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[Conversation No. 458-001](#)

Date: February 25, 1971
Time: Unknown between 9:11 am and 11:00 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman

[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

National Governors’ Conference dinner
-George C. Wallace

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[Privacy]
[458-001-w001]
[Duration: 45s]

Ronald W. Reagan and Nancy Reagan
-H.R. (“Bob”) Haldeman’s opinion
-Dislike of White House
-Connected to their opinion of President

Nelson A. Rockefeller
-H.R. (“Bob”) Haldeman’s opinion
-Favorably disposed towards President

Eunice (Kennedy) Shriver
-Dinner in embassy for General Charles A, J. M de Gaulle



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- H.R. ("Bob") Haldeman's opinion
- Reaction to President's dinner toast
- Dislike for President

Recording was cut off at an unknown time before 11:00 am

[Conversation No. 458-002](#)

Date: February 25, 1971
Time: Unknown between 9:11 am and 3:20 pm
Location: Oval Office

Unknown people [radio technicians] met

- Technical problems
 - Logistics
 - The President's schedule

The President entered at 10:56 am

Logistics

[The President recorded his Radio Address About Second Annual Foreign Policy Report to the Congress]

[A transcript of the final version of this speech appears in Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard M. Nixon, 1971, pp. 212-218]

[End of transcribed portion]

- Technical problems
 - Re-recording of speech segment



[The President re-recorded a portion of his radio address]

[A transcript of the final version of this speech appears in Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard M. Nixon, 1971, pp. 212-218]

[End of transcribed portion]

The President left at 11:50 am

Technical problems

[General conversation]

Recording was cut off at an unknown time before 3:20 pm

[Conversation No. 458-003](#)

Date: February 25, 1971
Time: 3:28 pm - 3:35 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield

The President's schedule
-Thomas S. Kleppe
-Glenda L. (Gompf) Kleppe
-George Renercomb
-Picture taking

Butterfield left at 3:35 pm

[Conversation No. 458-004](#)

Date: February 25, 1971



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Time: 3:35 pm - 3:46 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with George Renercomb, Thomas S. Kleppe, Glenda L. (Gompf) Kleppe, Jill Kleppe, Jane Kleppe, Gladys Anderson, Ruth Edick, Anthony G. Chase, Arthur H. Singer, Marshall J. Parker, Jack Eachon, Jr., Arthur McZier, Howard Russell, Einar Johnson, Dr. Wilfred J. Garvin, John A. ("Jack") Knebel, Loren J. Rivard, Raymond E. Stull, Milton R. Young, Patricia M. (Burne) Young, Robert J. Dole, Silvio O. Conte, Joseph L. ("Joe") Evins, Christine Gallagher, Lacey Sharp, Dorothy A. Kabis, Reverend Magnus Lutnass, Rogers C. B. Morton, Clark MacGregor, and Maurice H. Stans

Introductions

[General conversation]

Swearing-in ceremony

- T. S. Kleppe
- MacGregor
- Donald H. Rumsfeld
- Oath of Office
- Expression of thanks
 - Goals of Small Business Administration [SBA]
- SBA loans
 - California earthquake
- Presentation of gifts by the President

[General conversation]

Renercomb, *et al.* left at 3:46 pm

[Conversation No. 458-005](#)

Date: February 25, 1971

Time: Unknown after 3:46 pm until 4:05 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull

The President's schedule



- Felipe Herrera
- Ashley Hewitt

Herrera, Charls E. Walker, Henry J. Costanzo, and Hewitt entered and Bull left at 3:48 pm; members of the press were present at the beginning of the meeting

Greetings

- Herrera
- Walker
- Costanzo

Herrera

- Previous meeting with the President
 - Dwight D. Eisenhower
- Tenure at Inter-American Development Bank [IADB]
- University education

