

NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF

Tape Subject Log

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Conversation No. 116-8/117-1

Date: March 6, 1973

Time: Unknown between 10:58 am and 11:59 pm

Location: Cabinet Room

Roman S. Gribbs met with Louie Welch, E. J. ("Jake") Garn, Dick Greco, Jr., Richard G. Lugar, Jack D. Maltester, Lyman S. Parks, Tom Moody, Thomas P. Allen, Stanley A. Cmich, James L. Taft, Jr., Kyle C. Testerman, John W. Driggs, Pete Wilson, Stephen May, James T. Lynn, Kenneth R. Cole, Jr., James H. Falk, Dana G. Mead, and Paul H. O'Neill.

[This is a continuation of Conversation No. 116-8. An unknown portion of the conversation was not recorded while the tape was being changed; recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

The President entered at 3:04 pm

Meeting with mayors

- Benefits
- Areas of concern

Urban problems

- Administration's policies
 - Process for resolving issues
 - Survey of community problems
 - Youth summer employment
 - Federal funding
 - Past policies
 - Establishment of orderly process
 - Baltimore
 - Help from industry
 - Cutbacks in federal budget
 - Misunderstandings by mayors
 - Transition period
 - Problems
 - Meeting of administration and mayors
 - Specific proposals by administration
 - Use of carry-over funds
 - Urban renewal programs
 - Survey of cities
 - Results of analyses
 - Administration policies
 - Impact on cities
 - Employment

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- Emergency Employment Act [EEA]
- Job training
- Manpower programs
- Control by local officials
- Community development
 - Budget items
 - Calendar Year 1974
 - Fiscal Year 1974
 - Allocation
 - Housing
 - Freeze
 - Present appropriations
 - Better Communities Act
 - Administration policies
 - Impact
 - Land acquisition by federal government
 - Funding
 - Decision process
- Model cities program
 - Columbus, Ohio
 - Summer 1973
 - Mayors' concerns
- Funding of programs
 - Summer youth program
 - Administration's goals
 - Revenue sharing
 - Appeal for mayors' support
 - Advantages
 - Summer 1973
 - Problems
 - Detroit
 - Columbus
- Administration's programs
 - Support from mayors
 - Revenue sharing
 - General
 - Special
 - Budget problems
 - Summer youth employment
 - Local problems
 - Inflation
 - Property taxes
 - Appropriations for domestic programs
- Congress

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- Pressures to cut back
- Revenue sharing
- Summer employment
 - Restraints
 - Need for administration support

Present meeting

- Intergovernmental cooperation
- Concerns about Summer 1973
 - Transition period in policy
- Special revenue sharing

The President left at 3:39 pm

Summer youth programs

Administration policies

- Authorization for cities
 - EEA
 - Amount of appropriation
 - The President's requests
 - Amounts
 - Departments of Labor and Health, Education, and Welfare [HEW] appropriations
 - The President's vetoes
 - Reasons
- The President's vetoes
 - Continuing resolutions by Congress
 - Legislative history
 - Public Employment Program [PEP]
 - Impact on cities
 - PEP
- Summer programs
 - Neighborhood Youth Corps [NYC]
 - Spending levels
 - Sports programs
 - Legislative procedures
 - Appropriation of funds
 - Office of Economic Opportunity [OEO]
 - NYC
 - Transportation
 - Work Study
- Funding options
 - Publicity

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- The President's decision
 - HeadStart program
 - Problems of explanation and communications
 - Misrepresentations in media
 - Letters to mayors
 - Budget
 - Budget summary
 - Conference of Mayors
 - Problems
 - Cutbacks
 - Impact on localities
 - Confusion
 - Reasons
 - Administration's policies
 - Transition period
 - Caution by mayors
 - National League of Cities [NLC]
 - Resolution
 - Federal programs
 - Summer programs
 - Mayors' responsibilities
 - Federal government's responsibilities
 - Responsiveness
 - Need for communication
 - Conference of Mayors
 - Evaluation of programs
- Present meeting
- Possible statement
 - President's views
 - Department of Housing and Urban Development [HUD] views
 - Attitude of mayors
 - Responsibilities
 - Administration
 - Appreciation for support and criticism
 - Issues
 - Transition period
 - Problems
 - Need for dialogue with administration
 - Feedback from mayors on specifics
 - Summer programs
 - Clarification on appropriations
 - Community development
 - Scheduling of programs

