

Date: December 24, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 11:57 am and 4:18 pm  
Location: Oval Office

Oliver F. ("Ollie") Atkins met with unknown people.

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

Forthcoming photograph session  
-Preparations  
-Unknown object  
-Height

Alexander P. Butterfield and Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 11:57 am.

-The president's views  
-Yellow Room  
-West Wing

Butterfield and Sanchez left at an unknown time before 4:18 pm.

-Camera shots  
-Style

The conversation was cut off at an unknown time before 4:18 pm.

Date: December 24, 1971  
Time: Unknown between 4:20 pm and 11:59 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Oliver F. ("Ollie") Atkins and unknown men.

[The recording began at an unknown time while the conversation was in progress]

Photograph session  
-Posing  
-Atkins's previous conversation with Ronald L. Ziegler  
-Ziegler's and Atkins's views  
-Smiling  
-Smiling  
-Speed of film  
-Lighting  
-Time of day  
-Daylight Savings Time  
-Posing  
-Timing  
-Smiling

-Coco-lobo II

Helen Thomas

-Rumor

-Unknown journalists

-Atkins

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

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[Unintelligible]

[643-002-w001]

[Duration: 27s]

Helen A. Thomas

-Rumor

-Denial

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Season's greetings

The President's family

-Yellow Room

Presentation of gifts by the President

-Cuff links

-Golf balls

The President left at 4:28 pm.

Forthcoming photograph session

-Edward R. F. and Tricia Nixon Cox

-[Dwight] David, II and Julie Nixon Eisenhower

-Preparations

Atkins and the unknown men left at an unknown time before 11:59 pm.

Conversation No. 643-16

Date: December 24, 1971

Time: Unknown between 4:28 pm and 11:59 pm

Location: Oval Office

Unknown people [Secret Service agents] entered at an unknown time after 4:28 pm.

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[Previous archivists categorized this section as unintelligible. It has been rereviewed and released 05/03/2022.]

[Unintelligible]

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

[643-016-w001]

[Duration: 1m 55s]

The President's location [?]

Meal [?]

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The agents left at an unknown time before 11:59 pm.

Conversation No. 643-3

Date: January 3, 1972

Time: 2:07 pm - 2:10 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Jack J. Dreyfus, Jr.

The President's and Dreyfus's ages

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 2:07 pm.

Dreyfus's schedule

-Meeting with Kenneth R. Cole

-Cole's location

-John D. Ehrlichman

Bull left at an unknown time before 2:10 pm.

Dreyfus

-Golf

-Tennis

-Physical condition

-Tennis courts

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Segment cleared for release.]

[Personal Returnable]

[643-003-w001]

[Duration: 12s]

The President's physical activity  
-Walking

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

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Walter H. Annenberg

-Position

-Gift

-Steuben glass

-Presidential seal

-Philadelphia Inquirer and TV Guide

-Palm Springs

-Esthetic sense

Portrait of George Washington

-Charles Willson Peale

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

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[Personal Returnable]

[643-003-w002]

[Duration: 48s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

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[Personal Returnable]

[643-003-w002]

[Duration: 10s]

Article

-The President's perusal

-Forthcoming California trip

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Dreyfus left at 2:10 pm.

Conversation No. 643-4  
Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

Date: January 3, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 2:10 pm and 2:17 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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*[Previous PRMPA Personal Returnable (G) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift 05/03/2022.  
Segment cleared for release.]*

[Personal Returnable]

[643-004-w001]

[Duration: 17s]

Dogs

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Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:17 pm.

Conversation No. 643-5

Date: January 3, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 2:10 pm and 2:17 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown woman.

Jack J. Dreyfus, Jr.  
-Location  
-Dogs

The unknown woman left at an unknown time before 2:17 pm.

Conversation No. 643-6

Date: January 3, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 2:10 pm and 2:17 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown woman.

The President's schedule

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at an unknown time after 2:10 pm.

Mistake in requesting Butterfield

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 2:17 pm.

The President's schedule  
-Charles W. Colson

The unknown woman left at an unknown time before 2:17 pm.

Conversation No. 643-7

Date: January 3, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 2:10 pm and 2:17 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule  
-Charles W. Colson  
-Forthcoming meeting with Cabinet level group on trade legislation  
-Meeting with Peter G. Peterson  
-H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman's views  
-Recent meeting of Council on International Economic Policy  
-Peterson's synopsis  
-Henry E. Ford, II  
-William P. Rogers  
-Peterson  
-Film

[The President talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 2:10 pm and 2:17 pm.]

[Conversation No. 643-7A]

Canceling call

[End of telephone conversation]

The President's schedule  
-Meeting with Peterson  
-Ford  
-Group on trade legislation  
-Peterson  
-Time

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

Bull left at an unknown time before 2:17 pm.

Conversation No. 643-8

Date: January 3, 1972  
Time: 2:17 pm - 3:07 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Charles W. Colson.

