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**Tape Subject Log**  
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Conversation No. 424-32 (cont'd)

Conversation No. 424-1

Date: March 27, 1973

Time: Unknown between 4:58 pm and 5:20 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman. This conversation continues Conversation No. 423-13. A portion of the conversation was not recorded while the tape was being changed.

Watergate

- Charge of perjury
- Statement for public
  - Candor
  - Acceptance of responsibility
- Charges of perjury
- Judge John Sirica
  - Sentences for Cubans
- Independent panel
  - Warren Commission precedent
  - Danger of exaggeration of case
    - William P. Rogers
- Executive privilege
  - Use against Senate
  - President's statement
    - Value
      - Reception by press
- Charles W. Colson [?]
- John W Dean, III

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 4:58 pm.

Haldeman's next meeting with President

Sanchez left at 5:20 pm.

Haldeman's schedule

Haldeman left at an unknown time before 5:20 pm.

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Conversation No. 424-2

Date: March 27, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 5:20 pm and 5:22 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 44-31]

Conversation No. 424-3

Date: March 27, 1973  
Time: 5:22 pm and 5:34 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Ronald L. Ziegler.

[See Conversation No. 44-32]

Conversation No. 424-4

Date: March 27, 1973  
Time: 5:34 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 44-33]

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Conversation No. 424-5

Date: March 27, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 5:34 and 5:46 p.m.  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President dictated a memorandum for the file.

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[Previous PRMPA Personal Returnable (G) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift during  
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Watergate

- Difficulty
- Meeting with William P. Rogers
  - Rogers's opinion of independent commission
  - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman's suggestion
  - Comparison to Lyndon B. Johnson
    - Walter Jenkins
    - Robert D. ("Bobby") Baker
  - President's television [TV] appearance
  - Value
- Special prosecutor
  - White House cooperation
- Grand jury
  - John N. Mitchell, Jeb Stuart Magruder, John D. Ehrlichman
  - Charles W. Colson [?]
  - Haldeman [?]
- TV
- F. Lee Bailey

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Conversation No. 424-6

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Date: March 27, 1973  
Time: 5:46 pm - 5:56 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger.

[See Conversation No. 44-34]

Conversation No. 424-7

Date: March 27, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 5:56 pm and 6:03 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person.

President's acknowledgement

Conversation No. 424-8

Date: March 27, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 5:56 pm and 6:03 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

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Vietnam settlement

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- President's conversations with Ronald L. Ziegler and Henry A. Kissinger
- Cambodia            -Cease-fire agreement
- Press relations

Soviet Union-US visit

- Scheduling
- Arrangements
- Problem
- Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]

Vietnam settlement

- Irrational behavior
- Nguyen Van Thieu [?]
- Bombing [?]
- Cease-fire agreement
- Cooperation of all parties

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Conversation No. 424-9

Date: March 27, 1973  
Time: 6:03 pm - 6:05 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

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

Haldeman's arrival

The President talked with John D. Ehrlichman.

[See also Conversation No. 44-35]

Haldeman [?] left at an unknown time before 6:05 pm.

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Conversation No. 424-10

Date: March 27, 1973  
Time: 6:05 pm – 7:10 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

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

Watergate

- Haldeman's conversation with Charles W. Colson?
  - Obstruction of justice and conspiracy charges
- Independent panel
  - Problems
    - Warren Commission
- Special prosecutor
  - Problem
    - No limit on authority
- Grand Jury
  - Danger of losing control
  - Problem
    - Culpability of White House staff
    - E. Howard Hunt, Jr.
- Advisor for President
  - Trial and criminal law experience
- Overreaction
  - Richard G. Kleindienst's meeting with John J. Sirica
  - Signal to Sirica
  - Trial lawyer's advice
- Criminal lawyer
  - Advice
    - William P. Rogers
- Sirica
- President's conversation with Ronald L. Ziegler
  - James W. McCord, Jr.
  - Colson
- Hunt's statement
  - Ziegler's understanding
- Cover-up
  - Charges