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- Transitional funding
- Mayors' concerns
- Transitional funding
 - Availability
- Better Communities Act
 - Purpose
- George W. Romney and O'Neill
 - Meeting with mayors
- Transitional funding
 - Availability
 - PEP and NYC
 - Mechanism
 - Problems
 - Resolution
 - Feedback from mayors
- Congressmen
 - Complaints

Lynn's meeting with the President

Lynn left at an unknown time before 4:53 pm

Urban problems

- Administration's policies
 - Problems
 - Future meetings of mayors
 - Preparation of materials
- Community development
 - Transitional problems
 - Credibility of administration and mayors
 - Funding
 - Bill in Congress
- Transitional funding
 - Confusion
 - Clarification
- Water programs
 - Approval
 - Misinterpretations
 - Policy statements
- Problems of communications
 - Advice of mayors
 - Resolution
 - Task forces
 - Work with administration

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- Administration's policies
 - Labor/HEW bill
 - Progress
 - Transition period
 - Immediate problems
 - Lay-offs
 - Model Cities program
 - Resolution of problems

Present meeting

- Summation
- Model Cities
 - Cutbacks
 - Impact of administration's policies
- Community development
 - Shortage of funds for localities
 - Agency actions
 - Inadequacies in programs
 - Summer youth program and senior citizens
 - Impact
 - Correction
 - Housing
 - Analysis of problems
 - Proposals for Congress
 - Administration's policies
 - Transitional problems
 - Cancellation of projects
- Administration's policies
 - Caution
 - Communication problems
- Public statement
- Subjects of discussion with the President
 - General revenue sharing
 - NYC program
 - Necessity
 - Budgetary review
 - Strategy problems on housing
 - Transition
- Urban relief
 - Problems of Congress
 - Publicity
 - Availability of funds

Urban problems

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- Senior citizens programs
 - Current programs
 - Availability of funds
 - Office of Aging, HEW
 - The President's policies
- Congressional actions
 - Inadequacies
- The President's requests
 - Funding
 - Increases

Present meeting

- Public statement
 - Topics of discussion
 - Sources of funds
 - Office of Management and Budget [OMB]
- Transitional problems
 - Results of discussions

[Previous archivists categorized this section as unintelligible. It has been rereviewed and released 08/26/2019.]

[Unintelligible]

[117-001-w001]

[Duration: 5m 39s]

General conversation

Time

Government

Unknown person's appreciation

Housing programs

- Telegrams

Budget

- Cuts in funds

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- Transition period
- Community development
- Outlays
- Urban renewal
- Housing

Gribbs, et al. left at an unknown time before 11:59 pm

Conversation No. 117-2

Date: March 8, 1973

Time: 10:09 am - unknown before 12:05 pm

Location: Cabinet Room

The President met with Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, William P. Rogers, Elliot L. Richardson, Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, Dr. James R. Schlesinger, Philip J. Farley, U. Alexis Johnson, [David] Kenneth Rush, William P. Clements, Jr., Carl Duckett, Henry A. Kissinger, General Brent G. Scowcroft, Helmut ("Hal") Sonnenfeldt, Philip A. Odeen, Ronald I. Spiers, and Paul H. Nitze.

