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Conversation No. 423-13 (cont'd)

Conversation No. 423-14

Date: March 27, 1973
Time: Unknown between 10:58 am and 11:07 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President [?] met with unknown people.

Inquiry
-Gratitude

The unknown people left at an unknown time before 11:07 am.

Conversation No. 423-1

Date: March 27, 1973
Time: Unknown between 10:58 am and 11:07 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person.

Request for call from John D. Ehrlichman [?]

Conversation No. 423-2

Date: March 27, 1973
Time: 11:07 am - 11:08 am
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with John D. Ehrlichman.

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Conversation No. 423-13 (cont'd)

[See Conversation No. 44-18]

Conversation No. 423-3

Date: March 27, 1973

Time: 11:00 am - 1:30 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with John D. Ehrlichman.

Wounded Knee

- Incident status
- Plan for resolution
 - Kenneth R. Cole Jr.'s working group
 - Justice Department
 - Interior Department
- US Marshall
 - Wounds
 - Chances of survival
- Deterioration of situation
 - Indians, Blacks
 - Massive show of force
- Military action
 - Use of army
 - Fears
 - Estimate of losses
 - Public relations [PR] problems
 - Government explanation
 - Preparations
 - US Marshall
 - Wounding
 - Publicity
 - Sniping -Dale K. ("Kent") Frizzell
 - Assistant Attorney General
 - Interior Department
 - US Marshall

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- Viciousness
- Meeting with Indians
 - Frizzell
- Handling of situation
 - White House staff involvement
 - Handling of PR
 - Advantages
 - Long-run disadvantages
 - Display of action
 - Ehrlichman's role
 - Leonard Garment
 - Talks with Indians
 - Ultimatum to Indians
 - PR foundation
 - Comparison with action on food prices
 - Need for action
 - Risk of deaths
 - Indians, soldiers
 - Possible future armed occupations
 - Blacks, Chicanos

Price controls

- George P. Shultz's support
 - Talks with Labor Management Advisory Board
- Merits
 - Labor demands
 - Shultz
- Plan
 - Formulation
 - Guidelines
 - 90-day price freeze
 - Food
- President's statement
 - Press coverage
 - Vietnam report
 - International monetary situation
 - Phase III

President's accomplishments

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- Perception of failure
 - Budget
 - Congress
 - Vietnam
 - November 3, 1969 speech
 - Laos
 - India-Pakistan War
 - Newsweek, Time*
- Press relations
 - Nicholas P. Thimmesch
- Watergate

Press relations

- Vietnam
 - President's conversation with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
 - Ronald L. Ziegler
 - Press briefings
 - Prisoners of war [POWs]
 - Release
 - People's Republic of China [PRC]
- President's actions
- Television [TV] news commentary
 - Walter L. Cronkite, Jr.
 - Laos
 - Release of POWs
 - Troop withdrawal

Domestic issues

- President's vetoes
 - Sustaining in Congress
 - Vote count
 - House of Representatives
 - Republican votes
 - Democrats
 - Cal B. Albert
 - Senate action
 - House of Representatives
 - President's speech
- Shultz

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- Budget issues
 - Need for restraint
 - Support for Congress by public
 - Taxes
 - Prices
- Energy message from President
 - Arrangements
 - California
 - Fanfare
 - Briefings
 - Congress
 - Press
 - Trade message
 - Tax message
 - TV coverage
 - Charles J. DiBona
 - Work quality
- Tax issue
 - Shultz's testimony
 - Alternative minimum tax
- Trade bill
 - Jobs
 - Congress
 - Publicity
 - Statements
- Tax issue
 - President's announcement
 - Congress
 - Press coverage
 - Shultz's testimony
- Trade bill
 - Congress
 - White House domination of news
- Past tough battles

[A transcript of this conversation appears in RG 460, Box 175, p. 1-84.]

Ronald L. Ziegler entered at 11:30 am.

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Sally Inge Buikema entered at an unknown time after 11:30 am.

- Sally Buikema's marriage
 - Manolo Sanchez's comment
 - Fina Sanchez
 - Husband
 - David Buikema
 - Sharp Electronics
 - Residence
 - Delay

Mrs. Buikema left at an unknown time before 11:35 am.

[Transcribed portion continues.]

Henry A. Kissinger entered at 11:35 am.

[Transcribed portion ends.]

- President's meeting with Corinne Boggs
 - Photograph

Ziegler left at 11:40 am.

- Ziegler
 - Quality of work
 - Kissinger

[Transcribed portion continues.]

[Transcribed portion ends.]