United States-Latin American relations

- Chile
 - History
 - Education
 - Herrera's return to Chile
 - University
- IADB
 - US contribution
 - Administration views
 - President's statement
 - Congress
 - Albert A. Gore, Sr.
 - Loan policy
 - IADB loan assistance
 - Compared to World Bank
 - Bolivia
 - Paraguay
 - Honduras
 - Haiti
 - Caribbean nations
 - The President's trip to Chile in 1967
 - United Nations' Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization [UNESCO]



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Gifts

- Presentation of Material from IADB
- Presentation of gifts by the President
 - Photograph
 - President's foreign policy report
 - Cuff links

Farewells

Herrera, Costanzo, and Hewitt left at an unknown time before 4:05 pm

Public relations

- US-Latin American relations
 - Administration position
 - Walker's statements
- America's partnership
- "Peaceful change"
- Stability
 - Importance
- Private capital
- Importance of aid
- President's view
- Dignity of all countries
- Self-reliance

John B. Connally

Farewells

Walker left at 4:05 pm

[Conversation No. 458-006](#)

Date: February 25, 1971

Time: 4:05 pm - unknown before 4:07 pm



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Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield

The President's schedule

-Joe D. Waggoner, Jr.

-J. M. Menefee

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 4:07 pm

[Conversation No. 458-007](#)

Date: February 25, 1971

Time: 4:07 pm - 4:34 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Joe D. Waggoner, Jr., J. M. Menefee, John C. Whitaker, and Richard K. Cook; the White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting

Greetings

-Photograph

Oil production

-Louisiana

-Menefee's briefing

-Offshore

-Onshore

-Menefee's background

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 4:07 pm

Refreshments

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 4:34 pm

Oil production in Louisiana



- Menefee's background
 - Appointment
 - Earl K. Long
- Louisiana Department of Conservation
 - History
- Methods of regulation
 - Hearings
- Oil prices
- Figures of production
 - Productivity
- Problems of increased production
- Number of wells
 - Production
- Texas
 - Compared to Louisiana
 - Computer data
 - Personnel
- Menefee's work
 - Figures of production
- President's view
 - Administration position
 - General George A. Lincoln
 - Whitaker
 - Menefee's goal
 - Whitaker
 - Possible meeting
- State-owned oil land
- Oil depletion allowance
- Administration position
 - Marginal drilling
 - William Proxmire
 - John B. Connally
- Oil people
- Increased Louisiana production

The President's presentation of gifts

Possible meeting
-Whitaker



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-Paul W. McCracken
-Lincoln
-Elmer F. Bennett
Farewells

Waggonner, et al. left at 4:34 pm

[Conversation No. 458-008](#)

Date: February 25, 1971
Time: Unknown between 4:34 pm and 4:42 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown person [Dwight L. Chapin]

The President's schedule

- Milton C. Rose
- David M. Kennedy
- Forthcoming White House reception
 - John Quincy Adams' portrait
 - President's attendance
 - Seating arrangements
 - Adams
 - Andrew Oliver
 - Number of guests
 - Thelma C. (Ryan) ("Pat") Nixon
 - Press coverage
- Astronaut dinner
 - Seating
 - Program
- Hole-in-one club
 - William L. Safire
 - Hugh M. Downs
 - Arnold D. Palmer
 - Billy Casper
- Astronaut dinner



- President's remarks
- Remarks of astronauts
- Location
- Presentation of medals
- The President's remarks
- Camp David
 - John B. Connally
 - Accommodations
- Astronaut dinner
 - Dr. [Forename unknown] Isles [sp?]
 - Rose Mary Woods
 - Possible invitation
 - Background
 - Apollo 14 role
 - President's position

The unknown person [Chapin] left at an unknown time before 4:42 pm

[Conversation No. 458-009](#)

Date: February 25, 1971
Time: 4:42 pm - 5:05 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Milton C. Rose

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Greetings



Patrick J. Lucey

- President's opinion
 - Business for Mudge, Rose, Guthrie, & Alexander
 - President and John N. Mitchell's interest in firm