[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

[Previous National Security (B) withdrawal reviewed under MDR guidelines case number LPRN-T-MDR-2014-014. Segment declassified on 04/25/2019. Archivist: MAS]

[National Security]

[117-002-w001]

[Duration: 1h 22m 35s]

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] weapons

- Intelligence community judgment of goals
 - Gain strategic advantage over US
 - First-strike capabilities
 - Second-strike capabilities
 - Throw-weights
 - Launchers
- Throw-weights
 - Compared with US

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- Numbers
- Technologies
 - Compared with US
- Bombers
- Air defense
 - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] investments

Bombers

- Balance of power
- Throw-weights
- Second-strike
- Deterrence
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] development
 - Medium-range bombers
 - Refueling capabilities
 - Possibility of continental US strike
 - Level of interest
 - Landing rights in Cuba
 - Backfire bomber
 - Range
 - Mission of Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] bombers
 - Nuclear strategy

Air defense

- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] capabilities
 - Density

Bombers

- B-1 bomber
 - Effectiveness

Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]

- Verification panel meetings
- US strategy
- US position
- Limitations to Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT] I
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] improvements
- Trident missiles
- B-1 bombers
- Strategic Arms Limitation Talks II [SALT]
 - Objectives
 - Qualitative changes in provisions
 - Multiple Independently-Targetable Reentry Vehicles [MIRV]
- Throw-weights

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- Accuracy
- Inter-Continental Ballistic Missiles [ICBM]
 - Vulnerability to first strike
- Submarines
 - Vulnerabilities
 - Counter-measures
- Circumstances for presidential order of attacks on population centers
- Results
 - Disparities between US and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
 - Clarification of possible results
 - First and second-strike capabilities
 - Gap
 - First and second strike capabilities
 - Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles [ICBM]
 - US vs. Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
 - Appearance of disparities
 - The President's opinion
- Numbers
- Throw-weight
- Qualitative changes
- US goals
 - Multiple Independently-Targetable Reentry Vehicles [MIRV]
 - Decisions to be made
 - Multiple Independently-Targetable Reentry Vehicles [MIRV]
 - Topic of discussion
- Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles [ICBMs] and submarine missiles
 - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] vs. US numbers
- Bombers
 - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] vs. US numbers
 - Throw-weights
 - Strike capabilities
 - Multiple Independently-Targetable Reentry Vehicles [MIRV]
 - Submarines
- Weapons
 - Relative advantages and disadvantages
 - Capabilities
 - Impact on other countries
 - Options for both sides
 - Delivery vehicles
 - Numbers
 - Flexibility for US
- The President's meeting with John L. McClellan, March 8, 1973
 - Unilateral reduction of forces
 - Criticism

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- John L. McClellan's need for bargaining position
 - Attitude of Congress
 - Senate
 - Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson and John G. Tower
 - Support for defense cuts
 - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] political situation awareness
 - Balance of forces
 - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] increased capabilities
 - Impact on negotiations
 - Strategy
 - US developments
 - B-1
 - Trident
 - Warhead improvements
 - Minuteman
 - Hardened Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles [ICBM]
 - US advantages
 - US negotiating position
 - Strengths
 - Costs
 - Parity
 - The President's memorandum to cabinet secretaries and Congressmen
 - Congress
 - Sense of euphoria
 - Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
 - Growth
 - John L. McClellan
 - Dangers
 - National defense
 - Cabinet secretaries
 - Elliot L. Richardson
 - Joint Chiefs of Staff [JCS]
 - Congress
 - Attitudes
 - Budget
 - Importance to negotiating position of US
 - John L. McClellan and Michael J. ("Mike") Mansfield
 - North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO]
- US armed forces
- Costs of new weapons
 - B-1
 - Deployment projections
 - Levels of expenditure

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-Federal budget

Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]