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[Personal Returnable]  
[643-008-w001]  
[Duration: 40s]

The President's interview with Dan Rather, January 2, 1972  
-The President's ability to unwind after interview

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1  
[Personal Returnable]  
[643-008-w001]  
[Duration: 9s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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The President's interview with Dan Rather, January 2, 1972  
-Charles W. Colson

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The President's interview with Dan Rather, January 2, 1972

- The President's preparation
  - Staff research
    - The President's use
- Questions
  - Number anticipated
  - Briefing book
  - The President's previous effort
  - Briefing book
    - Vietnam and Cambodia
    - The President's use
    - Henry A. Kissinger
- Questions
  - Topics omitted
    - India-Pakistan relations
- Staff research
  - Kissinger's staff
  - Quality
    - Vietnam
  - Compared to the President's
    - Economic questions
    - Points
- Quality
- Time

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

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Segment cleared for release.*]

[Personal Returnable]

[643-008-w002]

[Duration: 1m 12s]

The President's interview with Dan Rather, January 2, 1972

- The President's preparation
  - Exertion
  - Compared with the President's experience in law school
    - Grades
    - Examination
    - Study
- The President's performance

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The President's interview with Dan Rather, January 2, 1972

- Colson's schedule
- Colson's viewing



- Emotional aspect
- Rather's performance
  - Call to H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
  - Request to see the President
  - The President's response
- Briefing book
  - Patrick J. Buchanan
  - Use of interviewer's first name
  - Lyndon B. Johnson's practice
  - The President's practice
- The President's performance
  - Haldeman's view
  - Compared with unknown press conference
  - John B. Connally's views
  - Badgering by Rather
  - The President's response
- Tone
  - Lighting
  - The President's performance
- The President's responses
  - Use of Rather's first name
  - Rather's office and wife
  - Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

#### Rather

- Importance of interview
- Walter L. Cronkite, Jr. and [Arnold] Eric Sevareid
- Mike Wallace
  - Letter to Kissinger
  - Jews
  - Feelings regarding selection of Rather for interview
  - CBS's decision
- Political orientation
- Selection for interview
- Performance

#### The President's interview with Rather

- Technical aspect
  - The President's talk with Haldeman
    - George P. Shultz's view
    - William Carruthers
    - Mark I. Goode
    - Network's responsibility
  - Camera angles
    - The President's appearance
      - Staff meeting
      - Colson's view
      - Shultz's view
- Tone
  - Lighting
  - Effect on Rather's appearance

- Rather's performance
  - Preparation
  - Note cards
  - Reactions
- Reactions
  - Calls by Harry S. Dent
    - Rather's performance Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)
    - John K. Andrews, Jr.
      - Rather's aggressiveness
    - The President's performance
      - Compared to his other television performances
    - Rather's hostility
    - Unnamed Florida National Committeewoman's views
  - Media hostility
    - Political people
- Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
  - Possible reaction
  - Supporters' possible reactions
  - The President's support
  - The President's response to question
    - Compared with Dwight D. Eisenhower's support of the President
    - Republican National Convention
    - Agnew's performance
      - Controversy
    - Significance
    - Options

J. Edgar Hoover

- Retention in office

Agnew

- Retention in office
  - Forthcoming convention
  - Media speculation
    - John B. Connally

The President's interview with Rather

- Question on 1968 bomb halt
  - The President's response
  - Political aspects
- Glassboro summit
- Press credibility
  - Rather's attitude
- Public reaction
  - Calls to Rather's office
    - Number
    - Rather's secretary
      - Reaction to complaints
- Rather's supporters

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 2:17 pm.

Refreshment

Manolo Sanchez

- Location
  - Residence
- Call to the President
  - White House operator

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 2:35 pm.

The President's interview with Rather

- Reactions
  - Calls and wires from White House
    - Ronald L. Ziegler
    - Gerald L. Warren
    - DeVan L. Shumway
      - Dealings with press
  - Colson's previous conversation with Louis P. Harris
    - Harris's letter to Rather
      - Correction on quote of survey
        - Context
          - The President's 1968 promises
            - Poll results
    - Copies to Rowland Evans and Robert D. Novak
  - Harris's view of program
    - The President's performance
    - Effectiveness
- Audience
  - Size
    - Compared with "Christmas at the White House"
    - Nielson ratings
      - New York audience
    - Compared with "A Day in the Life of the President"
      - National Broadcasting Corporation [NBC] figures
        - Ratings
        - Simultaneous programming
        - Advertising
    - Howard K. Smith interview
    - Rating

"Christmas at the White House"

- Rating
  - Increase over preceding program
- Promotion

The President's interview with Rather

- Reaction
  - Letters
    - White House staff
    - Leaks

- Non-government people
- [Opinion Research Corporation [ORC]] polls
- White House based letter campaigns
  - Outcome
- Rather's performance
  - Compared with the President's performance
- Political people
- Accuracy in Media group
  - Network
  - Response
  - Charles Crutchfield group
    - CBS affiliates
- Question on Agnew
- Peace question
- Vietnam
  - Bombing question
  - Troop withdrawal
  - News impact
    - Wires
- News value
  - Walter R. ("Wally") Meares [?]