Mudge, Rose, Guthrie & Alexander

- Richard S. Ritzel
- Addition to firm

Milton C. Rose's health

Robert Guthrie

- Crash diets
 - Lifestyle
 - Similarity to Richard S. Ritzel
- Milton C. Rose's recent breakfast with Robert Guthrie
 - Size of breakfast
- Law firm
 - Employees
 - The President's old office

Elmer H. Bobst and Momdouha (As-Sayyid) ("Dodo") Bobst's wills

- Executors
- Need to be changed

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 4:34 pm

Refreshments

- Tea

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 5:05 pm

Elmer H. Bobst and Momdouha (As-Sayyid) ("Dodo") Bobst's wills

- Cash legacies
 - To President and Milton C. Rose
- Executors
 - President, Milton C. Rose and Momdouha (As-Sayyid) ("Dodo") Bobst
- [unknown first name] Irving trust



- Corporate executor
- Alfred E. Driscoll
- Executor
- Elmer H. Bobst
 - Potential long life
 - Instructions
- Legal points
 - Conditions of will
 - President's legacy
 - Publicity
 - Potential embarrassment
 - Legacy to Nixon Foundation
- Momdouha (As-Sayyid) ("Dodo") Bobst's will
 - Surviving spouse
 - Named President and Milton C. Rose as executors
- Elmer H. Bobst and Momdouha (As-Sayyid) ("Dodo") Bobst's Foundation
 - Structure
 - Incorporated under laws of New York
 - Active upon Elmer H. Bobst's death
 - Legacy upon Momdouha (As-Sayyid) ("Dodo") Bobst's death
 - The President's involvement
 - Potential role as director
 - Nonprofit corporation law in New York
 - Amendment of by-laws
 - The President's involvement
 - Waivers
 - Quorum
 - Publicity
 - President's meeting with [first unknown name] Salvatore [?]
 - Potential questions about Foundation
 - Press attention on Elmer H. Bobst
 - Momdouha (As-Sayyid) ("Dodo") Bobst performance
 - President's previous conversation with Elmer H. Bobst

Elmer H. Bobst

- Health
- President's opinion
- Milton C. Rose's previous visit
 - Early February 1971



- Palm Beach
- Lunch
- Elmer H. Bobst's trip to New York
- Throat surgery

Cancer program

- Administration's program
- Elmer H. Bobst
 - Possible appointment
- Research
- Bobst
 - The President's schedule
 - Possible visit
 - Communications
 - United States' Secret Service
 - Previous visit to Nelson A. Rockefeller's house
 - Logistics

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[Personal Returnable]

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[Duration: 1m 57s]

Bill Tynan

- Recent visit to White House
 - Reception
 - Business leaders

Milton C. Rose's friend Mrs. [first unknown name] Rogers [?]

- Asked after President

Milton C. Rose's visits to unnamed lakes [Finger Lakes?]



- Encounter with President
 - Tenth anniversary of unnamed event
 - Heat

Nelson A. Rockefeller

- Margaretta (Fidler) (“Happy”) Rockefeller
- President’s previous assistance
- Visit to the White House February 23 1971
 - Governors’ conference

President’s departure from Mudge, Rose, Guthrie & Alexander

- John N. Mitchell

Personnel

- Leonard Garment
 - Role
 - Minorities
 - Arts
 - Civil rights

Forthcoming White House ceremony

- John Quincy Adams’ portrait
 - Thelma C. (Ryan) (“Pat”) Nixon’s role
 - Attendees
 - Descendants of Adams
 - Presentation
 - James Monroe’s portrait

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- Elmer H. Bobst's trust
 - Assets
 - Antiques* magazine
 - Wendell Garrett
 - Editor-in-chief

- Milton C. Rose
 - Interest in art

- Forthcoming White House ceremony
 - Rose's possible attendance
 - Rose's previous visit