- Multiple Independently-Targetable Reentry Vehicles [MIRV]
- Anti-ballistic Missile [ABM]
- Arms programs
 - Necessity
 - Impact on negotiations
- Lyndon B. Johnson Administration
- US weapons development
 - Current trends
 - B-1 and Trident
- Options
 - Areas of reduction
 - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] reduction in programs
- B-1 bomber
 - Vulnerability
 - Strategic implications presented to the President
 - National Security Council [NSC] decision
- Throw-weights
 - Figures
 - Verification
 - Percentage
 - Alternatives and problems in measuring
 - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
 - Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles [ICBM]
 - Capabilities
 - SS-9
 - Submarine missiles
 - Bomber payloads
 - Throw-weight
 - Delivery vehicles
 - US vs. Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
 - Factor of bombers
 - Delivery vehicles and payload
 - Strategic implications
 - Limits
 - Impact on negotiations
 - US throw-weights
 - Figures
 - US–Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
 - Present levels
 - Impact on Trident
 - Impact on SS-9

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- Impact on Polaris
 - US capabilities
- Elliot L. Richardson
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] capabilities
 - Equivalence with US
 - U. Alexis Johnson
 - Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles [ICBM]
 - Multiple Independently-Targetable Reentry Vehicles [MIRV]
 - US negotiating posture
- Multiple Independently-Targetable Reentry Vehicles [MIRV]
 - Item for negotiation
 - Equivalence in launchers
 - Compared with superiority in throw-weights
- Impact of an agreement
 - Throw-weights
 - Bomber payload
 - 1995
 - Reductions in weapons
 - Congress
 - Conversion of bomber payloads
 - Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles [ICBM]
 - Response to proposals
 - Time frame
 - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
 - Multiple Independently-Targetable Reentry Vehicle [MIRV] program
 - Reductions
 - Areas
 - Disparities
 - Moratorium on testing
 - Multiple Independently-Targetable Reentry Vehicle [MIRV]
 - Length
- Trident
 - Schedule for testing
 - 1974 and 1975
 - Minuteman warheads
- Moratorium on testing
 - Unknown person's concern
 - Problems
 - Trident
- Negotiations
 - Length
 - Impact of temporary ban
 - Potential US gains
 - Disadvantages

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- US choices
 - Technology compared to advantages
 - Helmut ("Hal") Sonnenfeldt
 - Trident program
 - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] responses
 - Multiple Independently-Targetable Reentry Vehicles [MIRV]
 - US observation
 - Throw-weights
 - Verification
 - Larger missiles compared to smaller missiles
 - Political consequences
 - Disparities
 - Throw-weights
 - Importance of US technological base
 - Strike capabilities
 - US advantages
 - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] flexibility
 - US technological advantages
 - Stability
 - Short and long range
 - William P. Rogers
 - Parity
 - Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
 - Alternatives
 - Consequences
 - Testing
 - Limitations
 - Problems
 - Potential response of Congress
 - Multiple Independently-Targetable Reentry Vehicles [MIRV]
 - Restrictions
 - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] testing program
 - Test bans
 - William P. Rogers and [David] Kenneth Rush
 - Proposition of limitations
 - Timing
- Nuclear Test Ban Treaty of 1963
- The President's opinion
 - Test bans
 - Difficulties
- Test bans
- Beneficiaries

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- US superiority areas
- Impact on US and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
 - Length of time of impact
- History

- Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
 - US technological superiority
 - Anti-ballistic Missile [ABM]
 - Multiple Independently-Targetable Reentry Vehicles [MIRV]
 - William P. Rogers's comment
 - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] technological capability
 - West Germans and Japanese industrial capability
 - Reliability
 - Negotiating strategy
 - Importance of other factors
 - Verification
 - Public relations
 - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] reaction
 - Necessity
 - US superiority
 - Multiple Independently-Targetable Reentry Vehicles [MIRV]
 - US technological advantage
 - Moratorium
 - Disadvantages
 - US strategy
 - U. Alexis Johnson
 - Public statements
 - Propaganda
 - The President's concern
 - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] position
 - U. Alexis Johnson
 - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] proposals
 - Forward bases
 - US forces
 - US withdrawal of Polaris submarine forces
 - Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles [ICBM]
 - Bombers
 - Ban on nuclear weapons
 - Long-range bombers
 - Nullify use of bombers in strategic warfare
 - Trident and B-1 restraint
 - Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles [ICBM]
 - US proposals
 - Equality of Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles [ICBM] throw-weights

