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Conversation No. 414-1

Date: February 28, 1973
Time: 12:23 pm-2:15 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

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

Governors' meeting

- Kenneth R. Cole, Jr.
- Edmund S. Muskie
- Linwood Holton
- Budget
- Press

President's schedule

- Meetings
- Steven B. Bull
- John D. Ehrlichman
- Meeting with governors

Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]

- James R. Schlesinger
- Politics

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[National Security]

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Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]

- James R. Schlesinger

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- Staffing
 - Numbers in operations
 - Time wasters
 - Retirement policy
 - Age
 - Richard M. Helms
 - Walter Bedell Smith
 - Remove employees
 - Weak employees
 - The President's opinions
 - Research and development
 - Modernization

Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
-Politics

Government reorganization
-[Dr. Edwin H.] Land panel

- Office of Science and Technology [OST]
- Dr. Edward E. David, Jr.
- Elliot L. Richardson
- FIOP [?]

Report for President
-Henry A. Kissinger

The President talked with the White House operator at 12:30 pm.

[Conversation No. 414-1A]

[See Conversation No. 37-7]

[End of telephone conversation]

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Helms

- Cooperation
- CIA reorganization

President's schedule

- Regularity of meetings
 - Weekend vacation
 - Weather
- Cabinet members
 - Bimonthly contact
- Domestic Council
- National Security Council [NSC], Domestic Council
 - Monthly meetings
- Regularity of meetings

The White House operator talked with the President at an unknown time between 12:30 and 12:41 pm.

[Conversation No. 414-1B]

[See Conversation No. 37-8]

[End of telephone conversation]

President's schedule

- Counselors to President
 - Bimonthly meetings
 - John D. Ehrlichman
 - Compared with Cabinet, NSC, Domestic Council
- Press conference
- White House staff
 - Haldeman, George P. Shultz, Ehrlichman
 - Taxes impoundment
 - Weekly frequency

The President talked with Richard M. Helms between 12:41 and 12:43 pm.

[Conversation No. 414-1C]

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[See Conversation No. 37-9]

[End of telephone conversation]

President's schedule

- Ehrlichman
 - White House staff meetings
 - Memorandum
 - Staff meetings with Congress members
 - Hugh Scott
 - Compared with committees

Government reorganization

- Personal
 - Appeals
 - 1972 election
- Camp David meetings
- Scott [?]

President's schedule

- Meetings
 - Cabinet, NSC
 - Shultz's attendance
 - Foreign policy issues
 - Nuclear test ban treaty
 - White House staff
 - Congress members, "outsiders", governors
 - Staff briefings

Bryce N. Harlow, Clark MacGregor, George H. W. Bush

- Meetings with Haldeman
- Congress

President's schedule

- Republican leaders in Congress meetings
 - William E. Timmons
 - Bimonthly compared with monthly

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- Scott, Gerald R. Ford
- Bipartisan leaders in Congress
 - Frequency
 - Trade meetings
 - Unannounced meetings
- Social affairs
 - American Cancer Society [ACS]
- Republican leaders in Congress
 - Pressure
 - Vetoes
 - Republican Congress members
 - Complaints
 - Reports
- Cabinet meeting
- Counselors, staff meetings
 - Ehrlichman's attendance
- Social affairs
 - Worthiness
 - Obligations
 - Ehrlichman's and Haldeman's advice
 - Christmas
 - White House staff
 - Harry S. Truman's funeral
 - Effects on events
 - White House staff functions
 - Congress
 - Evenings at the White House
 - Sammy Davis, Jr.
 - Church services
 - White House dinners
- Meetings with Congress members
- Effects of meetings
- Cabinet members
 - Richardson
- Meeting schedule
 - Staff, Congress members
 - Kissinger
- Telephone calls

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- Cabinet, staff meetings
- Diplomatic credentials
- Meetings with President
 - Congress members
 - Republican leaders
 - Bipartisan leaders
 - Vietnam
 - Budget office
 - Effects
 - MacGregor's and Harlow's opinions
- Thinking time
 - Effect on decision making
- President's schedule compared to other Presidents
 - Dwight D. Eisenhower
 - Lyndon B. Johnson
 - Number of meetings
 - Unscheduled time
 - President's use of Camp David

Congressional relations

- Democrats
 - Supporters of President
 - Vietnam reception attendees
 - Admiration for Presidency
- President's attendance at meetings with Congress members
 - Ehrlichman
 - Energy policy briefing
- Counselors
- Republican committee members
- Electoral politics
 - Meetings with candidates
- President's meetings
 - Republican leaders, bipartisan leaders, Michael J. ("Mike") Mansfield, Carl B. Albert, freshmen, Wilber D. Mills, Russell B. Long
- Chowder and Marching
- Buddy system
 - Agencies, departments, staff
 - Freshmen, loyalists

