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Tape Subject Log
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Conversation No. 141-1

Date: September 10, 1972
Time: Unknown between 10:00 am and 11:44 am
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with the Camp David operator.

[See Conversation No. 209-3]

Request for a call to Charles W. Colson

Conversation No. 141-2

Date: September 10, 1972
Time: 11:44 am - 12:14 pm
Location: Camp David Study Table

The President talked with Charles W. Colson.

Greetings

Colson's schedule

- Trip to Princeton University campus
 - Colson's son
 - Ivy League
 - Committee to work for presidential campaign
 - Number signed up for the President
 - Number signed up for George S. McGovern
 - Appearance of campus
 - Colson's view
 - Students
 - Atmosphere

George H. Gallup polls

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- Breakdown
- Type of readers

Princeton University campus

- Appearance of students
 - Image
- Interest in studying compared with radicalism
- Previous situation

Youth of America

- Effect of black athletes on youth

Refreshments

- Coffee

Olympics

- Howard K. Smith's commentary
 - Conduct of black athletes
 - US image
 - Interview of black athlete
 - Type of statement
 - US
 - Conditions in US for blacks and whites
- Mexico City
 - Conduct of athletes
 - McGovern's position compared to the President's
- Newsweek*
 - Europe story
 - New York Daily News*
 - Jerry Green's column
 - Joseph W. Alsop
 - Louis P. Harris
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO]
 - European individuals
 - Mailing
 - Leo Cherne

Public relations

- Colson's forthcoming meeting with Cabinet
- Earl L. Butz's position on grain deal
 - New York Times*, *Washington Post*
- Statement

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- Grain deal issue
 - Butz's statement
 - Patrick J. Buchanan
 - McGovern's position
 - Answering question
- Colson's conversation with Melvin R. Laird
 - White House position
 - Possible problems
 - Counter strategy
 - Idea of defending and explaining
- Colson's conversation with Butz
 - Butz's understanding of defense
 - Reporter's questions
 - Butz's response
- Butz's appearance
 - Statement
 - Responding to reporter's questions
 - Grain deal
 - New York Times*
 - Kenworth
- Grain issue
 - Philadelphia Inquirer*
 - Story on Butz

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Public relations

- White House staff
 - Strategy on responding to verbal attacks on President
 - John D. Ehrlichman
 - White House position vs George S. McGovern's positions
 - Trend
 - Albert E. Sindlinger poll
 - Louis Harris poll
 - George S. McGovern's potential to drop in polls

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- The President's standing in Sindlinger polls
 - September 9, 1972
 - Gains
- George S. McGovern
 - Staff problem
 - Effect on George S. McGovern's standing
 - Statement on the work ethic (i.e., welfare)
 - Welfare issue
- Welfare issue
 - Issue in campaign
 - Comparison to Vietnam War and William P. Rogers
 - Type of issue
- W. Ramsey Clark as an issue
 - Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]
- Pierre Salinger
- Abram J. Chayes
- People surrounding George S. McGovern
 - Future foreign policy advisors as an issue
- George S. McGovern's standing in Sindlinger poll
 - September 2-4, 1972 gains
 - Positive press coverage
- The President's standing in Sindlinger poll
 - Points
- George S. McGovern's standing in poll
 - Idea of momentum
- Louis Harris conversation
 - George S. McGovern's staff
 - Patrick Caddell pollster for George S. McGovern
 - Telephone calls to Louis Harris on upcoming poll
 - Conversation between Louis Harris and Patrick Caddell
 - Patrick Caddell's reaction
 - Patrick Caddell
 - Polling of big states
 - Results: 30-35% behind
- George S. McGovern's standing in campaign
 - Size of crowds
 - New York Times*, *Washington Post*
 - Articles by James Naughton and Raymond Apple
 - Raymond Apple's article
 - Television coverage on George S. McGovern
 - Dallas, Texas and Rockford, Illinois appearances
- Type of campaign

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- Media
 - Single stops
- Raymond Apple's article
 - Type of campaign
 - Television campaign
- James Naughton's article
 - George S. McGovern's relationship with press
 - New York Times*
 - George S. McGovern's press conference
- Philadelphia paper
 - George S. McGovern's relationship with the press
- Press relationship
 - Pierre Salinger issue
- Type of campaign
 - Defense
- Rowland Evans and Robert D. Novak
 - George S. McGovern's changing message
- The debate
 - George S. McGovern vs the George S. McGovern line
 - Cabinet meeting with Charles W. Colson
 - Rowland Evans and Robert D. Novak
 - Robert Allen
 - Quotes from administration
- Jeno F. Paulucci
 - Telephone call from Hubert H. Humphrey
 - Visit with Hubert H. Humphrey
 - Message to the President from Hubert H. Humphrey
 - John B. Connally
 - Federal pay, Chicanos
 - Feed grain issue
 - Democrats for Nixon
 - Mary Ann Maier, Jack D. Maltester, Louie Welch
 - Future of Democrat party
 - Speeches by Hubert H. Humphrey
 - Speeches for Walter F. Mondale
 - Hubert H. Humphrey's views of George S. McGovern
 - Jeno F. Paulucci's potential embellishment of conversation
 - Hubert H. Humphrey's view of Democrat party situation
- Democrat party
 - Senator Robert J. Dole
 - The present cabinet and campaigning against George S. McGovern
- Campaigning strategy

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- Charles W. Colson's forthcoming meeting with cabinet
 - Chart
 - Possible impact
 - George S. McGovern's campaign
 - Voting results
 - Thomas F. Eagleton
 - Pierre Salinger
 - W. Ramsey Clark
 - Welfare
 - Benefit of attacks
- Michael J. ("Mike") Mansfield
 - Idea of martyrism for George S. McGovern
- George S. McGovern
 - Sympathy vote
 - R. Sargent Shriver
 - Rhetoric about the President
 - Reformed drunk
 - Adolf Hitler
- The previous trip
 - Type of coverage
 - Philadelphia papers
 - Photos
 - The President in front of church
 - Philadelphia paper
 - Milton J. Shapp
 - New York Times*
 - Story
- Coverage
 - Network television
 - September 9, 1972
 - Effects

Olympics

- Possible call from the President to Mark Spitz
 - Spitz's coach
- Invitation to the White House for Spitz
- Spitz's residence
 - California
- Spitz's appearance on television

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- Public image
- Invitation to medal winners to White House
- Bobby Fischer
- Support of the President
- Jewish vote

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1972 Campaign

- Richard M. Scammon's analysis of Gallup poll
 - Louis Harris poll
 - George S. McGovern's position with voters
 - Labor
 - Catholics
 - Support of the President
- George S. McGovern's campaign
 - Fighting within the staff
 - Possible results
- George S. McGovern's campaign
 - Problem with [first name unknown] Thompson
 - Press coverage
 - Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS] coverage
 - Type of coverage
 - Positive for George S. McGovern
 - Lack of impact
- Primary campaign
 - Press coverage
 - Media vs. personal appearances
 - Comparison to the President's campaign
- The President's campaign
 - Importance of personal appearances
 - Results

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- Colson's trip
 - Princeton, New Jersey
 - Weather
 - Colson's son
 - Princeton campus