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

#### Rather

- Press conferences
  - Usual reporting of the President's demeanor
    - Azores trip of December 1971
- Feelings toward the White House and the President
  - Antagonism
  - Credibility
- The President's response to question on press credibility
  - Rather's response
- Incorrect reporting of unemployment rate
  - Correction
  - Damage
- Possible press conference about the press
- Questions regarding the press
  - The President's response
- Contacts with White House staff
  - Colson
  - Other staff
- Compared with Daniel L. Schorr

#### Schorr

- Story on Connally
  - Veracity
    - Haldeman's talk with Connally

#### Connally

- Possible departure
- Reaction after Texas election loss
  - Possible sources

- Periscope*
- Newsweek*
- Importance to Administration
- Possible pressures
- Associates
  - Johnson

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

- The President's interview with Rather
  - Question on George C. Wallace
    - The President's response
      - Democratic Party
        - Primaries

Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 2:35 pm.

Response to the President's call

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:54 pm.

National economy

- Time* article
  - Timing
  - Length
  - Economic indicators
  - The President's predictions
  - Predictions by Board of Economists
  - Christmas sales
  - Tone
  - Advertising
  - 1972 forecast
- Conference Board's views
  - Growth rate
  - Unemployment rate
- Time* and *Fortune*
  - Bullish views
- 1971
  - New Economic Policy
  - Gross National Product [GNP] figures
  - Public psychology
  - Stock market
  - Consumer attitudes
    - Media
- Stock market
  - Figures
  - Increases
- Media
  - Rather
  - Negative reports
    - Public attitudes
      - The President's announcement of New Economic Program
  - Administration response

- Recent reports
  - Tone
  - Democrats
  - Effects
  - Issues
- August 1971 announcement
- Albert E. Sindlinger poll

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

George Meany

- Attacks on administration
  - Health
  - Impact
    - The President's speech at American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organization [AFL-CIO] convention, November 19, 1971
  - Health
    - Possible death
    - Timing
- Federationist*
  - Story and photographs on convention
    - Contacts with the President
      - Escorting
      - Shaking hands
- Contacts with the President at convention
  - TV coverage
  - Editorials
    - Summary by Herbert G. Klein
  - Contents
    - Support of the President
      - The President's note to Colson
      - Themes

The President's schedule

- Edwin D. Etherington
  - Colson's role
  - Forthcoming dinner
  - Government support
  - Value of meeting
- Henry E. Ford, II
  - Resignation

Haldeman entered at an unknown time after 2:35 pm.

- Salary as chairman of National Center for Volunteer Action [NCVA]
- Etherington

Colson left at 2:54 pm.

Connally

- Future plans
  - Colson's view
  - Newsweek* story

- Instructions for the White House staff
- Haldeman's recent meeting with Peter G. Peterson
  - Connally's trip to Azores
    - Return
      - Meeting with Peterson
  - International agreement
    - Connally's mood
    - Connally's position
    - Press coverage
    - Credit
- Haldeman's responsibility
- The President's recent meeting with George P. Shultz
  - Appointment of woman to Council of Economic Advisors [CEA]
    - Forthcoming call from Shultz
- Value to Administration
- Relations with White House staff
  - Shultz and John D. Ehrlichman
  - Junior staff

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

State of the Union address

- Raymond K. Price, Jr.
  - California
  - Draft
    - Kissinger
- The President's schedule

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[Personal Returnable]

[643-008-w005]

[Duration: 3m 41s]

1972 campaign

- New Hampshire primary
  - The President's filing for candidacy
    - Timing
      - New Hampshire secretary of state
      - John N. Mitchell
      - Hubert H. Humphrey
      - Vietnam announcement
      - The President's meeting with Eisaku Sato
      - Publicity
      - Press briefing
      - Eisaku Sato's visit
  - Content of document
- First Family
  - Tricia Nixon Cox
    - New Hampshire dinner/fundraiser

- The President's opinion
  - Stay out of primary states
- Schedule
- New Hampshire
- David N. Parker
- Primary states
  - Wisconsin
  - California

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

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Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 2:55 pm.

The President's schedule

- Forthcoming meeting with Ford and Etherington

Unknown room

- Cleanliness
  - TV crew
  - Responsibility
  - Janitors
  - Cigarette butts and trash
  - The President's meeting with Jack J. Dreyfus, Jr.
  - Custodial staff
    - Schedule
  - The President's activities
  - Instruction for Bull
  - Responsibility
    - Rex W. Scouten
    - General Services Administration [GSA]

Bull left at an unknown time before 3:07 pm.