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- Hearsay
- Grand Jury
  - John W. Dean, III's testimony
    - McCord's allegations
    - Cooperation with judiciary
    - Limitations
    - Haldeman
      - Answers to Grand Jury
    - Executive privilege
    - Guidelines
- Colson
  - Effect of Watergate
- Dean
  - Effect of Watergate
  - Involvement
    - Firing
    - Disbarment
- Colson's involvement
- Jeb Stuart Magruder
  - Meeting with Dean
  - Perjury
    - Conspiracy charges against Dean
    - Funds for lawyers' fees
- Colson
  - Involvement in Watergate
  - Advice
    - Retention of criminal lawyer for White House
- Legal advisor
- Colson
  - Damage to presidency
    - Danger of extent of damage
  - John D. Ehrlichman, Dean
  - Watergate
    - Extent of damage to presidency
  - Conversation with Hunt
- Clemency question
  - Previous discussion
    - Time
- Hunt
  - Dorothy Hunt

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- Family
- President's handling of issue
  - Influence of election
  - Ehrlichman
  - Involvement with other activities
- President's handling
  - Past mistakes
- Independent panel
  - Rogers's advice
- John N. Mitchell
  - Involvement with Watergate
- Resolution of issue
  - Administrative strategy
  - Colson's advice
    - Potential problems
    - Hunt, Sirica
- Dean
  - Testimony
- Colson
  - Assessment of damage of cover-up
- Options for President
- Independent panel
- Special counsel
  - Benefits
  - Problems
- Full disclosure
  - Problems
- Court cases
- Colson
  - Statement for Ziegler
    - Executive privilege
    - Possible waiver
- White House staff
  - Cooperation with grand jury, Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]
    - Statement for Ziegler
    - Colson's advice
  - Criminal charges
  - Cooperation with Grand Jury
    - Extent
    - Statement for Ziegler



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- Drafting
- Executive privilege
  - Application with grand jury, Congress
  - Criminal conduct
- Colson's advice on statement for Ziegler
  - Cooperation with grand jury
  - Separation of powers
  - Criminal charges
    - Form of investigation
    - Senate hearing
- Sirica
  - Dealings with Kleindienst
  - Appointment to bench
    - Rogers's action as Attorney General during Dwight D. Eisenhower
- Administration
  - Cover-up charges
    - Involvement of White House staff
      - Haldeman, Dean, Ehrlichman
      - Gordon C. Strachan
      - Mitchell
      - Robert C. Mardian, Frederick C. LaRue
      - Kenneth W. Parkinson, Paul L. O'Brien
      - Dean
      - Haldeman
        - Extent
      - Colson
      - Ehrlichman
      - Colson
        - Clemency and funds for defendants
        - Extent
  - Perjury charges
    - Magruder
    - Strachan
  - Cover-up charges
    - Comparison to original crime
    - Full disclosure
      - Advantages compared to problems
        - Ehrlichman
        - Colson
- Issue

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- Danger of perspective
- Election campaign
  - Effect on Watergate issue handling
- Colson
  - Promise of clemency
- Clemency
  - Sirica's use of sentencing
- Independent panel
  - President's opposition
  - Dangers
    - Colson's opposition to panel
- Sherman Adams case
  - Eisenhower administration
- White House staff
  - Firing of everyone
    - Possible prison terms
    - Executive privilege
  - Colson
  - Dean
    - Level of involvement
    - Danger of firing
      - Further disclosures
- Hearsay nature of evidence
- Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy
  - Surveillance
    - Legitimacy
    - Personal life
    - Disclosures
- L. Patrick Gray, III

Haldeman talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 6:05 pm and 7:10 pm.

[Conversation No. 424-10-A]

Gray

- Information

The President talked with the unknown person at an unknown time between 6:05 and 7:10 p.m.

