

Date: September 16, 1971  
Time: 4:00 pm - 4:58 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler and members of the press.

Alexander P. Butterfield was present after 4:02 pm

H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman, Henry A. Kissinger, William L. Safire, Clark MacGregor, Herbert G. Klein, Stephen B. Bull, and Patrick J. Buchanan were present after 4:03 pm.

[General conversation]

[A transcript of this portion of the conversation appears in Public Papers of the Presidents, Richard M. Nixon, 1971, pp. 949-959]

Canada

Japan

Mexico

Butterfield left at 4:38 pm.

[General conversation]

Kissinger and the members of the press left at 4:39 pm.

Economic action

Question about Black Vice Presidential candidate

- Blacks, Jews, Catholics
- Buchanan's reaction

Military service draft extension legislation

- US peace initiative in the Vietnam war negotiations
  - Reaction of the President's opponents
- Congressional action
  - Effect of vote
  - US position in the world
    - Supremacy issue
  - Congressional statements
- Gordon L. Allott, Howard H. Baker, Jr., Len Jordan, Robert A. Taft, Jr.,  
Lawton M. Chiles, Jr. and David H. Gambrell
- Allott's position
  - Conference report
  - Reasons
    - Polls
    - Youth
  - Military bases

- South Vietnam
  - Nguyen Van Thieu
  - Election
    - Comparison with other countries
      - Greece
      - African nations

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[National Security]  
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- South Vietnam
  - Election
    - Comparison with other countries
      - African nations
        - Ethiopia

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- The President's recent press conferences
  - Effectiveness
    - Vietnam
    - Draft
    - Attica
    - Economy
      - Phase II
  - Number of news leads
  - James B. Reston
    - Chou En-lai interview
      - Kissinger

An unknown woman entered at an unknown time after 4:39 pm.

Cancel request

The unknown woman left at an unknown time before 4:45 pm.

Kissinger entered at 4:45 pm

- The President's forthcoming trip to the People's Republic of China [PRC]
  - Timing
- Reston
- Chou En-lai interview
  - Kissinger
  - Article

- Vietnam
  - Ngo Dinh Diem
    - Coup
  - Nguyen Van Thieu
  - Communists
  - Democracy
    - Vietnamese election
  - Voting eligibility in US in 1800
  - US foreign aid
    - Number of countries
    - Voting eligibility in US in 1800
    - Percentage
    - Women
    - Property requirements
      - Slaves
- United Nations [UN] membership for PRC
- Military service draft
  - Votes against draft bill
    - Possible consequences
      - Effect on negotiations
- Possible press coverage
- Demeanor of reporters
- Length
  - Frank Cormier
- Question on Edmund S. Muskie's statement on the vice presidency
  - Muskie
  - Nelson A. Rockefeller
    - Action at Attica
  - Jewish candidate
    - Questions of prejudice
      - Edward W. Brooke
      - The US public
  - Catholic question
- Summary
- Television
  - Attica
  - Exposure for the President
  - Use of television time
    - Press conference
  - Length of answers
  - Detroit Economic Club
  - Next press conference
- Reston
  - Interview with Chou En-lai
  - The President's response to question on summit
    - Agreement
      - Discussion of issues
        - Vietnam policy
          - Communist takeover
            - Prevention
          - Peter Lisagor

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The President's recent press conferences

-James B. ("Scotty") Reston

-The President's response to question on summit

-Agreement

-Discussion of issues

-Vietnam policy

-Peter Lisagor

-Marguerite Higgins

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Vietnam

-Book by Marguerite Higgins

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[Privacy]

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[Duration: 5s]

Vietnam

-Book by Marguerite Higgins

-Marguerite Higgins' relationship with Peter Lisagor

-Thesis on death of Ngo Dinh Diem

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Vietnam

-Higgins

-Diem

-Effect of Diem's death on Vietnam

Press conference

-Use of quotes on television

-Election

-Citation of context and historical context

US foreign aid

- State Department
- Contested elections
  - Greece
  - Number of countries
  - The President's instruction
  - Asia
    - Malaysia
    - Singapore
    - Philippines
    - India
    - South Korea
  - Africa
    - David D. Newsome
    - Senegal
    - Democratic process
    - Kenya
      - Joseph Mobutu
      - Tom Mboya
      - Press conference
- Media
  - Question to Ziegler

The President's schedule

- Carl B. Albert
  - Breakfast meeting
  - Pay raise

The President, Ziegler, Safire, MacGregor, Klein, Bull, Buchanan, and Haldeman and Kissinger left at 4:58 pm.

Conversation No. 573-2

Date: September 16, 1971  
 Time: 6:21 pm - 6:29 pm  
 Location: Oval Office

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

Apollo 15 astronauts

- Colonel David R. Scott
  - Mission commander
  - James B. Irwin
- Robert H. Finch, Donald H. Rumsfeld
  - View of Scott

The President talked with Tricia Nixon Cox between 6:21 pm and 6:22 pm.

[Conversation No. 573-2A]

[See Conversation No. 9-45]

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[Personal Returnable]

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[Personal Returnable]

[573-002-w001]

[Duration: 4s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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[End of telephone conversation]

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Congress

Ronald L. Ziegler

-Announcement of meeting

Unknown person

-Marital status

State and local officials

-Meeting with unknown person [George P. Shultz?]

-Job of governor

-Job of mayor

-Comparison of responsibilities

-City Councils

-Compared to the Presidency

Press conference

-Handling

-John B. Connally

-Assistance

-Shultz

-News

- Questions
  - Rowland Evans and Robert D. Novak
  - Walter J. Hickel's book
  - Conservative revolt
  - Spiro T. Agnew
  - Staff concerns
    - East Room
    - Television

The President's schedule

- Black military officers
  - Generals and admirals
- Indian scripture presentation
- Charles S. Rhyne
- Maurice H. Stans
  - Possible topic for meeting
    - Politics
    - Minority business enterprise
- Scheduled meetings
  - John Geiger
  - National Commander of the American Legion

The President and Haldeman left at 6:29 pm.

Conversation No. 573-3

Date: September 16, 1971  
Time: 6:29 pm - unknown before 6:31 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

Unknown men [Secret Service agents] met.

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*[Previous archivists categorized this section as unintelligible. It has been rereviewed and released 03/09/2020.]*

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General conversation

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The recording of this conversation was cut off at an unknown time before 6:31 pm.