- Importance

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[Personal Returnable]

[643-008-w006]

[Duration: 1m 42s]

1972 campaign

- First Family
  - Tricia Nixon Cox and Julie Nixon Eisenhower
    - Forthcoming talk with David N. Parker
- Primary states
- The President's candidacy



- Appearance in primary states
  - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman's opinion
  - The President's opinion
- The President's campaigning
  - Impact
  - Dan Rather

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

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Eisaku Sato dinner

- Kissinger
  - Presence
  - Forthcoming Middle East trip
- David M. Kennedy
- Nobuhiko Ushiba
- Armin H. Meyer
  - U. Alexis Johnson
- Possible number of invitees
- The President's schedule
- Kissinger
  - People's Republic of China [PRC] trip
  - Middle East trip
  - Presence

Haldeman left at 3:07 pm.

Conversation No. 643-10

Date: January 3, 1972  
Time: 3:07 pm - 3:40 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry Ford II, Edwin D. Etherington, Charles W. Colson and Rayburn Hanzlik; the White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

New Year's greetings

Introductions

Seating

Briefcase

Etherington

- Key Biscayne
- Home in Hobe Sound, Florida

National Center for Volunteer Action [NCVA]

- The President's gratitude
- Importance
- Funding
  - Ford's letter to the President
  - ACTION
  - Budget for 1973
  - Private sector
  - Government

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

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*[Previous National Security (B) withdrawal reviewed under MDR guidelines case number LPRN-T-MDR-2014-033. Segment declassified on 05/28/2019. Archivist: MAS]*

[National Security]

[643-010-w001]

[Duration: 23s]

National Center for Volunteer Action [NCVA]

- Funding
  - Compared with Radio Free Europe
  - Central Intelligence Agency [CIA] involvement
  - Financial support

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National Center for Volunteer Action [NCVA]

- Funding
  - Private sector
    - Competition with other organizations
    - Pledges
  - Ford's letter to the President
  - Pledges
  - White House aides
    - Financial supporters
    - Election year
  - Tax deduction
    - Internal Revenue Service [IRS] ruling
  - The President's instruction
- Project
  - The President's recent conversation with Robert H. Finch
  - Local centers network
    - Number operating
    - Timing
    - Number forming
    - Money from ACTION
- Awards dinner
  - The President's attendance

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 3:07 pm.

The President's schedule

- Datebook
- Retrieval

Bull left at an unknown time before 3:30 pm.

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

- Scheduling

NCVA

- Awards dinner
- The President's presence

Bull entered at an unknown time after 3:07 pm.

Datebook

Bull left at an unknown time before 3:30 pm.

NCVA

- Awards dinner
  - Date
  - The President's presence

Manolo Sanchez [?] entered at an unknown time after 3:07 pm.

Refreshment

- Sanchez

Sanchez [?] left at an unknown time before 3:30 pm.

NCVA

- Awards dinner
  - Date
  - Location
    - Kennedy Center
      - Size
      - Reservation
      - Board meeting
      - Honorees
  - Honorees
  - Date
    - The President's forthcoming trip to People's Republic of China [PRC]
      - Press
    - The President's schedule
      - California
      - Trip to PRC
  - Fund-raising possibilities
    - Pre-dinner gathering
    - The President's presence

- Advertising
- Funding
  - Amount
  - ACTION appropriations
- Programs
  - "Right to Read"
    - Volunteers Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)
      - The President
    - Blacks
    - Non-English language speakers
    - "New math"
  - "Aid to the Elderly"
    - Volunteers
      - Ages
        - College students
    - "Right to Read"
- Funding
  - Costs
    - Department of Health, Education and Welfare [HEW] grant
      - Elliot L. Richardson
      - Hanzlik, Finch and Etherington
      - Colson's forthcoming conversations
        - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman and George P. Shultz
        - Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger
      - The President's support
      - ACTION budget
        - Congressional support
    - Costs of "Right to Read" and "Aid to the Elderly"
      - HEW
    - Richardson
      - Support
        - Support from the President and Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
          - "Right to Read"
    - Richardson
      - Mrs. Nixon
- Organization
  - Chairmanship
    - Ford's forthcoming resignation
    - Etherington's possible succession
      - Etherington's work with Frederic V. Malek
      - Ford's future role
  - Presidency
    - Schedule
    - Salary
    - Etherington's work

Malek

William D. Eberle  
-Job

Bull entered at an unknown time after 3:07 pm.

Peter G. Peterson  
-Forthcoming meeting with the President

Bull left at an unknown time before 3:30 pm.

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

Eberle  
-Previous role  
    -American Standard  
-Peterson  
    -Forthcoming meeting with the President  
-Previous support for Etherington  
-Forthcoming meeting with the President  
    -Eisaku Sato

Malek  
-Performance  
-Support for women  
    -Council of Economic Advisors [CEA]  
        -[Marina von Neumann Whitman]  
        -Herbert Stein  
        -Ezra Solomon  
        -Paul W. McCracken  
        -Whitman  
    -Women in government

International monetary agreement  
-John B. Connally  
    -Work with Group of Ten

Peterson entered at 3:30 pm.

Greetings

NCVA awards dinner

Ford, Etherington, Colson, and Hanzlik left at 3:30 pm.