- White House portraits
 - Dolley P. T. Madison
 - John F. Kennedy
 - Jacqueline Lee Bouvier Kennedy Onassis
 - Kennedy
 - Andrew Wyeth

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 4:34 pm

- The President's schedule
 - Invitation to Rose
 - White House ceremony

Bull left at an unknown time before 5:05 pm

Rose's schedule

- Presentation of gifts by the President
 - Donald McI. Kendall

[General conversation]



Rose left at 5:05 pm

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Date: February 25, 1971
Time: 5:05 pm - 5:43 pm
Location: Oval Office

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

Greetings

-Introductions

Kennedy's forthcoming trip to Vietnam

-Travel schedule

-Vietnam

-Indonesia

-Micronesia

An unknown woman [Nellie L. Yates] entered at an unknown time after 5:05 pm

-Length of flight

-Length of trip

The unknown woman [Yates] left at an unknown time before 5:43 pm

-Ellsworth F. Bunker

-Assistance

-Goals of trip

-Economic conditions

-Evaluation

-US officials

-South Vietnamese officials

-Vietnamese economic policy

-Post-withdrawal problems



- South Vietnamese domestic problems
 - Economic policy

United States' aid program to Vietnam

- General Nguyen Van Thieu
 - Kennedy's conversation with Thieu
 - President's policy
 - Economic aid
 - Military aid
 - Importance of economic policy
 - Compared to Korea
- Economics
 - Evaluation
 - Ability of South Vietnamese to manage their economy
 - Different assessments
 - Possible solutions
 - US advisory group
 - Kennedy
 - President's concern
 - Post-withdrawal problems
 - Goal of Kennedy's trip
- Personnel evaluation
 - South Vietnamese officials
 - Bunker
- President's fear
 - South Vietnamese economy
 - Communists

Kennedy's trip to Vietnam

- Goals
 - Haig's view
- Location of expertise
 - [Forename unknown] Cooper
 - South Vietnamese officials
- Vietnamese election
 - Thieu
 - Possible effect of economic policy
- US aid
 - State Department



- US goal
 - Economic self-sufficiency
 - Ability of South Vietnamese
- United States' staff in Vietnam
 - Economists
 - General Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.
 - Compared to Korea
 - Henry J. Tasca
 - Bert S. Cross
 - Need for more economic knowledge
 - South Vietnamese
- Vietnam
 - Corruption
- Vietnamese economy
 - World Bank
 - International Monetary Fund [IMF]
 - Asian respect for age
 - Bunker
- Possible US economic advisors
 - Cross
 - Robert C. Tyson
 - Possible position
 - Geneva Conference role

United States' economic advice

- Business
 - Expertise
- State Department
 - Economic expertise
 - Maurice H. Stans
 - Commercial attaché
 - State Department view
 - President's view
 - Kennedy's role
 - William P. Rogers
 - U. Alexis Johnson
 - Importance of economics
- Foreign service
 - President's view



Kennedy's forthcoming trip to Indonesia

- Commercial attaché
- Kennedy's goals
 - Evaluation
 - American businessmen

Kennedy's forthcoming trip to Micronesia

- Self government
 - President's view
 - Kennedy's forthcoming trip
 - Hawaii
 - President's position
 - Okinawa
- Haig's view
 - Xenophobia
- Size
 - Guam
 - Hawaii
- Relationship with United States
 - Role of Peace Corps
 - Kennedy speeches
 - Future
 - Welfare
 - US aid

Kennedy's forthcoming trip to Hong Kong

- Meeting with Chinese businessmen
- Harold Lee
 - Kennedy
 - Lee's views
 - Forthcoming cable from the President to Lee
 - Background
 - J. William Fulbright

Marjorie P. Acker entered at an unknown time after 5:05 pm

- Cable from the President
 - Rose Mary Woods



- Meeting with Kennedy
 - Lee's views
 - US-Chinese relationship

Acker left at an unknown time before 5:43 pm

- Trade
 - People's Republic of China [PRC]
 - Taiwan contacts
- Consul General
- Kennedy's schedule
- Kennedy's entourage
 - Department of Treasury personnel
 - Department of State personnel
 - Economists
- Linden Johnson (American businessman)
 - Possible meeting with Kennedy

