Reaction
 - Pompidou
 - European press
 - Germans
 - European press compared to US press
 - Spiro T. Agnew
 - Skip Isaacs



Ziegler left at 10:54 am.

- Release of Richard G. Fecteau from People's Republic of China [PRC]
 - Kissinger
 - Call to Edward W. Brooke and Edward M. Kennedy
 - Kennedy
 - Statement
 - Human interest story
 - Confinement
 - Amount of time
 - Fecteau and Mary Ann Herbert
 - Effect on prisoners of war [POW] wives
 - Mao Tse-Tung
 - John T. Downey
 - Sentence commutation

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[National Security]
[638-004-w023]
[Duration: 8s]

- Release of Richard G. Fecteau from People's Republic of China [PRC]
 - Work as a spy
 - Vietnam

- Release of Richard G. Fecteau from People's Republic of China [PRC]
 - Effect on POWs
- Kissinger's appointment with Vorontsov
 - Timing
 - UN Security Council resolution



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- Brezhnev letter
- Request for letter about Pakistan USSR intention
 - Effect on PRC
 - Possible outcome
- Exchange of letters
- PRC
- USSR
- PRC

Personnel

- Scali
 - Future assignments
- Ziegler
- Scali
 - Importance of public relations
 - Reliability
 - Compared to Ziegler
 - Haldeman
 - Ziegler
 - Desire to get into Washington Special Action Group [WSAG]
 - Abilities
 - Kissinger's forthcoming talk with Haldeman
 - State Department
- William L. Safire
- Scali
- President's personnel philosophy

India-Pakistan relations

- Summit with the USSR
 - Possible cancellation
 - Kissinger's comments
- British resolution
- Strategy
- Opposition
- USSR
- PRC
- Indians
- US conservatives



President's schedule

- Briefing
 - Kissinger's memorandum
 - Connally's talking points

Kissinger's meeting with Vorontsov

- Timing
- Connally

Kissinger left at 11:05 am.

USSR Summit

- Kissinger's comments

President's schedule

- Florida
 - Length of visit
- Time* interview
 - Time and location
- Press conference
 - Value-added tax [VAT]

Connally

- Negotiations
 - Pompidou
- Style

Kissinger

VAT

- Press coverage
 - Magazines
 - Joseph W. Alsop story
 - Property taxes
 - Sales taxes
 - Effect on the poor

President's schedule

- Press conference



- Questions and answers [Q&A]
- Vietnam announcement
 - Timing
- Public opinion
- Patrick J. Buchanan
- Heath meeting
- Brandt meeting
- Group of Ten meeting
 - Location
 - Connally's schedule
 - Heath meeting
- Florida
 - Weather
- Camp David
- India-Pakistan relations
 - Kissinger
- Public opinion
- Meeting with Congress

Bull entered at an unknown time after 11:05 am.

- Gifts
 - Money clips
 - Symbolism
- Need for new gifts
 - Placement of gifts
 - Recipients of gifts

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:30 am.

President's schedule

- John D. Ehrlichman meeting
 - Anti-trust action on television networks
 - Ehrlichman's location
- Bill signings
 - National Cancer Act of 1971
 - Economic Stabilization Act Amendments of 1971
 - Alaska claims
 - Congress



- Timing of bill signings
- Peterson memorandum
 - Commerce Department
 - Jobs
- Budget
 - Supersonic Transport [SST]
 - Ehrlichman
 - Possible passage
- “A Day in the Life of the President”
 - Music
 - Julie Nixon Eisenhower
 - Suggestions
 - Tchaikovsky, Beethoven, Rachmaninoff, Liszt
 - Rose Mary Woods
 - “Swan Lake” and “Sleeping Beauty”
 - Eugene Ormandy
 - London Symphony Orchestra
 - Russians
- Departure for Florida

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 11:05 am and 11:22 am.

[Conversation No. 638-4C]

[See Conversation No. 16-104]

[End of telephone conversation]

The President's schedule

- Congress
 - Bill signing
- Budget

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 19



[Previous PRMPA Personal Returnable (G) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift 06/13/2019. 1m 57s segment cleared for release. 12s remain closed as 638-004-w019.]