The President's schedule  
-Forthcoming meeting with group on trade legislation  
    -Council on International Economic Policy [CIEP]  
    -Issues to be discussed  
        -Gold price  
            -Legislation before Congress  
                -Banking Committee  
                -Generalized preferences  
                    -Ways and Means Committee  
                    -Senate Finance Committee  
    -Timing  
        -Paul A. Volcker's views

- Eberle
  - European Economic Community [EEC]
- Agriculture issue
  - Connally's view
    - Forthcoming talk with Peterson
    - Politics
- Agriculture
  - Citrus and tobacco
  - Grain
    - Midwestern states
    - Eberle's work
  - Congress' actions
- Measures to Congress
  - Timing
    - State of the Union message
    - Hearings
    - Debate
    - Filibuster
    - The President's forthcoming meeting with Connally
      - California
    - Peterson's forthcoming call to Connally
    - Filibuster
- Trade legislation
  - Timing
    - Delay
      - Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development [OECD] trade group report
  - Congress
  - Eberle

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 3:30 pm.

- Request for Shultz's presence

Bull left at an unknown time before 3:40 pm.

- Issues to be discussed
  - Trade legislation
    - Exchange rate
    - Other legislation
      - Revenue sharing, health
  - Ways and Means Committee
    - Senate Finance Committee
    - Wilbur D. Mills
    - James A. Burke
      - Vance Hartke-Burke Bill
        - Labor
      - Relationship with Mills
  - Prospects
    - The President's view
    - Peterson's memorandum

- Protectionist measures
- Peterson's responsibility
- William P. Rogers
- Peterson
  - Business community
- Connally
- The President's comments      Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)
- Public statements
  - Peterson, Rogers, Connally, Stein
- US credibility abroad and at home
  - Protectionism

Trade legislation

- Rogers
  - Generalized preferences
    - Recent conversation with the President
    - Submission to Congress
      - Timing
      - "Christmas Tree" approach
    - Staff meeting
    - Clark MacGregor
    - Consultation

Bull entered at an unknown time after 3:30 pm.

The President's schedule

Bull left at an unknown time before 3:40 pm.

- Instructions
  - Forthcoming talk with Rogers
  - Foreign policy concerns

-Quotes

Press coverage

- Peterson
  - New York Times*
  - Charts

State of the Union message

- Staff contact with Congress, business
- 1972
- Themes
  - Confidence, employment, competition

Peterson's schedule

- California
- Japan

Japan

- Negotiations with US

-Eberle  
-Kakuei Tanaka  
-Maurice H. Stans

The President and Peterson left at 3:40 pm.

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

Conversation No. 643-11

Date: January 3, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 3:40 pm and 4:44 pm  
Location: Oval Office

Unknown men [Secret Service agents] met.

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*[Previous archivists categorized this section as unintelligible. It has been rereviewed and released 08/12/2022.]*

[Unintelligible]  
[643-011-w001]  
[Duration: 16s]

[An unknown man talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 3:40 pm and 4:44 pm.]

[Conversation No. 643-11A]

The President's location  
-Cabinet Room

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The unknown men [agents] left at an unknown time before 4:44 pm.

Conversation No. 643-12

Date: January 3, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 3:40 pm and 4:44 pm  
Location: Oval Office

Unknown men [Secret service agents] met.



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Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

The President's location  
-Cabinet Room

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The President's location  
-Cabinet Room  
-Stephen B. Bull

[An unknown man talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 3:40 pm and 4:44 pm.]

[Conversation No. 643-12A]

Affirmation of unknown comments

[End of telephone conversation]

The unknown men left at an unknown time before 4:44 pm.

Conversation No. 643-13

Date: January 3, 1972  
Time: 4:44 pm - 6:00 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with John N. Mitchell.

[The recording began at an unknown time while the conversation was in progress]

Yeoman Charles E. Radford  
-Removal  
-Relations with Jack N. Anderson  
-Unknown chief petty officer  
-Indebtedness  
-Joint Chiefs of Staff [JCS] participation in White House infiltration  
-John D. Ehrlichman's forthcoming meeting with Mitchell

Anderson

- Possible litigation
  - Timing
    - 1972 election
    - Statute of limitations
  - Possession and publication of documents
- JCS
- New York Times* investigative reporting team
- Contact with Radford
- Source of story

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

Radford

- Reassignment
  - Office closure
- Anderson
- Possible revelation of admirals' activities
  - Delivery of secret material to JCS
- Office
  - Closure

Radford

- Options
  - Melvin R. Laird
    - Plan
      - Ehrlichman
      - Impunity

The President's need to sign documents

William D. Eberle

- Performance
  - Trade negotiations
  - Compared with Peter G. Peterson
- The President's view

White House staff

- Performance

John B. Connally

- Relations with White House
  - Daniel L. Schorr's story about Azores trip
  - Preston Smith
    - Maury Cohen [sp?]
  - Mitchell's conversation with Ehrlichman
  - The President's and Mitchell's law firm [Nixon, Mudge, Rose, Guthrie, and Alexander
  - Unknown suit

[The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 4:44 pm and 5:15 pm.]