Watergate

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[End of telephone conversation]

Watergate

- Donald H. Segretti
  - Investigation by Kennedy
  - Senate Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Activities
    - Lowell P. Weicker Jr.'s subpoena
  - Activities
    - Direction
    - Haldeman's knowledge
      - Authorization of money
    - Purpose
    - Public defense of Haldeman's role
- Ervin Committee
  - Weicker
    - Confrontation with Haldeman
    - Money for campaign
      - Cash contribution
      - Investigation
  - Executive privilege
  - Limits of investigation
- White House strategy
- Press
  - Interest
    - Ability to sustain
    - Washington Post*
    - Editorials
- President's interest in Watergate
  - Need for diversion
- Special counsel
  - Problems
- Colson
  - 1972 campaign
    - Discussions with President
    - President's use of time

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[Previous National Security (B) withdrawal reviewed under MDR guidelines case number LPRN-T-MDR-2014-019. Segment declassified on 09/12/2018. Archivist: DR]

[National Security]

[424-010-w001]

[Duration: 13s]

Vietnam

- Laos
- Interstate Commerce Commission [ICC]
- The President's telephone call to Pierre E. Trudeau

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The President's meeting with George P. Shultz

Watergate

- Dealing with case
- Special counsel
  - Benefits
  - Nature of advice
    - Value
    - Legal ramifications of actions
  - Recruitment
    - Reputation
    - Henry E. Peterson
  - Criminal lawyer as advisor to White House
  - Consultation with President
  - Dealings with White House staff
- Weicker's campaign finances
  - Ervin Committee
  - A list
  - Campaign financing
    - Murray M. Chotiner-Colson's advice
- Public disclosures
- Internal Revenue Service [IRS]
- Special counsel
  - Petersen and Kleindienst
- Statement by Ziegler
  - McCord

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- Ervin Committee
  - Areas of investigation
- Campaign funds
  - Haldeman's defense
- Dean
  - Defense against charges
- Money to Committee to Re-elect the President [CRP]
- Weicker

Haldeman left at 7:10 pm.

Conversation No. 424-34

Date: March 27, 1973  
 Time: Unknown between 7:10 pm and 8:56 pm  
 Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

Instruction [?]

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 8:56 pm.

Conversation No. 424-11

Date: March 27, 1973  
 Time: Unknown between 7:10 pm and 8:56 pm  
 Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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Equipment  
-Malfunction  
-Hook-up

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Sanchez left at an unknown time before 8:56 pm.

Conversation No. 424-12

Date: March 27, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 7:10 pm and 8:56 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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Cigars

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Sanchez left at an unknown time before 8:56 pm.

Conversation No. 424-13

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Date: March 27, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 7:10 pm and 8:56 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President dictated a memorandum for the file.

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Watergate

- President's meeting with H. R. "Bob" Haldeman
- Charles W. Colson
  - Opposition to independent commission
  - Special prosecutor
  - White House staff
  - Colson's involvement
  - Ronald L. Ziegler's statement on grand jury cooperation
  - Testimony
  - Independent commission
  - William P. Rogers's reaction
- Ervin Committee [?]
  - Subject of investigation
- Lowell P. Weicker, Jr.
  - Donald H. Segretti
  - Campaign contributions [?]
- President's statement
  - Appearance

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Conversation No. 424-35

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Conversation No. 424-32 (cont'd)

Time: Unknown between 7:10 pm and 8:56 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown man.

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chronological review 2007-2013]*

Operation of equipment [?]

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The unknown man left at an unknown time before 8:56 pm.

Conversation No. 424-14

Date: March 29, 1973  
Time: 8:55 am - 8:56 am  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule  
-Meeting with George P. Shultz

News summary distribution

Material for President

President's schedule  
-Free time

Bull left at 8:56 am.



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Conversation No. 424-32 (cont'd)

Date: March 29, 1973  
Time: 9:00 am  
Location: Executive Office Building

Conversation No. 424-15

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See also Conversation No. 44-63]

Date: March 29, 1973  
Time: 9:00 am  
Location: Executive Office Building

Conversation No. 424-16

The White House operator talked with the President.

[See also Conversation No. 44-64]

Date: March 29, 1973  
Time: 9:06 am  
Location: Executive Office Building

Conversation No. 424-17

The President talked with Stephen B. Bull.

[See also Conversation No. 44-65]

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Conversation No. 424-32 (cont'd)

Conversation No. 424-18

Date: March 29, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 9:08 am and 9:20 am  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.  
President's meeting with George P. Shultz

Manolo Sanchez's schedule

Stephen Bull left at an unknown time before 9:20 am.

Conversation No. 424-19

Date: March 29, 1973  
Time: 9:20 am -9:33 am  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with George P. Shultz.