- Pierre E. Trudeau
 - Call to President
 - Canada's withdrawal from International Commission on Control and Security [ICCS]
 - Announcement of postponement

[Transcribed portion continues.]

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Stephen B. Bull left.

[Transcribed portion ends.]

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[National Security]

[423-003-w002]

[Duration: 4m 49s]

Prime Minister Pierre E. Trudeau talked with the President between 12:05 pm and 12:10 pm.

[See Conversation No. 044-019]

[End of telephone conversation.]

[This portion of the conversation was transcribed and entered as part of government exhibit 17 in U.S. v. Mitchell, et al., pp. 00313-00317].

[End transcribed portion.]

President's speech

-Draft

-Release

-Veto

-Wage and price controls

-George P. Shultz

-Meeting with President

-Trade

-Budget

-Amount of discussion

-Poor

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- Cost of living
- President's schedule
- Preparation

Rogers C. B. Morton
-Meeting with Ehrlichman

[Transcribed portion continues.]

[Transcribed portion ends.]

Stephen B. Bull entered at 1:16 pm.

Vocational Rehabilitation Bill
-President's statement

Bull left at 1:17 pm.

Budget issue

- President's action
 - Credit with public
 - President's speech
- Bureaucrats
- Congressional relations
 - Conflict over priorities
 - Defense spending

[Transcribed portion continues.]

[Transcribed portion ends.]

Watergate

- Medals
 - Purple heart
- Rogers
 - Consultation with Henry A. Kissinger

Ehrlichman and Haldeman left at 1:30 pm.

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Conversation No. 423-4

Date: March 27, 1973
Time: 1:31 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See also Conversation 44-24]

Conversation No. 423-5

Date: March 27, 1973
Time: 1:31 pm - 1:32 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Tricia Nixon Cox.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[*Previous PRMPA Personal Returnable (G) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift 07/30/2019.
Segment will remain closed.*]

[Personal Returnable]

[423-005-w001]

[Duration: 7s]

[See Conversation No. 044-025]

[End of telephone conversation.]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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Conversation No. 423-6

Date: March 27, 1973
Time: Unknown between 1:32 pm and 2:57 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

[Previous PRMPA Personal Returnable (G) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift during chronological review 2007-2013]

Refreshment

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:57 pm..

Conversation No. 423-7

Date: March 27, 1973
Time: Unknown between 1:32 pm and 2:57 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President dictated a memorandum for the file.

[Previous PRMPA Personal Returnable (G) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift during chronological review 2007-2013]

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Dictation

- Executive Office Building [EOB]
- Time of day

Conversation No. 423-8

Date: March 27, 1973
 Time: Unknown between 1:32 pm and 2:57 pm
 Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

[Previous PRMPA Personal Returnable (G) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift during chronological review 2007-2013]

Items for private file

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:57 pm.

Conversation No. 423-9

Date: March 27, 1973
 Time: Unknown between 3:18 pm and 3:27 pm
 Location: Executive Office Building

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The President talked with an unknown person.

President's schedule

Conversation No. 423-10

Date: March 27, 1973

Time: Unknown between 3:18 pm and 3:27 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

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

President's meeting with William P. Rogers
-Telephone call

Haldeman left at an unknown time before 3:27 pm..

Conversation No. 423-11

Date: March 27, 1973

Time: Unknown between 3:27 pm and 4:16 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with William P. Rogers.

Weather

Work preferences

-Writing

-Seating

-Speech writing

-Preliminary drafts

President's public statement

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-Food prices

National defense

- Rogers's speech draft
 - Press conference
- Post-Vietnam era
 - Resistance
 - Sabotage
 - Dealings with Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
- Rogers's speech
 - Reduction of forces
 - President's accomplishments
- Reduction of arms
 - Danger of war

Watergate

- Handling
 - Pressures
- Ramifications
- Charges of cover-up
- White House staff
 - Haldeman, Ehrlichman, John W. Dean, III
 - Need to clear up charges
 - Possible damage
- Resolution of problem
- Campaign intelligence
 - Legitimate activities
 - Illegal activities
 - Adverse publicity
 - Donald H. Segretti case
 - Haldeman, Dwight L. Chapin
- Public perceptions
- Protection of President
- Liability
 - Obstruction of justice
- Criminal acts
 - Scope
 - Cover-up
- Resolution