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- Loyalists
 - Trade issues
 - Protectionalists
 - Jacob K. Javits, Charles H. Percy
 - Meeting
 - Individual compared with group meetings
 - Mills
 - Leadership group
 - Harold R. Collier [?], Marjorie S. Holt
 - Freshmen
 - Jack F. Kemp, Bill Archer, John J. Flynt, Jr. [?], John Y. McCollister, [First name unknown] Dunn [?], Goodloe E. Byron
 - Sophomores
 - Pete V. Domenici, Dewey F. Bartlett, Howard H. Baker, Jr., Alphonzo Bell, William Brock, J. Bennett Johnston, Jr.
 - New Senate Leadership
 - Garry Brown, Jerry L. Pettis, Larry Lynn [?], G. V. ("Sonny") Montgomery, W. S. ("Bill") Stuckey, Jr.
 - Fourth term
 - Old leadership
 - [First name unknown] Barnes [?], John W. Stanton, David E. Satterfield, III
 - Fifth term
 - Meetings with President
 - Trade
 - Leadership
 - Wildcard
 - Bipartisan leaders
 - Timing
 - New leadership
- Gallup poll
 - President's position on amnesty
 - Amnesty poll
 - Budget poll
- [John F.] *Kennedy's Great Mistakes* by Malcolm Smith, Jr.
 - News summary
 - Publishing history

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-Subjects

- Bay of Pigs
- Cuban Missile Crisis
- Public expectations
- President's decision compared with John F. Kennedy
 - Prisoner's of war [POWs]
 - Mistake
 - May 8, 1972 decision, December 1972 bombing
- President's statement on International Conference on Vietnam negotiations
 - Press conference
 - Mining, troop withdrawals
 - Kissinger's recommendations
 - Escalation
 - Ronald L. Ziegler
 - Kennedy
 - Public relations effect
- Kennedy's handling of Berlin, Cuba, and Laos
 - Nikita S. Khrushchev
 - Berlin Wall

President's schedule

- Public relations compared with private deliberation

Rhetoric

- Public reactions
- President compared with Kennedy
 - “Peace with honor” compared to “the status of Berlin is non-negotiable”

Polls

- 1969 month by month
 - Decline
 - Vietnam
 - Asia trip, Apollo moon landing, Vietnam, California hiatus
 - Television [TV], State of the Union, veto, press conference
- 1970 month by month
 - Decline
 - Mid-west tour, State of the World, TV, economy
 - Rise

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- Cambodia, election month rating
- 1971
 - Decline
 - Laos, economy
 - People's Republic of China [PRC] announcement, August economic action
 - Issues not affecting polls
 - 1969
 - Europe trip, Korea airline incident
 - 1970
 - G. Harold Carswell's nomination, Cambodia, Kent State, Walter J. Hickel, press conference, trips, Apollo 13, POW raid, withdrawals
 - Issues affecting polls
 - 1971
 - Vietnam announcement, Europe trip
 - Issues not affecting polls
 - 1971
 - TV, State of the Union, revenue sharing
 - Retreat, protest march
 - Pentagon Papers, PRC announcement
 - New Economic Program, freeze
 - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] announcement
 - Kissinger's trip to Peking
 - Phase II price controls
 - Vietnam peace proposal, Europe trip
- 1972
 - Rise
 - Vietnam, TV, PRC trip
 - Decline
 - International Telephone and Telegraph [ITT]
 - Rise
 - May 8, 1972 decision
 - Decline
 - Watergate, 1972 campaign, Vietnam
- Gallup compared with Haldeman's polls
 - Currency
 - Timing
 - Cease-fire

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POWs

- Public reaction
 - [Arnold] Eric Sevareid
- Press conference or interview with POW [Col. Robinson Risher?]
 - Effect of domestic protests
 - Jane Fonda
 - December 1972 bombing
 - Carter Wall's [?] letter
- Suffering

President's poll ratings

- Public reaction
 - Presidential trips
 - Jacksonville
 - Compared with TV news conference
- President's poll numbers compared with Dwight D. Eisenhower
 - Second term
 - Peak ratings
 - Cycles
- Effects of the economy
 - Salary
 - Budget
 - Cost of living

Recruitment of minorities and ethnics

- Polish-American
- Peter J. Brennan, Charles W. Colson
- Bill Houska [?]
- Winton M. ("Red") Blount
- Willie J. Usery, Jr.