[Conversation No. 643-13A]

[See Conversation No. 18-13]

[End of telephone conversation]

Connally

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

- Smith
- [Forename unknown] Gallagher's [sp?] letter
- New York
- Relations with White House
- Nixon, Mudge, Rose, Guthrie, and Alexander
- The President's schedule
- California

[The President talked with William P. Rogers at unknown time between 4:44 pm and 5:15 pm.]

[See Conversation No. 18-14]

An unknown man entered and conferred with the President at an unknown time after 4:44 pm.

Manolo Sanchez

- Location

[End of conferral]

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 5:15 pm.

The President conferred with Mitchell at an unknown time.

Robert S. Ingersoll

- Possible ambassadorship
- Japan

[End of conferral]

[End of telephone conversation]

Appointments

- Ambassadorship to Japan
- Fredrick M. Eaton
- Rogers's views
- Age
- Appearance
- Conflict of interest
- Rogers C. B. Morton
- Morton
- Ingersoll
- Morton

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Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman entered at an unknown time after 4:44 pm.

California

- Political situation
  - Leonard K. Firestone
  - Position
  - Finance chairman

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Ronald W. Reagan

- Conflict with Elliot L. Richardson
  - Mitchell as arbitrator
  - Ehrlichman's advice
- Richardson's prerogatives
- Concessions
  - The President's concession on Medicaid
    - George P. Shultz
  - John N. Ashbrook
  - Reagan's possible response
- Welfare reform
  - Reagan's planned press conference
- Concession
  - 1972 election
- Refusal to compromise
- Office of Economic Opportunity [OEO] legal service issue
  - Compared with Nelson A. Rockefeller

New York

- Rockefeller
  - Tax package
  - Work with Mitchell
  - Conservatives

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New York

- Republican Party
  - Conservatives
    - Nelson A. Rockefeller
    - John N. Ashbrook
      - Primary
      - John N. Mitchell's previous talks with J. Daniel Mahoney
      - William A. Rusher

New Hampshire

- Primary
  - The President's filing for candidacy
    - Timing
      - Edmund S. Muskie
      - Meeting with Eisaku Sato
      - Afternoon briefing
        - Ronald L. Ziegler's confirmation
  - Letter
  - Other primaries
  - Letter
    - Ronald L. Ziegler's confirmation

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Raymond K. Price, Jr.

- Schedule
  - [California]
- State of the Union message
- Drafts

Connally

- Administration's support
- Smith
  - Investigators
    - Los Angeles Times*
  - Cohen
  - Attacks on Connally
    - Reasons
      - Ben F. Barnes
- Mood
  - Golf in El Dorado
- Investigation
- Nixon, Mudge, Rose, Guthrie, and Alexander
- Suit

Trade negotiations with Japan

- Eberle's presence in California
  - Kakuei Tanaka
  - Maurice H. Stans
- Stans

- Henry A. Kissinger
- Past performance
- Eberle
- Stans
  - Presence
- Dinner
  - Stans
  - Tanaka
  - Kissinger's view
    - Stans compared to Eberle
      - Tanaka
- David M. Kennedy

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

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#### New Hampshire

- Primary
  - The President's filing for candidacy
    - Timing
      - January 7, 1972

#### Ohio

- Robert A. Taft, Jr.
  - "Second choice" position on state ballot
    - John N. Mitchell's opinion
      - Preference for unnamed national committeewoman
  - Relationship with Spiro T. Agnew
  - Delegation
  - Supporters
    - John N. Mitchell's opinion

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#### Indiana

- John A. Schneider
  - Position with administration
    - Frederic V. Malek
  - Background
    - State treasurer

#### Deputy Secretary of Defense

- Schneider
- Necessity

- William P. Clements, Jr.
  - Finances
    - Compared with David Packard
- Robert C. Seamans, Jr.
  - Conservatives
  - Background
    - National Aeronautics and Space Administration [NASA] Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

#### Appointments

- Conservatives
  - Defense Department and Department of Health, Education, and Welfare [HEW]

#### Defense Department

- Expenditures compared to authorizations
- Secretary
  - Barry M. Goldwater
    - Timing
    - Impact
  - John G. Tower
- Deputy Secretary
  - Legislation to split job
  - Goldwater
  - George H. W. Bush
    - Qualifications
      - Loyalty
    - United Nations [UN] position
      - UN
    - Possible political ambitions
    - UN position
      - Prestige
  - Peter M. Flanigan
    - Confirmation
      - Relations with Congress
        - Joseph D. Tydings
    - Loyalty
    - Legislative programs
    - Peterson's job
      - Possible downgrade

#### Commerce Department Secretary

- Peterson
- Helen D. Bentley
  - Letter from Vice President Spiro T. Agnew to the President
    - Mitchell
- Language