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- Independent commission
 - Courts
 - Deficiencies
 - Delays
 - Uniqueness
 - Structure and establishment
 - Rogers's role
 - Ehrlichman
 - Dean
 - Haldeman
 - Richard G. Kleindienst
 - J. Edgar Hoover [?]
- Strategy
 - John J. Sirica
 - Full disclosure of evidence and testimony
 - Special Grand Jury
 - Special prosecutor
 - Waiver of executive prosecutor
- Dean
 - Testimony
 - Guidelines
 - Investigation
 - Release
 - Scope
 - Confidentiality
 - Knowledge of Watergate
- Ervin Committee
 - Attacks on character
 - Availability of raw files from Justice Department
 - Congressional committees
 - Alger Hiss case
 - "5-percenter" case
 - Gen. [first name unknown] Myers
 - John [last name unknown]
- Hiss case
 - Obstacles
 - Editorials
 - Statute of limitations
 - Perjury charges

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- Justice Department's reluctance to prosecute
- Criminal complaints
 - Court hearings
 - Congressional committees
- Ervin Committee
 - Motives of Ervin
 - Cooperation of White House
 - Delays in hearings
- Grand jury
 - Informal hearings
 - Negotiations
- Public perceptions
 - Presidential cover-up
 - Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]
 - Attorney General
 - Respect of Grand Jury
- Ervin Committee
 - Secret testimony
- White House staff
 - John N. Mitchell
 - President's talks with Haldeman, Ehrlichman and Charles W. Colson during election
- Mention of Watergate
- Surprise at break-in
 - Haldeman
 - Ehrlichman
- Break-in
 - Reasons
 - Mitchell
 - G. Gordon Liddy
 - Intelligence
 - Discussion
 - Dean's opposition
 - Implementation
 - Instigator
 - Jeb Stuart Magruder
 - Pressure from White House
 - Mitchell
 - Democratic National Committee [DNC]

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- Mitchell
 - Role in break-in
 - Perjury
- Aftermath
 - Clemency promises
 - Colson
 - Financial help for burglars
 - Cover-up
 - Avoidance
- Grand jury
- Sirica
- Special panel
- Executive session
- Strategy
 - Full disclosure
 - James W. McCord Jr.'s statement
 - Charges
 - Delay
- McCord
 - Charges
- Executive privilege use
 - Criminal charges
- Kleindienst
 - Knowledge of Watergate
- Sirica
 - Harshness of sentences
 - Liddy
 - Purpose
 - Party affiliation
 - Contact with Rogers
- Ehrlichman
- Vietnam
- Charges
- McCord's statement
- Special prosecutor
 - Kleindienst's view
 - Kleindienst's cooperation
 - Cooperation of White House

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Public relations

- Ehrlichman's advice
 - Wounded Knee
 - Use of troops
 - President on television [TV]
- Vietnam settlement
- Distractions
- Underestimation of President
- Vietnam in November 1969
- 1970 Cambodia
- India-Pakistan War of 1971
- May 8, 1972 decision in Vietnam

Economy

- Food prices
- George P. Shultz
 - Inflation rates
 - Great Britain
 - France
 - Germany
 - Japan
- Vietnam settlement
 - The President's conversation with Pierre E. Trudeau, March 27, 1973

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[National Security]

[423-011-w002]

[Duration: 57s]

Economy

- Vietnam settlement
 - The President's conversation with Pierre E. Trudeau, March 27, 1973
 - The President's opinion
 - Negotiations
 - People's Republic of China [PRC]

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- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
- Democratic Republic of Vietnam [DRV]
- South Vietnam
- Potential outcome

Vietnam War

- Press coverage
 - President's troubles
 - President's unreasonableness

Public relations [PR]

- Economy
- Foreign policy
- Budget
- President's vetoes
- Support in Congress
- Ehrlichman
- President's public appearances
 - Use of TV

Watergate

- Obsession of Washington, DC
- Attitude of rest of nation
- Administration's stance
 - Full disclosure
 - Ronald L. Ziegler
- Grand jury
 - Judge
- Administration's stance
 - Full disclosure
 - Sirica
 - Kleindienst
 - FBI
 - White House staff
 - Use of special prosecutor
- Sirica
 - Harshness of sentences

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- Grand jury
 - Ervin Committee hearings
 - Sherman Adams
 - Dean
 - Criminal charges
- Compared with Lyndon B. Johnson

Robert D. ("Bobby") Baker

- Sherman Adams
 - Impact on Dwight D. Eisenhower's health
 - President's role in resignation
 - Spiro T. Agnew
 - Adams' behavior
 - Eisenhower's reaction
 - Role in White House
 - Ehrlichman
 - Haldeman
 - Henry A. Kissinger [?]
 - Dwight L. Chapin
 - Dean
- Special panel
 - President's opposition
 - Ehrlichman's support
 - Republicans

Rogers left at 4:16 pm.

Conversation No. 423-12

Date: March 27, 1973

Time: Unknown between 4:16 pm and 4:20 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with unknown person.