Price controls  
-Freeze  
-Implementation  
-Base date  
-Statement  
-Prices  
-Rollback  
-Phase I  
-1972 attempts  
-Demands by George Meany

President's address  
-Tariffs  
-Trade  
-John D. Ehrlichman, H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman, Roy L. Ash  
-President's vetoes  
-Counterattack

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- Price freeze
- Tariffs
- Price ceiling
  - Operation
- Tone
  - Drafting
    - Ehrlichman
- Effects of freeze
- Budget
  - Domestic spending
    - Increases
      - Congress
      - Taxes
    - Restraint
- Price ceiling
  - Compared with price freeze
- Wording
  - Appeal to public
  - Budget
    - Future conflicts
    - Effects of Vietnam War
      - Cost of living
        - Four years of progress
    - President's actions
      - Inflation
        - Cuts in rates
      - Imports, domestic production
      - Imposition of price ceiling
    - President's recommendation to Congress
      - Removal of tariffs
        - Press conference
        - Food crisis
        - Energy crisis
          - Imports
- Comments on President's economic program
  - Edward Calvin [?]
    - Republican
  - Meat prices [?]
  - Budget
- Price freeze on food

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- Credit to President
  - Housewives' role
- Removal
- Cattlemen
  - Reactions-Duration of freeze
- Shultz's statement
  - Impact of President's address
- Shultz's briefing
  - Advice of Ronald L. Ziegler
  - Abe Bartlett [?]
- Public response
- Meat prices
  - Pork
  - Chickens, turkeys
  - Eggs
  - Soybean prices
  - Chicken prices
    - Production levels
- Freeze
  - Call to John B. Connally
- President's address
  - Contents
    - Use of term "ceiling"

Shultz left at 9:33 am.

Conversation No. 424-20

Date: March 29, 1973

Time: Unknown between 9:45 am and 9:55 am

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

- President's speech
  - Typescript
  - Spacing

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- Woods's trip to California
- Weather
- Temperature
- Ocean air

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Woods left at 9:55 am.

Conversation No. 424-21

Date: March 29, 1973  
 Time: Unknown between 9:55 am and 10:43 am  
 Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

- President's instructions
- Pen
- Oval Office

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 10:43 am.

Conversation No. 424-22

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Conversation No. 424-32 (cont'd)

Time: Unknown between 9:55 am and 10:43 am  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President rehearsed his address to the Nation About Vietnam and Domestic Problems.

[See Public Papers of the President, 1973, pp. 234-8]

Conversation No. 424-23

Date: March 29, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 9:55 am and 10:43 am  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown man.

Dictabelt for Rose Mary Woods  
-Transcript

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 10:43 am.

Conversation No. 424-24

Date: March 29, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 9:55 am and 10:43 am  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See also Conversation No. 44-66]

Conversation No. 424-25

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Date: March 29, 1973  
Time: 10:43 am - 10:44 am  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger.

[See also Conversation No. 44-67]

Conversation No. 424-26

Date: March 29, 1973  
Time: 10:50 am  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler and Henry A. Kissinger.

President's address

- Announcement
- Release of prisoners of war [POWs]
- Foreign policy and domestic issues
- Briefing of press by George P. Shultz
- Press reaction
- Ziegler's comments

Ronald Ziegler left at 10:55 am.

House Foreign Affairs Committee  
-Meeting with Kissinger

House Foreign Affairs Committee  
-Cambodia bombing  
-Questions for Kissinger  
-Donald M. Fraser [?]