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- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] proposals
 - Intent
 - Past experience
 - Multiple Independently-Targetable Reentry Vehicles [MIRV]
 - US decision on negotiations
 - Compensation
 - Concessions to US
- Japan
- US negotiating posture
 - Thinking of other side
 - Importance
 - US disadvantages
 - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] leadership
- Elliot L. Richardson
 - US and Allied public opinion
 - Congress
 - Neo-isolationism
 - Experience of Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
 - Criticism from hawks
 - Henry M. (“Scoop”) Jackson
 - Public opinion
 - Elliot L. Richardson
 - US
 - Congress
 - Internal capability
 - Allies
 - Decision-making
 - Impact of Vietnam peace settlement
 - The President's 1972 trips
 - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
 - People's Republic of China [PRC]
 - Impact on Congress and public opinion
 - Henry A. Kissinger
 - Future discussions
 - Disparities
 - Impact on Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] thinking
 - Public opinion
 - Importance of appearances
 - Congress and allies
 - Japanese and Europeans
 - Congressional conservatives and US allies
 - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] thinking
 - Prevent belief in their advantage
 - Psychological warfare

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William P. Rogers's [?] trip to Geneva
-Conference

The President left at 11:44 a.m.

General conversation

Multiple Independently-Targetable Reentry Vehicles [MIRV]
-New developments
-Thrust rocket

Test bans
-Moratorium
-Type of ban

Agnew, et al. left at an unknown time before 12:05 pm

Conversation No. 117-3

Date: March 8, 1973
Time: Unknown between 11:44 am and 12:05 pm
Location: Cabinet Room

Unknown men met

[Previous non-historical (H) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift 08/28/2019. Segment cleared for release.]

[Non-Historical]

[117-003-w001]

[Duration: 44s]

Dick [surname unknown]
-Directions
-Car

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-David M. Kennedy's office [?]

The unknown men left at an unknown time before 12:05 pm

Conversation No. 117-5

Date: March 8, 1973

Time: Unknown after 11:44 am until 12:05 pm

Location: Cabinet Room

An unknown man met with Mustafa Khar, Aziz Ahmed, and Sultan Mohammed Khan

Cabinet Room

- Seating arrangements
 - The President's chair
 - Secretary of Commerce
 - John F. Kennedy
 - Inclusion of United States' Ambassador to the United Nations in the Cabinet
- Anecdote about Dean Rusk and Robert S. McNamara

Refreshments

Cabinet Room

- Seating

United States' political system

- British heritage
 - Comparison between United States' and parliamentary systems
- Pakistan
 - National Security Council [NSC]
 - Previous meeting
 - Members
 - Domestic Council
 - Members
 - Organization

Pakistan

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- Constitution
 - Compared with United States'
 - Diversity

United States' political system

- Variety

Pakistan

- Powers of President
- Parliament
 - Powers

United States' political system

- Local and Federal distinctions
 - Controversy
 - Civil War
 - States' Rights
- Compared with Soviet Union
 - Role of Soviet constitution

Soviet bloc

- Extent of political freedom
- Theoretical rights

United States' political system

- Residual powers in states
- National constitution
 - Powers of central government
- Pakistani constitution
 - Powers of provinces