Evaluation of individuals for jobs

- Bob Mosley [?]
- Brennan
 - Appointees
- Shultz
 - Ehrlichman
- Maurice H. Stans, Peter G. Peterson

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President's poll ratings

- Public perceptions of the Presidency
 - Competence, fun
- President's entertainment
 - Tricia Nixon Cox's wedding
 - Edward K. ("Duke") Ellington
 - Effects
- Timing of poll
 - Pentagon Papers
 - Economy
- Lou Harris, Opinion Research Corporation [ORC]
 - Questions
 - Colson
 - Liberal on social policy
- George H. Gallup
 - Support of President's economic policy

President's schedule

- Use of prime time television
- John Ford salute
- California trip
- Baseball game
- POWs

Public perception of the Presidency

- Franklin R. Gannon's study
 - Spiritual, personal, programmatic aspects
 - Balance
- Franklin D. Roosevelt, Dwight D. Eisenhower
- Patrick J. Buchanan

President's personal appeal

- Public events
 - Dinners at the White House
 - Ellington
 - Frances A. ("Frank") Sinatra
 - Italian-American

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- Nelson Ripple [?]
- Orchestra
- Sammy Davis, Jr.
- William V. S. Tubman, Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Accommodations at the White House
- Compared with Sinatra

Hugh Scott
-Public statements

Electoral politics
-Carl T. Curtis
-Poll numbers compared to President
-George H. W. Bush, Robert J. Dole

President's schedule
-Meeting
-Ehrlichman

Haldeman left at 2:15 pm.

Conversation No. 414-2

Date: February 28, 1973
Time: Unknown between 2:15 pm and 3:15 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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The President's schedule

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Conversation No. 414-3 (cont'd)

-Time

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 3:15 pm.

Conversation No. 414-3

Date: February 28, 1973
Time: 3:20 pm-3:28 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Thomas Hart.

Microphone set up for recorded message

The President talked with Stephen B. Bull between 3:20 pm and 3:21 pm.

[Conversation No. 414-3A]

[See Conversation No. 37-11]

[End of telephone conversation]

Birthday greetings for Edward K. Gaylord

Hart left at 3:28 pm.

Conversation No. 414-4

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Conversation No. 414-4 (cont'd)

Time: 3:30 pm-3:43 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule

-National Governors Conference attendees' dinner

-Toast

-Linwood Holton

-Republican chair

-Rank

-Seating arrangements for Governors' dinner

-Mr. and Mrs. Holton, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Mandel, Thelma C. ("Pat")

Nixon, Nelson A. Rockefeller, Christopher S. Bond, Winfred Dunn, John C. West, Daniel J. Evans, John A. Love, Reubin O. Askew

-Signature

-Meeting with John D. Ehrlichman, H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman, George P. Shultz,

Roy L. Ash

Bull left at 3:43 pm.

Conversation No. 414-5

Date: February 28, 1973

Time: Unknown between 3:43 pm and 4:22 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person.

Analysis

-Statistics

Conversation No. 414-6

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Date: February 28, 1973
Time: Unknown between 3:43 pm and 4:22 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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Arrangements
-Desk

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 4:22 pm.

Conversation No. 414-7

Date: February 28, 1973
Time: Unknown between 3:43 pm and 4:22 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown man [Stephen B. Bull?].

Schedule [?]
-Approval of something [Bull?]

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 4:22 pm.

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Conversation No. 414-8

Date: March 2, 1973
Time: Unknown between 8:02 am and 9:24 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 37-26]

Conversation No. 414-9

Date: March 2, 1973
Time: Between 9:24 am and 9:27 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Patrick J. Buchanan.

[See Conversation No. 37-27]

Conversation No. 414-10

Date: March 2, 1973
Time: Unknown between 9:24 am and 9:27 am
Location: Executive Office Building

An unknown person talked with the President.

Schedule

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Conversation No. 414-12 (cont'd)

Conversation No. 414-11

Date: March 2, 1973
Time: Unknown between 9:27 am and 9:31 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 37-28]

Conversation No. 414-12

Date: March 2, 1973
Time: Between 9:31 am and 9:38 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Kenneth R. Cole, Jr.