Instruction [?]

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Conversation No. 423-13

Date: March 27, 1973
Time: 4:20 pm – 5:20 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

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

Weather

Watergate

- Richard G. Kleindienst
 - Meeting with John D. Ehrlichman
 - Postponement
- John W. Dean, III
- John N. Mitchell
 - Talk with Haldeman
 - Lawrence F. O'Brien
 - Jeb Stuart Magruder's testimony
 - Talked with Dean
 - Dean's testimony before grand jury
 - Appearance before grand jury
- John J. Sirica
 - Call
 - William P. Rogers
 - Dean
- Independent commission
 - Advantages
 - Problem
 - Exaggeration of case
 - President's discussion with Rogers
 - Ehrlichman
- Importance of case
 - Other stories
 - Ronald L. Ziegler
 - Prisoners of war [POWs] release
 - News reports

POWs

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-Patriotism

Watergate

- Rogers's advice
 - Ehrlichman
 - Statement by President
 - Value
 - Washington Post*
- Public statement by President
 - Impact
- Lyndon B. Johnson
 - Walter Jenkins
 - Homosexuality
 - Robert D. ("Bobby") Baker
 - Abe Fortas
- Sirica
- Independent commission
 - Mitchell's opinion
 - Dean appearance before grand jury
- Dean
 - Testimony to grand jury
- Magruder's testimony
- Ehrlichman
 - Dealings with L. Patrick Gray, III

Ehrlichman

- Vacation
- Return to Washington

Haldeman talked with Dean at an unknown time between 4:20 pm and 4:57 pm.

[Conversation No. 423-13A.]

[See Conversation No. 44-27]

[End of telephone conversation]

Watergate

- Grand jury

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- Dean's plans
 - Written statements
- Report from Henry E. Peterson
- Mitchell
 - Call from F. Lee Bailey
 - Representation of James W. McCord, Jr.
 - Bernard Fensterwald
 - Meeting with McCord and Sirica
 - Gerald Alch
 - President as target of case
- Fensterwald
 - Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy
 - Senator Committee
 - Russell B. Long
- McCord
 - Naming of White House staff in Watergate
 - Magruder and Dean
 - Revelations
 - Disclosure
 - Investigation of Kennedy
 - Involvement
- Kennedy
 - Investigation
- Magruder
 - Legitimate intelligence activities
 - Washington Post* stories
- Dramatic steps by President
 - Necessity
 - Dean's advice
 - Ehrlichman's advice
- McCord
- Howard H. Baker, Jr.
 - Criticism of Commission counsel's conduct
 - News reports
- Fensterwald
- McCord
 - Source of funds
- Mitchell
 - Magruder

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- Independence commission
 - Rogers's opposition
- President's public statement
 - Comments on Mitchell
 - Charles W. Colson's advice
 - Executive privilege
- Executive privilege
 - Uses
 - Pre-June 17, 1972
 - Testimony to Congress
 - Criminal case
 - Justice Department's jurisdiction
 - Mitchell's interpretation
- Kleindienst
 - Call to Sirica
 - Special counsel
 - Sirica's plans
 - Cooperation of White House staff

The President talked with Julie Nixon Eisenhower between 4:57 pm and 4:58 pm.

[Conversation No. 423-13-B]

[See Conversation No. 44-28]

[End of telephone conversation]

Watergate

- White House staff
 - Cooperation with courts
- Clemency
 - President's opposition
- Dean's investigation
- Ziegler's statement
 - Grand jury appearances
 - Sirica's agreement
- Ervin Committee
 - William P. Rogers
 - Jurisdiction over criminal cases

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- Colson
 - Advice on issue
- Ervin Committee
 - Need to neutralize

Haldeman talked with Colson at an unknown time between 4:48 pm and 5:20 pm.

[Conversation No. 423-13C]

[See Conversation No. 44-30]

[End of telephone conversation]

Watergate

- Special prosecutor
 - Colson's opposition
- James W. McCord Jr.'s charges
 - Substance
 - Administration overreaction

Haldeman talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 4:57 pm and 5:20 pm.

[Conversation No. 423-13D]

Haldeman's schedule

[End of telephone conversation]

Watergate

- White House
 - Cooperation with investigators
 - Compared with Warren Commission
- Colson
- Mitchell
- Dean
 - Role in Watergate
 - Comment about McCord
 - Implication of Mitchell, Magruder

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- Magruder
 - Former White House job
 - Herbert G. Klein
- Colson
- Mitchell

The tape ends before the convulsion of the conversation. The conversation is continued in Conversation No. 424-1. A portion of the conversation was not recorded while the tape was being changed.