Ambassador's meeting with the President

Khar, et al. left at 12:05 pm

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Date: March 9, 1973

Time: Unknown between 10:00 am and 3:10 pm

Location: Cabinet Room

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Vice President Spiro T. Agnew met with William P. Rogers, William E. Simon, Elliot L. Richardson, Richard G. Kleindienst, John C. Whitaker, Earl L. Butz, Frederick B. Dent, Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger, James T. Lynn, Claude S. Brinegar, Roy L. Ash, Anne L. Armstrong, John A. Scali, George H. W. Bush, Donald E. Johnson, William D. Ruckelshaus, Herbert Stein, Russell E. Train, H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman, John D. Ehrlichman, Peter M. Flanigan, William E. Timmons, Kenneth R. Cole, Jr., Herbert G. Klein, Leonard Garment, Ronald L. Ziegler, Richard A. Moore, Arthur J. Sohmer, Kenneth W. Clawson, William J. Baroody, Jr., David N. Parker, David R. Gergen, Stanley S. Scott, Franklin R. Gannon, John S. Guthrie, Jr., Tod R. Hullin, Patrick J. Buchanan, Lawrence M. Higby, Raymond K. Price, Jr., and Frederic V. Malek.

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[Unintelligible]

[117-007-w004]

[Duration: 19m 17s]

General conversation

Public affairs

Unknown ambassador

Troops

Delegates

Vietnam [?]

Greetings

Pleasantries

The President entered at 10:14 am

Cabinet meeting

-Purpose

-Topics

-Vietnam

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- Briefing by Rogers
- Budget problems
- Ehrlichman

Budget

- Current problems
 - The President's program of action
 - Briefing of Cabinet officers
- 1972 campaign
 - Choice of financial philosophies
 - Choice of American people on domestic issues
 - Congressional candidates
 - Avoidance of George S. McGovern's programs
 - "New American Majority"
 - Compared with "New American Minority"
 - Program
- Real issues
 - 1972 campaign
 - Choice of American people
 - Issues of the "New American Minority"
 - Avoidance
 - Economy
 - Executive privilege
 - Constitutional crisis
 - Democratic Policy Committee
 - Washington Star* story of March 8, 1973
 - Opinions of political scientists
 - Constitutional crisis
 - Role of federal government
 - Formulation of issues
 - Limitations of publicity
 - Taxes and inflation
 - One-page papers
 - Administration concerns
 - Publicity
 - Bills in Congress
 - Budget over-runs
 - Amounts
 - Impact on taxes
 - Increases
 - Administration position
 - Publicity
 - Administration spokesmen
 - General and special revenue sharing

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- Visits to media centers
- Word to Congress
 - Mayors
- Cabinet officers
- Publicity
 - Importance
 - Efficacy
- Use of surrogates
 - Regional coverage
 - Presidential spokesmen program
 - Parker and Guthrie
 - Work on schedules of spokesmen
 - Start
- Presidential spokesmen program
 - Republican National Committee
 - Work of Congress
 - Visits to media centers
 - Purpose
 - Pressure on Congress from constituents
 - Mobilization of local supporters
 - Contacts with congressmen
 - Impact on public opinion
 - Appeal to congressmen's larger interests
 - Congress
 - Expressions of respect
 - Conflicts of interest
 - White House backing
 - Briefing paper and other documents
 - Veterans' bills
 - Veterans' lobby
 - Pet projects
 - Vietnam and disabled veterans
 - Real concern of public
 - American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars [VFW]
 - Pet projects
 - Vietnam veterans and disabled
 - Major focus
 - Vice President and Cabinet
 - Roles
 - Sub-cabinet officers and White House assistants
 - Work with departments and constituent groups
 - Regional officials
 - New regulations and programs
 - Environmental issues and Ruckelshaus

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- Women
 - Importance of group
 - Letter writing
 - Budget concerns
 - Food prices
 - Family budget
- Opposition to the President's program and "New American Minority"
 - Vance Hartke, Frank F. Church, Harold E. Hughes, Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy, Birch E. Bayh, Jr., Thomas Grey ("Tom") Wicker, Joseph C. Kraft, Hobart Rowen, Daniel L. Schorr, Brookings Institute, Leonard Woodcock, and W. Ramsey Clark
 - Vanguard of opposition
 - Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS] show on welfare groups
 - [Mitchell?] Ginsberg and Jesse L. Jackson
 - George Wiley
 - People United to Save Humanity [PUSH] and welfare workers
 - National march on Washington, DC
 - Common objectives
 - Tax increases
 - Pressure on Congress
- President's proposals
 - Misinformation
 - 1973 spending levels
 - 1974 budget issue
 - Work with mayors and governors
 - Blame on Congress
 - Continuing resolution
 - Publicity
 - Need to pressure Congress
 - Focus on House
- Presidential spokesmen program
 - The President's sources of support
 - Weak areas
 - East
 - South
 - Conservatism
 - Focus
 - Spending
 - Discussion of budget
 - United States' foreign policy accomplishments
 - Peace issue
 - United States' role in world
 - Taxes
 - East