Kennedy's forthcoming trip to Far East

- Singapore
 - Briefing
 - Lee Kuan Yew
 - President's view
 - Compared to Malaysia
 - Kennedy's meeting with Yew
 - The President
 - US-Singapore relations
 - Military
 - Kennedy's conversations with foreign leaders
 - Report to the President
 - Confidentiality
 - Reasons
- Military survey team

Kennedy's possible trip to Thailand

- Kennedy's conversation with Thai leaders



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[National Security]
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[Duration: 15s]

Thailand

- Thai leaders
 - President's suggestion for message to be conveyed
 - Senators
 - Emphasis on importance of Thailand as ally

Thailand

- Possible state visit
 - King Bhumibhol Adulyadej
 - Visit to White House

[Previous National Security (B) withdrawal reviewed under MDR guidelines case number
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[National Security]
[458-010-w002]
[Duration: 16s]

Thailand

- Reassurances to Thai leaders
 - Importance of US-Thai alliance

Thailand

- Weather



-Bali (Indonesia)

Kennedy's visit to Far East

- Need for relaxation
- Southeast Asian contacts
 - L. Johnson
 - H. Lee
 - Hong Kong

Kennedy's previous trip to Mexico

- Length of stay

Lockheed-Rolls Royce

- George R. S. Baring [Earl of Cromer]
 - Henry A. Kissinger
- Kennedy's involvement
- David Packard's involvement
 - Lockheed
 - Latest reports
 - Peter G. Peterson
- Kennedy's involvement
- John B. Connally
- Schedule

Kennedy's role

- Special assignments
- Forthcoming trip to Far East
 - Conversations with foreign leaders
 - Report to the President
 - Messages
 - Confidentiality

The President's previous visit to Far East

- Japan
- Kennedy

Woods entered at an unknown time after 5:05 pm

Cable to L. Johnson



-Kennedy visit to Hong Kong

Woods left at an unknown time before 5:43 pm

Farewells

Kennedy and Haig left at 5:43 pm

[Conversation No. 458-011](#)

Date: February 25, 1971

Time: 5:44 pm - 6:30 pm

Location: Oval Office

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

The President's schedule

- "Open Hour" meetings
 - Value
- David M. Kennedy
- Milton C. Rose
- Kennedy
 - Department of State
 - Henry A. Kissinger
 - Value of meeting with the President
 - Forthcoming trip to Far East
- Vice President Spiro T. Agnew's schedule
 - Radio/television correspondents' dinner
 - Hawaii
 - Gridiron Club
 - Agnew's attendance
 - Rationale
 - Skits
 - Boycott
 - Women
 - Leslie T. ("Bob") Hope
 - The President's attendance



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- Skits
- Speech
- The President's attendance
 - As Vice President for Dwight D. Eisenhower
- Haldeman's forthcoming conversation with the Vice President

Stock market

- Figures
- Effect of Davis-Bacon Act
 - Arthur F. Burns
- John B. Connally
- The President's position
 - Figures
 - Laos impact
 - Burns

Agnew's schedule

- Gridiron Club
 - Attendance
 - The press
 - The President's attendance

The President's schedule

- Bohemian Grove
 - 100th anniversary
 - Attendance
 - Women
 - Speech
 - Harvey Hancock
 - Secret Service
 - Cabinet
 - Connally's attendance

Wire service

- The Vice President's attention
- Lyndon B. Johnson

Baltimore Sun



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L. T. and Delores (Reade) Hope

- Life* magazine
- New York Times*

Press

- Letter to the editor
- The President's view
- William P. Rogers
- Staff attitude
- White House public relations efforts
 - Strategy
 - Columnists
 - Television networks
 - Wire services
 - National magazines