[Personal Returnable]
[638-004-w019]
[Duration: 12s]

The President talked with Julie Eisenhower between 11:22 am and 11:25 am.

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 19

[Personal Returnable]
[638-004-w019]
[Duration: 1m 57s]

[Conversation No. 638-004D]

[See Conversation No. 016-105]

[End of telephone conversation]

- The President's schedule
 - Time-Life* interview
 - Scheduling
 - Hedley W. Donovan
 - Church service
 - Location
 - Lincoln Sitting Room
 - Staff open house
 - Christmas decorating
 - Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
 - Julie Nixon Eisenhower
 - Florida
 - Meeting with Congressional leaders



- Helicopter
- Possible duration
- Connally

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 11:25 am.

- Agnew
- MacGregor and an unknown person

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 11:30 am.

[Previous PRMPA Personal Returnable (G) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift 06/13/2019. Segment cleared for release.]

[Personal Returnable]

[638-004-w020]

[Duration: 1m 14s]

The President's workload

- Needs more time off
 - Doesn't play bridge, poker, or watch movies during the week
- Azores
- The President's weekdays compared to other presidents
 - Massages
 - Swims
 - Naps
- Christmas week

The President's schedule

- Forthcoming Congressional meeting
 - MacGregor
 - William E. Timmons

Haldeman left at 11:30 am.



Conversation No. 638-005

Date: December 15, 1971
Time: 11:33 am - 11:45 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

[Previous PRMPA Personal Returnable (G) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift 06/13/2019. Segment cleared for release.]

[Personal Returnable]
[638-005-w001]
[Duration: 29s]

The President's schedule
-Game

The President's schedule
-Florida

[Previous archivists categorized this section as unintelligible. It has been rereviewed and cleared for release. The withdrawal is now categorized as a PRMPA Personal Returnable (G) and was reviewed under deed of gift 06/13/2019.]

[Unintelligible]
[638-005-w007]
[Duration: 17s]



- The President's schedule
 - Julie Nixon Eisenhower
 - Schedule

- The President's schedule
 - Julie Nixon Eisenhower
 - Washington Post* coverage
 - White House decorations
 - Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
 - Green Room
 - Kennedys
 - Mrs. Nixon

- Decorations
 - Oval Office
 - Executive Office Building [EOB]
 - State gifts
 - Julie Nixon Eisenhower
 - “Star of the President” crystal

President's schedule

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[Personal Returnable]
[638-005-w003]
[Duration: 2m 11s]

- The President's schedule
 - Relaxation
 - The President's conversation with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman



- Doesn't play bridge, poker, or watch movies during the week
- Lyndon B. Johnson
- John F. Kennedy
- Dwight D. Eisenhower
 - Heart attack
 - Golf
- Florida

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3
[Personal Returnable]
[638-005-w003]
[Duration: 3s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

- The President's schedule
 - The President's workload
 - Public opinion
 - Rose Mary Woods's opinion
 - Charles W. Colson
 - Unknown man
 - GM plant
 - Opinion from working class

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8
[Personal Returnable]
[638-005-w008]
[Duration: 52s]



END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 8

Woods's schedule

- Dinner party
 - Maurice H. Stans
 - John A. Volpe
 - Donald H. Rumsfeld
 - Clark MacGregor
 - Earl L. Butz
 - Rogers C.B. Morton
 - John N. Mitchell
 - Martha (Beall) Mitchell
 - Elliot L. and Anne F. Richardson
 - George P. and Helena ("Obie") Shultz
 - Raymond K. Price, Jr.

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at an unknown time after 11:33 am.

President's schedule

- Meeting with Congress
- William L. Safire
 - Upcoming Presidential election

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 11:45 am.