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- Support for the President
 - Richardson
 - Social services
 - President's program
 - Weinberger
 - Real intent
 - Emphasis on individual in "New Federalism"
 - The President's concern
 - Liberal compared with conservative
 - Blurring of distinctions
 - The President's inaugural address
 - New approach
 - Constitutional questions
 - Samuel J. Ervin, Jr.'s concerns
 - Bills in Congress
 - Impact on taxes and spending levels
 - Need to oppose
 - Constitutional questions
 - Ervin's role
 - CBS
 - Johnny Carson comparison
 - Use by liberals
 - Public relations
 - Work by departments
 - Need for discretion
 - Danger of leaks of memoranda
- Political leaders
- Credibility
- Presidential spokesmen program
- Speeches
 - Length
 - Limits
 - Phrases
 - "New American Majority"
 - Dangers
 - Use by opposition
 - Television appearances
 - Length
 - Presentation of key points
- Budget
- Jobs

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- Importance of issue
- Cost of living
- Jobs
 - Pressure on Congress
- Speeches
 - Appeal to larger interests
 - Protectionism
- Spokesmen program
 - Defensiveness
 - Emphasis on positive
 - Rhetoric
 - Polls
 - Support for various programs
 - Emphasis on taxes
 - Phrasing of issues
 - Taxes compared with spending
- Economy
 - Inflation and jobs
 - Restraints on federal budget
 - Stakes of debate
- Spending
 - Relation to taxes and prices
 - Choices
 - Phrasing of issue
 - Focus on Congress
 - The President's budget
 - Domestic spending
 - Choices
 - Problem in presentation
- Education
 - Protests of lobbyists
 - Money to students
 - Protests
 - Sources
- Public relations effort on budget
 - Assurances of concern
 - Show of compassion
 - Concern for prices and taxes
 - Impact of taxes and inflation on poor and elderly
- Inflation
 - Impact on wealthy and middle class
 - Harm to poor
 - Need to curb
- Sources of power

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- Centralization
- Revenue sharing
 - Divestiture of power
- More responsibilities for local officials
- Program cuts
 - Community Action, Model Cities, HeadStart, and Manpower training
 - Reasons
 - Seattle, Washington and Grand Rapids, Michigan
 - Gerald R. Ford
 - Failures
 - Reasons for support
 - Patronage
 - Community Action
 - Reasons for cuts
 - Franklin D. Roosevelt
 - ”Trickle down”
 - Bureaucratism and waste of funds
- Spending
 - Income strategy
 - Elimination of bureaucratic middle-men
 - Direct aid to needy
 - President’s vetoes
 - Attacks on spenders
 - Effectiveness of programs
- Opposition to the President’s programs
- Spending
 - Need for action
 - Priorities
 - Defense
 - Reduction

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Budget

- Spending
 - Defense cuts
 - characterized
 - Impact on negotiations

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- Arms negotiations
 - Defense needs
 - force reductions
 - Mutual and Balanced Force Reduction [MBFR]

Budget

- Defense budget
 - Reductions by administration
 - Need to stop further cuts

Defense

- Troop levels
 - Reductions
- Draft
 - End
 - Impact on costs
- Reductions
 - Civilian personnel
 - Difficulties