#### Martha (Beall) Mitchell

- Position on list of Top Ten Most Admired Women in World
  - George H. Gallup
  - Ethel (Skakel) Kennedy

- Shirley Chisholm
- Cover photograph for unknown newsmagazine
- Replacement by Angela Davis
- Martha Mitchell's reaction

#### Defense Department

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

- Deputy Secretary
- Flanigan
  - Confirmation
  - Laird
  - Role
  - Qualifications
  - Relations with Kissinger
    - Washington Special Action Group [WSAG] meetings
  - Qualifications
  - Confirmation
  - Tydings issue

#### Eberle

#### Malek

- Job performance

#### Eberle

- Position
- Performance
- Peterson's position
- Testimony

#### Flanigan

- Possible position with Defense Department
- Clark MacGregor
- Kissinger
  - Previous relations
- State Department
- Kissinger
- Qualities

#### Kissinger

- Breakfast meeting with Mitchell, January 3, 1972
- Kissinger's relationship with Rogers and State Department

#### Gerard C. Smith

- Meeting with the President, January 3, 1972
- Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT] negotiations
  - Vienna
- Rogers's presence
  - Kissinger's view
  - Rogers's knowledge of negotiations

#### Kissinger



- Meeting with Mitchell
  - India-Pakistan War
    - Rogers's and Richard F. Pederson's actions
      - Backgrounders
      - Effects on foreign policy
      - Democrats
  - Relations with State Department
    - Leaks
      - Kissinger's possible handling
    - Middle East
      - Back channels
    - Soviet Union
      - Forthcoming summit
      - Rogers's dealings with Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
    - Kissinger's talk with Haldeman in Key Biscayne
  - Possible resignation
    - Timing
      - Moscow Summit
  - Importance to Administration
  - Rogers and Laird
  - State Department

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at an unknown time after 4:44 pm.

The President's schedule

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 6:00 pm.

Kissinger

- Return from Azores
  - Statement to press
- India-Pakistan relations
  - State Department
- State Department
  - Radford
    - Anderson's columns
    - Reports from others
- Rogers
  - Foreign policy

India-Pakistan War

- New York Times* task force
  - Kissinger
  - Request for interview with Rogers
    - Rogers's response
  - Kissinger's cooperation
    - Ehrlichman's reaction
      - New York Times*' report on Anderson and his sources
  - Reasons
- Public interest
  - The President's interview with Dan Rather, January 2, 1972

- New York Times* task force
  - Kissinger's cooperation
    - Reasons
      - State Department
        - Leaks to Marvin L. Kalb, *et al.*
  - Rogers's meeting with Haldeman, January 3, 1972
    - Rogers's concerns

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#### Kissinger

- Relations with State Department
  - Self-defense
  - The Administration's foreign policy
    - Middle East
    - Soviet Union
      - Dobrynin
      - Forthcoming summit
- Talk with Mitchell
  - The President's interests

#### State Department

- Rogers's conversations with Dobrynin
  - Notification of Kissinger
  - Compared with Kissinger's conversations with Dobrynin
    - Briefing the President
- Middle East
- Rogers's conversation with Dobrynin
  - Briefing the President
  - Substance
    - Kissinger's view

#### Rogers

- Relations with the President
  - Kissinger's view
    - Conversation with Haldeman
      - Meeting with the President and J. Edgar Hoover on plane
      - Birthday cake
  - Dinner with the President, Hoover and Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo

#### Kissinger

- Relations with the President
  - Kissinger's conversation with Haldeman
  - Meetings
    - Tone
  - India-Pakistan War
    - Kissinger's press conference comments
      - Talks with the President
  - Responsibilities for Rogers
    - Consequences
      - Kissinger
  - Kissinger's talking paper
    - The President's meeting with Indira Gandhi

-State Department

Kissinger

-Relations with the President

-Kissinger's view

-Niceties

-Calls from the President and Nelson A. Rockefeller Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

-Relations with State Department and Rogers

-Kissinger's possible action

-Consequences

-Hawks' departure

-Dove

-Leaks

Radford

-Kissinger's views

-State Department

-Meeting with Mitchell, January 3, 1972

-Possible firing of Adm. Thomas H. Moorer

State Department

-The President's forthcoming trip to Moscow

-Structuring of activities

-Kissinger's views

-Rogers's responsibilities

-Informing Rogers

-Middle East and Moscow

-Memoranda

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Department of State [DOS]

-Middle East and Moscow

-Memoranda

-Richard M. Helms

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Department of State [DOS]

-Middle East and Moscow

-Joseph J. Sisco

Rogers

- Relations with Kissinger and the President
  - Candor
- Performance
  - Leaking
- Loyalty
- Cambodia
  - Kissinger's views
- Relations with the President
  - Vietnam
    - Bombing
  - Possible talk with Mitchell and Haldeman
    - Kissinger, the President
    - Discussion of problems
      - 1972 election
      - Personality conflicts
- Trip to Soviet Union for negotiations
  - Kissinger
- Kissinger's view
  - Publicity
    - Kissinger
- Qualities
  - Foreign affairs
    - Knowledge
    - Public relations
      - Compared with Kissinger
  - Balance and self-confidence
    - Kissinger