Charles W. Colson

- Ronald L. Ziegler
- Robert H. Finch
- Donald H. Rumsfeld
- Role on White House staff
 - Compared to other staff
- White House public relations
 - Jeb Stuart Magruder
 - Ziegler
 - Frederic V. Malek
 - John W. Dean, III
 - John D. Ehrlichman's staff
 - Edward L. Morgan
 - Dwight L. Chapin
 - Alexander P. Butterfield
- White House public relations
 - Colson
 - Malek
 - Magruder
 - Dean

Connally

- Camp David visit



Butterfield entered at 6:01 pm

-Birthday

The President's schedule

- National Security Council [NSC] meeting
- Open Door Hour
 - Frank J. Shakespeare
- Wilbur D. Mills
 - Breakfast meeting

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 6:04 pm

[Haldeman talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 6:01 pm and 6:04 pm]

[Conversation No. 458-11A]

Call to Chapin

[End of telephone conversation]

The President's schedule

- Breakfast meetings
 - Burns
 - Elliot L. Richardson
 - George P. Shultz
 - Timing
 - Mills
 - Attendees
 - Timing
 - Ehrlichman
 - Timing
 - Location
 - Ziegler
 - Shakespeare
 - Connally
 - Topics to be discussed



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- Welfare
- Camp David
 - The President
 - Connally's visit
 - Length
- Press conference
- Trip
 - Rochester
- National conference

The President's speech in Williamsburg, Virginia

- Judicial conference
- Draft deadline
- Length
 - The President's view
 - Compared to foreign policy speech

Length of speeches

- Foreign policy speech
- [Thomas] Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars speech
- Head of State dinners
 - Toasts
 - Department of State
 - Translations
 - The President's position

The President's schedule

- Judicial conference
- Farm dinner

Voluntary Action dinner

- Edwin D. Etherington
- Ehrlichman
- George W. Romney
- Finch

"A Salute to Agriculture"

- Timing
- Country fair



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- Compared to President Johnson's efforts
- Carnival
- Livestock
- Dress
- Invitations
- 4-H Club
- Future Farmers of America
- Possible events
- Publicity
 - Speeches
 - Efficacy
 - Clifford M. Hardin
 - Briefing
 - Photographs
 - Eastman Kodak

Iowa State Legislature

- Invitation
- Revenue sharing
- Possible speech
 - President's appearance
- William L. Safire's efforts

President's speeches

- Speech writers
 - Foreign policy speech
 - Wording
 - Safire
 - Techniques
 - Jokes
 - Wording
 - Rhetoric
- Trips
 - Need for prepared remarks
 - Length of speeches

Radio speech on foreign policy

- Length
- Topics



- Laos
- Vietnam
- Middle East
- Efficacy
- Use of radio
 - President's view
 - Future use
 - Benefits
 - Past use
 - Franklin D. Roosevelt
- Air Force One
 - Symbolism
- Airports
- Possible press conferences
 - Regional briefing
 - Local press
- Public relations efforts
 - Foreign policy
 - Vietnam and Laos

The President's schedule

- Private dinners
- Upcoming events
 - Farm trip
 - Rochester
 - Judiciary conference
 - Newport, Rhode Island
 - President's remarks
- Florida
 - Possible Presidential visit
 - University
- Forthcoming Head of State dinner
 - Ireland
- Office press conference
 - March 19, 1971
 - Domestic policy
- Work load
 - Changes
 - Head of State visits



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- Arrival ceremonies
- Departure statements
 - Television coverage
- Italian dinner
 - Television coverage
- Television coverage
 - Apollo 14 dinner
 - Ireland Head of State dinner
 - Peter M. Flanigan
 - Thelma C. (Ryan) ("Pat") Nixon
 - Benefits of television coverage
 - Difficulties of television
- State of the World
 - Timing
- Work load
- Speeches
 - Radio uses

The President and Haldeman left at 6:30 pm