Future of country

- Democrats

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[Personal Returnable]
[638-005-w004]



[Duration: 34s]

Future of country

- Democrats
 - Democratic Party presidential nomination
 - Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy
 - Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson
 - Edmund S. Muskie
 - Rose Mary Woods's opinion
- Democratic National Committee [DNC]
- Debts

Woods's dinner party

- Tone
- George W. and Lenore L. Romney

Azores meeting

- Letter to Portuguese Prime Minister [Dr. Marcello Jose des Neves Alves Caetano]
and Brig. Gen. Thomas A. Aldrich, Jr.
- Gifts

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[638-005-w006]

[Duration: 59s]

The President's schedule

- Suits
 - December 27, 1971
- Tricia Nixon Cox and Daniel P. ("Pat") Moynihan
- Florida
- Weather



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-Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo
-Qualities

Azores meeting
-Significance
-Devaluation
-Jobs
-News reports

Woods left at 11:45 am.

[Conversation No. 638-006](#)

Date: December 15, 1971
Time: 11:45 am - 11:46 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

President's schedule
-Bill signing
-Forthcoming trip
-Helicopter
-Forthcoming meeting

Butterfield left at 11:46 am.

[Conversation No. 638-007](#)

Date: December 15, 1971
Time: 11:51 am - 11:52 am
Location: Oval Office



The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

President's schedule
-Forthcoming meeting

Butterfield left at 11:52 am.

Conversation No. 638-008

Date: December 15, 1971
Time: 11:55 am - 12:02 pm
Location: Oval Office

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

Press
-Sports
-George E. Allen
-John A. Scali
-George W. Romney
-Washington Redskins
-Turning point in season
-President's visit to Redskins Park, November 23, 1971
-Richard A. Moore
-Ronald L. Ziegler
-Scali
-[Forename unknown] Bethe [?]
-Forthcoming article
-Allen
-Praise
-Los Angeles Rams

President's schedule
-Meeting with Congress
-William P. Rogers



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- Georges J.R. Pompidou
- Henry A. Kissinger
- Money
- Nathaniel Samuels
- Upcoming trip to the People's Republic of China [PRC]
 - California
 - Press
 - Hawaii
 - Guam
 - California
 - Hawaii
 - Nelson A. Rockefeller house
 - Length of visit
 - California
 - Send off
 - Hawaii
 - Guam
 - Nimitz house
 - Guam Doctrine
 - California
 - Hawaii
 - Guam
 - Wake Island
 - Formal departure from the White House
 - Los Angeles Times*
 - Hawaii
 - Weather
 - Accommodations
 - Maui
 - Rockefeller house
 - Guam
 - Oahu
 - Commander in Chief, Pacific [CINCPAC]

Haldeman left at 12:02 pm.

Conversation No. 638-009



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Date: December 15, 1971
Time: Unknown between 12:02 pm and 12:06 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Congressional briefing
-Wilbur D. Mills
-John W. Byrnes
-Russell B. Long
-Long

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:06 pm.

[Conversation No. 638-010](#)

Date: December 15, 1971
Time: Unknown between 12:02 pm and 12:06 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Asks that Paul A. Volcker come to the Oval Office

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:06 pm.

[Conversation No. 638-011](#)

Date: December 15, 1971
Time: Unknown between 12:02 pm and 12:06 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown person.



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[Duration: 19s]

[Previous tapes archival review indicated this was a conversation. Upon review of the digital copy, archivists did not discern conversation. For the sake of clarity and continuity, this conversation designation will not change.]

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 12:06 pm.

[Conversation No. 638-012](#)

Date: December 15, 1971
Time: 12:06 pm - 12:07 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Paul A. Volcker and an unknown man.

US monetary crisis
-Recent history
-Speech

Volcker and the unknown man left at 12:07 pm.

[Conversation No. 638-014](#)

Date: December 15, 1971



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Time: Unknown between 12:07 pm and 1:22 pm
Location: Oval Office

Unknown men [Secret Service agents] met.

An unknown agent talked with an unknown person.

[Conversation No. 638-14A]

[Previous PRMPA Federal Statute (A) withdrawal. This segment was rereviewed 06/13/2019 with new guidance. Segment cleared for release.]