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- War powers
- Kissinger's answers
- Authority
  - Peace agreement
  - Article 20
- North Vietnam
  - Aid
    - H. Ross Perot's position
- Cambodia
  - Questions
    - President's opponents
      - Charles C. Diggs
      - Fraser
      - Jonathan B. Bingham

President's address

- Text of speech
  - US troop withdrawal
  - Peace agreement
    - Missing in action [MIA]
    - Laos, Cambodia
      - Infiltration
    - Compliance
      - North Vietnam

Laos

- Bombing

President's address

- Support for President

Watergate

- Impact on administration
- John N. Mitchell
  - Loyalty
  - Martha (Bealle) Mitchell [?]
  - Involvement with break-in [?]
    - Culpability
    - Incarceration
- President's speech



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- Public acceptance
- President's response
  - Morality [?]
    - Comparison with divorces
    - Divorce lawyers
  - Kissinger's recommendation
    - Removal of John W. Dean, III [?]
- Dean
  - Involvement with break-in
  - Role in defense of burglars
  - Role as lawyer
  - White House Counsel
    - Access to Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] reports
    - Inappropriateness [?]
- Bugging
- Daniel Ellsberg break-in [?]
  - National security justification
- Public reactions
  - President's speech
  - President's stature
- Lyndon B. Johnson scandals
  - Robert D. ("Bobby") Baker
  - Walter Jenkins
  - 1964 election
    - Margin of victory
- Press exaggeration
  - Comparison with Truman and Johnson cases
- Committee to Re-elect the President [CRP]
  - Lack of control
    - President's responsibilities
      - May 8, 1972 decision
      - 1972 Moscow summit
      - Lack of contact with Mitchell
- Break-in
  - Intentions
  - Results
  - Dean's involvement
    - Handling of investigation [?]

Vietnam settlement

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- Cambodia bombing
  - Congressional reaction
    - President's powers
    - Cut off of funding
  - Survival of Cambodia
    - Blaming Congress
    - Unlikelihood
    - Negotiations
    - Trip by Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
- President's opponents
  - Bureaucracy
    - India-Pakistan War of 1971
  - US withdrawal
  - Peace with honor
  - Bugging out
  - George S. McGovern
- Duration
  - 1974 election

Soviet Union

- Supplies to North Vietnam
  - Leonid I. Brezhnev's veracity
- Future summit
  - Timms
  - Agreement on the Prevention of Nuclear War
    - New version
- Kissinger's talk with President
- Infiltration from North Vietnam
  - Cessation

People's Republic of China [PRC]

- Visit by Kissinger
- Visit by Chou En-Lai
  - Arrangements
- Visit by President

France

- Meeting with President
  - Montenegro
    - President's knowledge of geography

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- Martinique
- Caribbean Sea

Joint statement with Great Britain

- State visit by [Elizabeth, Queen of England] Elizabeth II
- Discussion with Edward M. Heath
- 1976 Bicentennial
- Protocol
- Ceremony

President's schedule

- Meetings with Great Britain, France
- International economic policy
  - Charter
  - Atlantic countries
  - Japan
  - Possible progress

Cambodia

- Support for President
  - House Foreign Affairs Committee
- Compared with Vietnam negotiations

Kissinger left at 11:10 am.

Conversation No. 424-27

Date: March 29, 1973

Time: 11:20 am – 11:21 am

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

Speech text typescript  
-Spacing

Woods left at 11:21 am.

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Conversation No. 424-28

Date: March 29, 1973  
Time: 12:30 pm – 12:31 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Delivery [?]

Bull left at 12:31 pm.

Conversation No. 424-29

Date: March 29, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 12:31 pm and 12:54 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

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

President's schedule  
-Speech draft preparation  
-Meeting

Conversation No. 424-30

Date: March 29, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 12:54 pm and 1:34 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

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

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President's speech

- Preparation
  - President's hard work
  - John D. Ehrlichman [?]
- Past speeches by President
  - President's schedule
    - Amount of time available
- Compared with press conferences
  - Public reaction
- Price controls
  - Term "freeze" compared with "ceiling"
  - George P. Shultz

Watergate

- New developments
- Ervin Committee
  - Howard H. Baker, Jr.
    - Speech to Press Club
    - Charges against John W. Dean, III, Jeb Stuart Magruder
    - Call to Spiro T. Agnew
    - Opposition to President's stand on executive privilege
      - Public relations problem
- James McCord Jr.'s charges
  - Hearsay
    - E. Howard Hunt, Jr. and G. Gordon Liddy
- Ervin Committee
  - Testimony of Hunt and Liddy
    - John N. Mitchell and Magruder
  - Problem of executive privilege
  - Public hearings
    - Problem of separation of powers
  - Advantages of grand jury
    - Dean appearance
    - Waiver of privileges
    - A public statement
- Grand jury hearings
  - Waiver of privileges re criminal conduct
  - Waiver of executive privilege
    - Charles W. Colson