[See Conversation No. 37-29]

Conversation No. 414-13

Date: March 2, 1973
Time: 9:40 am-10:25 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

International Conference on Vietnam
-Congressional delegation
-Kissinger's recommendations
-William P. Rogers
-Gerald R. Ford, Hugh Scott

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- President's statement
 - International recognition
- Negotiations
 - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR], People's Republic of China
- [PRC], Hanoi
 - Prearranged documents
 - Morning, afternoon sessions
 - Paris
 - State Department briefings
- Cease-fire agreement
 - Breach
 - Signatory's response
 - Reconvention of conference
 - Compared with Geneva Conventions, United Nations [UN]
 - US response
 - “De-Americanize the peace”
- Viet Cong
- News summary
 - Prisoners of war [POWs] release
 - North Vietnam compared to South Vietnam
 - Timing
 - President's statement
- Leaks
 - Malcolm Smith's book on John F. Kennedy
- Kissinger
 - White House dinner
 - Farewell party
 - Roger Macon
 - Mrs. Roger Macon
 - Dwight Davis
 - Davis Cup
 - Frank [Marquis?] Childs
 - Editor of *Sunday Times*
 - Opinions of President
 - Conversation with Hugh S. Sidey
 - Article about President

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-Personality compared to John F. Kennedy

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 9:40 am.

Food

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 10:25 am.

- President's foreign policy
 - Humaneness
 - National self-determination [?]
 - Support

The President

- Joseph C. Kraft
 - Comparison of President to George S. McGovern
 - President's progressive policies
 - Domestic politics
 - Radicals as status quo
 - McGovern supporters
 - Voter participation
 - Shopkeepers

World trends

- John M. ("Jack") Lynch
 - Election
 - Left politics
- 1972 election in US
- US foreign policy
 - Communist states
 - Respectability
- Willy Brandt
 - Election victory
 - Disaster for US
 - US role
 - Statements
- Ostpolitik
 - President's opposition

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- 1969 election
 - Party politics
 - Results
 - Parliament

Vietnam negotiations

- Cease-fire violations
 - President's statement
- Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam
 - Kissinger's assessment
- Joint Economic Commission [?]

Ronald L. Ziegler entered at an unknown time after 9:40 am.

Preparation for press briefing

Monetary information

L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III [?]

Ziegler's press briefing

- Rowland Evans-Robert D. Novak column
 - Office of Economic Opportunity
 - [First name unknown] Phillips
 - Staff
- John B. Connally switching parties

International Conference on Vietnam

- Agreement
- Paris
- Signature
 - Timing
- President's press conference

POWs' release

- Press reports

Length of President's upcoming press conference

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-Frank Cormier

Ziegler left at an unknown time before 10:25 am.

Preparation for press conference

- POWs' release
- Sudan
 - Blackmail
 - Retrieving hostages
- Middle East
 - Arms sales
 - Airplanes
 - Israel
 - Balance of power
 - Press statement
 - Peace
 - John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson
- Golda Meir
 - Political ability
 - Age
 - Reelection
- Moshe Dayan
 - Election
 - Compared with Adm. Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr.
 - President's preference
 - Yitzak Rabin

Social function attended by President

- Jews [?]
- R. Sargent Shriver [?], [First name unknown] Fischer
- Jewelry
 - Value
- President's dinner conversation with Alice Walker [?], Irving Kristol, William F. ("Billy") Graham
 - Meeting with Meir
 - Policy
 - Joseph W. Alsop

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Versailles Treaty

- Retribution compared to reconciliation
- Balance of power
 - Germany, Russia, Austro-Hungarian Empire
 - German rearmament
 - Balkanization
 - Russian Revolution
 - Britain's withdrawal
 - France
 - Maginot Line
 - US neutrality
 - Kellogg-Briand Pact

Preparation for press conference

- Vietnam negotiations
 - POWs' release
 - Contingencies

Van Cliburn

- Performance March 1, 1973
 - Frederic Chopin
- USSR visit

President's, Kissinger's visit to Israel [?], Cairo

- Reception in Israel

Middle East peace negotiations

- Egypt
 - General principles

Lynch

- Irish elections

French elections

- Run-off election
 - Communist Party compared to Gaulist, Socialist parties

Ambassadorial appointments

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- Rogers [?]
- Kissinger's conversation with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
 - Ambassador to Israel
 - Kenneth B. Keating's appointment
 - President's viewpoint
- Exception
- John Sherman Cooper
 - Impairments
 - Ceremonial country
- Robert J. McCloskey
 - Mrs. Yitzhak Rabin
- John S. D. Eisenhower
 - Book
 - Compared with McCloskey and Keating

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[Privacy]
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- Ambassadorial appointments
 - John S. D. Eisenhower
 - Problem

- Ambassadorial appointments
 - Israel
 - Tolerance
 - Pakistan

Kissinger left at 10:25 am.

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Date: March 2, 1973
Time: Unknown between 10:25 am and 11:00 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger.

Prisoners of war [POWs] release
-Vietcong
-Timing

Conversation No. 414-15

Date: March 2, 1973
Time: Unknown between 10:25 am and 11:00 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown man.

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Refreshments
-Tea

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 11:00 am.