Foreign assistance

- Criticism
- Necessity

The President's foreign policy

- Effectiveness
- Indochina and Thailand

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Indochina

- 1969 situation
 - Troop levels
 - Withdrawals
 - Impact of sudden withdrawal

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- Costs
- Casualties
- Number of veterans
- Draft levels
- The President's objectives
 - Self-determination for South Vietnam
- May 1972
 - The President's proposals
 - Achievements
 - Support
 - Assistance to area
 - Commitments
- Rehabilitation
 - Request to Congress
- Paris agreement
 - International supervision
 - Procedures
 - Purpose
 - Military settlement
 - Accomplishment
 - Prisoners of War [POWs]
- US commitments
 - South Vietnam supports
- Problems
 - International supervision
 - Withdrawal of Canada and Indonesia
 - Consequences
- Rehabilitation of area
 - Need for US help
- Provisions
- Rehabilitation
 - Costs
 - Estimates
 - Compared with fighting war
 - Administration's case to congress and public
 - Necessity
 - Danger of losing war
 - US role
 - Contributions of Japan and Europe
 - Public support
- South Vietnam government
 - Nguyen Van Thieu
 - Stability
- Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Rumania

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- Rehabilitation
 - Aid to North Vietnam
 - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
 - North Vietnam
 - Reaction to possible US aid
 - Provisions of Paris agreement
 - Past commitments
 - Aid to North Vietnam
 - Conditions
- Costs of war
 - 1969 vs. present
 - Aid to Southeast Asian allies
 - Reduction of defense personnel
 - Diversion to domestic economy
 - Reduction
 - Ordnance
 - South Vietnamese
 - Casualties
- Aid to North Vietnam
 - Characterized
 - The President's experiences in World War II
 - Feeling toward Japanese
 - Aid to Japanese and Germans
 - Investment
 - Results of aid
 - Aid from other nations
 - Funds
 - Sources
 - US interests in aid
 - Conditions
 - Compliance with peace treaty
 - Post-World War II aid
 - Peace agreement
 - Terms
 - US aid to reconstruction
 - Lyndon B. Johnson
 - Past support
 - Congressional reactions
 - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
 - People's Republic of China [PRC]
 - Aid from other Nations
 - Japan
 - Congress
 - Problems

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- Demagoguery
- Need to work with opposition
- Opposition
 - Responsibility for failure of peace
- US aid
 - Golda Meir
- Congress

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INDOCHINA

PARIS AGREEMENT

DEFENSE BUDGET REDUCTIONS

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

Foreign policy

- Critical time
 - Need for support for the President

Vietnam

- Aid to North Vietnam
 - Publicity
 - Prisoners of War [POWs] return
 - Contrast with reparations
 - Relation to Prisoners of War [POWs] release
 - Civilian prisoners
 - Troop withdrawals

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Defense budget

- 1974 levels
- Reductions
 - Problems and political
 - Success of the President's foreign policy
- Success of the President's foreign policy
 - Reasons
 - Impact of defense cuts
- Negotiations
 - Impact of budget cuts
- Relation to diplomacy, credibility and trade strength
- Liberal commentators
 - increase sympathy
- Carrier task force in Mediterranean
 - Role in balance of power
- US military presence in Europe
 - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] threat

Law enforcement

- Terrorism
 - Death penalty
 - Sudan incident
 - Sirhan Sirhan
- Legislation
- Drug enforcement
 - References in speeches
 - Public interest
- Crime rates
 - Decline in the President's administration

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Law enforcement

- Crime rates

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- Diplomatic security
 - Communist countries
 - Safety of US diplomats

- Law enforcement
 - Crime rates
 - Airplane security
 - Spokane, Washington incident
 - Training of officers
 - Federal Aviation Administration [FAA]
 - Major crimes
 - Punishment for drug abuse
 - Drug abuse
 - Strict enforcement
 - Results

The President left at 12:09 pm

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General conversation

Southern Comfort [?]

Agnew, et al. left at an unknown time before 3:10 pm