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

#### India-Pakistan War

- Inevitability
- US policy
  - Kissinger
- Soviets
  - Lack of cooperation
  - The President's meeting with Soviet Agricultural Minister [Vladimir Matskevich]
  - Gandhi
- Rogers's possible views
  - Possible talk with Haldeman
    - State Department

#### Kissinger and Rogers

- Contrast
  - Concern for historical compared to immediate image
  - Concern for "editorial page" compared to "front page" image
  - Long compared to short view
  - Rationality and self control
  - Rogers
    - Composure
      - Conversation with John A. Scali
- Manners

## Cabinet

- Kissinger's views
  - Rogers
  - Laird
- Responsibilities

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

## Kissinger and Rogers

- India-Pakistan War
- Leaks
- Value
- Loyalty
  - State Department

## Kissinger

- Relations with the President
  - Kissinger's view
    - Trips to Florida, California
- Attendance at forthcoming Japanese dinner
  - [Unknown person]
- Calls from the President
- Talks with Haldeman and Mitchell
  - Rogers's retention in office
    - Kissinger's views
- Possible resignation
  - Timing
    - 1972 election
    - Soviet Summit
    - Possible announcement
      - June 1972
- Middle East
  - Kissinger's background
  - Kissinger's view
    - Talk with Mitchell
    - Talk with the President
      - 1970 elections
  - Kissinger's meetings
    - Promises
- India-Pakistan War
  - Rogers
  - Kissinger's responsibility
    - The President's view
  - State Department
  - The President's orders at WSAG meeting
    - Kissinger's view
- Relations with Rogers
- Cooperation with *New York Times*
  - Reasons
    - Justification of Kissinger's role
    - Kissinger's importance vis-a-vis the President's
- Relations with the President

- Announcements
  - Troop withdrawals
- The President's interview with Dan Rather, January 2, 1972
  - Kissinger foreign policy suggestions
  - Prisoners of war [POWs]
- Honesty
- Reaction to India-Pakistan War
  - Press treatment

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

#### The President's schedule

- San Clemente
  - Possible instructions to Rogers and Kissinger
    - Contact with press
      - Anderson
      - India-Pakistan War

#### *New York Times*

- The President's instructions
  - Pentagon Papers
    - Kissinger
- Kissinger
  - Interviews
    - Ronald L. Ziegler
    - Haldeman
    - Talks with Haldeman and Mitchell
      - State Department
      - India-Pakistan War
- Possible leaks

#### The President's trip to California

- Mitchell's schedule
  - Talk with Rogers
  - Haldeman's presence

#### Kissinger

- Possible talk
- Possible talk with the President
  - Complaints regarding Rogers and State Department
- Possible talk with Mitchell
  - Rockefeller
    - Relations with Kissinger

#### The President's schedule

- Recent meeting with Rogers in Florida
  - Rogers's interest
- Dinner with Rogers, Hoover and Rebozo
- Plane trip
  - Meeting with Hoover, Rogers and Adele (Langston) Rogers
  - Haldeman's meeting with Rogers
- Meetings with Rogers
  - Kissinger's presence

- Meetings with foreign leaders
  - African leaders
    - Upper Volta
    - Kissinger's presence
  - Kissinger's presence
    - Georges J.R. Pompidou
    - Willy Brandt
    - Manner
    - Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
    - Kissinger's notes
- Trip to California
  - Mitchell
    - Talk with Kissinger
      - Timing
    - Talks with Kissinger and Rogers
      - The President's instructions
      - Anderson
      - Investigation
        - Ehrlichman

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

Kissinger

- Relations with the President
  - Hypothetical relations with Connally as President
    - Kissinger's tenure in office
    - Rogers's tenure in office
  - Contrasted with other Cabinet members
  - Cambodia and Laos
  - Pentagon Papers
  - Encouragement

The President's trip to California

Unknown matter

Mitchell and Haldeman left at 6:00 pm.

Conversation No. 643-14

Date: January 3, 1972

Time: Unknown after 6:00 pm until 6:01 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with unknown people.

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[Unintelligible]

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H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman [?]

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

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The President and the unknown people left at 6:01 pm.

Conversation No. 643-15

Date: January 3, 1972

Time: Unknown between 6:01 pm and 11:59 pm

Location: Oval Office

Unknown people [Secret Service agents] met.

Schedules

The unknown people [agents] left at an unknown time before 11:59 pm

Conversation No. 643-9

Date: January 3, 1972

Time: Unknown between 6:01 pm and 11:59 pm

Location: Oval Office

Unknown men [Secret Service agents] met.

[An unknown man talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 6:01 and 11:59 pm.]

[Conversation No. 643-9A]

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[End of telephone conversation]

Conv. No. 643-15 (cont.)

The conversation was cut off at an unknown time before 11:59 pm.