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- Watergate matters compared with White House business
  - Lowell P. Weicker, Jr.
    - Press conference
      - Attacks on Committee's leaks
        - Source
          - Judiciary committee employee
          - Discovery
          - Secret Service tail
          - Employee
          - Political views
- Ervin Committee
  - Agnew
  - Baker
  - Possible White House action
  - Dean testimony
- Grand jury appearances
  - Ronald L. Ziegler's announcement
  - Dean's appearance
  - McCord's testimony
    - Validity
- Bugging
  - McCord's involvement in other incident
    - Charges
- Watergate reports
  - Delivery to Gordon C. Strachan
    - Strachan's knowledge of contents
- Grand jury testimony
  - Dean
    - Mitchell's request
- Arthur Becker's office meeting
- William P. Rogers
  - Advice
- Mitchell meeting with Liddy
  - Dean's recollection of Mitchell's reaction
    - Purpose
    - Liddy's presentation
      - Rejection
    - Second meeting
      - Purpose
      - Dean's arrival

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Conversation No. 424-32 (cont'd)

- Liddy's presentation
  - Rejection
- Dean's recounting to Haldeman
- Haldeman's knowledge
  - Intelligence gathering
  - Bugging operation
- President's contacts with Dean and Magruder
  - Pre- and post-election period
- Grand jury
  - Dean testimony
    - Charges
    - Waiver of executive privilege
    - Guidelines
  - Involvement in break-in
- Mitchell
- Magruder
- Colson
- Ehrlichman
- Richard A. Moore
- Ehrlichman
  - Abilities as lawyer
- Magruder
  - Charges against others
  - Severity
  - Accusations against Mitchell
- Mitchell
  - Possible charges
  - Break-in
  - Discussion of Watergate
- Charges
  - Validity
- Grand jury
  - Dean
  - Publicity for testimony
  - Dean
    - Meeting with Ehrlichman and Haldeman
    - Testimony
    - Basis for refusal
- Mitchell
  - Meeting with Haldeman and Ehrlichman

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Conversation No. 424-32 (cont'd)

- Colson
  - Haldeman's call
  - Rogers
- Ehrlichman meeting with Haldeman

The President talked with Ehrlichman at an unknown time between 12:54 pm and 1:34 pm.

[Conversation No. 424-30-A]

- President's schedule
  - George P. Shultz's draft

- Haldeman meeting with Ehrlichman
  - Location

[End of telephone conversation]

- Colson
  - Debate in Clark Mollenhoff [?]
  - Knowledge of Liddy and Hunt's activities, Watergate

- Watergate
  - Magruder
    - Attacks on Colson
    - Substance of charges
  - Major questions
    - Motive, knowledge of break-in

- President's schedule
  - A break

- Watergate
  - Ziegler's announcement
  - George H. W. Bush's call
    - Meeting with President
      - Urgency
      - Political advice
      - Impact of Watergate
  - Meeting with Haldeman
    - Bryce N. Harlow



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Conversation No. 424-32 (cont'd)

- Gerald R. Ford
  - Explanation of Watergate
- Damage to President
- Attacks on President
- White House staff
  - Accusations
- President's meeting with Bush-Haldeman's return call
  - President's awareness of crisis
  - President's strategy
  - Bush's suggestions
- Bush's concerns

Haldeman left at 1:34 pm.

Conversation No. 424-31

Date: March 29, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 1:34 pm and 1:35 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

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

President's meeting with John D. Ehrlichman and Haldeman

President's meeting with George H. W. Bush

- Timing
- Stephen B. Bull

Conversation No. 424-32

Date: March 29, 1973  
Time: 1:35 pm - 1:37 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

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Conversation No. 424-32 (cont'd)

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule

- Trip with Barry M. Goldwater and wife
- Air Force One
- Back-up plane

Bull left at 1:37 pm.

Conversation No. 424-33

Date: March 29, 1973

Time: Unknown between 1:37 pm and 2:04 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with an unknown person.

President's schedule

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 2:04pm.