[Federal Statute]

[638-014-w001]

[Duration: 5s]

[End of telephone conversation]

The President's location
-Cabinet Room

Conversation No. 638-013

Date: December 15, 1971
Time: 1:22 pm - 1:45 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

[The recording begins while the conversation is already in progress]



The President talked with an unknown person at an unknown time after 1:22 pm.

[Conversation No. 638-13A]

- President's schedule
- Departure
- John D. Ehrlichman

[End of telephone conversation]

- Bill signing
- H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman

Ehrlichman and Charles W. Colson entered at 1:24 pm.

- Media
- Networks
 - Antitrust action
 - Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
 - John N. Mitchell
 - CBS
 - Removal of Richard S. Salant
 - Reorganization

Butterfield left at 1:26 pm.

- Value-added tax [VAT]
 - Haldeman
 - Coverage
 - Strategy
 - Edmund S. Muskie
 - Rowland Evans and Robert D. Novak
 - Muskie
 - Position



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[Personal Returnable]
[638-013-w001]
[Duration: 19s]

- 1972 campaign
 - Republican National Committee [RNC]
 - Young state legislators

Stephen B. Bull entered and left at an unknown time after 1:26 pm.

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[Personal Returnable]
[638-013-w002]
[Duration: 23s]

- 1972 campaign
 - Youth outreach
 - Young Republicans
 - Feelings on the country

- Supersonic transport [SST]
 - John B. Connally
 - Georges J.R. Pompidou
 - Reaction
 - Congress
 - Strategy
 - Outside petitions



- Budget
- Research
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
 - Sputnik
- Boeing

[Background noise]

George Meany

- Health
- Note from the President
- Christmas
 - Hopes for a speedy recovery

[Previous PRMPA Privacy (D) reviewed under PRMPA regulations 06/13/2019. Segment cleared for release.]

[Privacy]
[638-013-w004]
[Duration: 48s]

George Meany

- John N. Mitchell's intelligence
 - [Joseph] Lane Kirkland
 - Marital problems
 - Infidelity
- Morality
- Alimony

Azores meeting

- Results
 - France
 - Possible staff reaction
 - France



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- Germans and Japanese
- Henry A. Kissinger
- Publicity
- Connally
- “New Economic Policy”
- John A. Scali and Ronald L. Ziegler
- Kissinger
 - Role

President's economic policy

- Machine tool industry
- Retail sales
 - Trend
 - Effect of weather and holiday season
- New York Times* article
 - [Forename unknown] Solomon
 - Unemployment
 - Unknown Georgetown University professor
 - Washington Post* article
 - Support for the President's policies
 - Information for supporters
 - Dissemination
 - Talking point
 - Spiro T. Agnew speech
 - Muskie
 - John F. Kennedy
- House Resolution [H R] 1
 - Herman E. Talmadge
 - Social Security
 - Work requirements
 - Aid to dependent children
 - Conservatives
 - Possible veto
 - Congress
 - Wayne L. Hayes

President's schedule

- Bill signing
- Cancer



- Congress's schedule
- Michael J. Mansfield
- Visit to Redskins Park, November 23, 1971
 - The President's conversation with Haldeman
 - Effect on the Washington Redskins

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[Personal Returnable]

[638-013-w006]

[Duration: 2m 42s]

Football

- Washington Redskins
 - President's opinion
 - Offense
- Los Angeles Rams
- Field goals
- Bad call
 - Touchback
- Players
 - Roman Gabriel
 - The President's opinion
 - Jack Snow
 - Roy Jefferson
- Clifton McNeill
- Jerry Smith
- Larry Brown
- Jack Pardee
- George E. Allen

Christmas season

- Effect on the staff



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-Administration's generation of news

State of the Union address

-President's schedule

“A Day in the Life of the President”

-*Washington Star* article

-Julie Nixon Eisenhower

-Christmas tree and decorations

-Christmas message

-CBS

-Timing

Staff

Ehrlichman and Colson left at 1:45 pm.