

## NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF



**Tape Subject Log**  
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Conversation No. 58-1

Date: May 18, 1971

Time: 8:02 am - 9:33 am

Location: Cabinet Room

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger, Melvin R. Laird, U. Alexis Johnson, Robert P. Griffin, Norris Cotton, Peter H. Dominick, Gerald R. Ford, Leslie C. Arends, John B. Anderson, Barber B. Conable, Jr., Richard H. Poff, Robert C. ("Bob") Wilson, John J. Rhodes, Robert T. Stafford, H. Allen Smith, Robert J. Dole, Peter G. Peterson, George P. Shultz, John D. Ehrlichman, Clark MacGregor, William E. Timmons, Harry S. Dent, Ronald L. Ziegler, Bryce N. Harlow, and Kenneth E. BeLieu

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

Europe

Railroad strike

- Shultz
- Effects
  - Length
- Administration's proposal to Senate
- Union's position
- Possible Congressional action
  - Previous Congressional action
    - Ford's efforts
    - President's previous proposal
- Other unions' pending disputes
- 1973
- Possible settlement
  - Length of strike
  - Emergency board
  - Proposals
- Possible Congressional action
  - Congress' schedule
    - [Senate?] Labor Committee
  - Possible amendment
  - Possible court action
  - Michael J. ("Mike") Mansfield and Robert C. Byrd
    - Roll call vote of Senate
- National Labor Relations Board [NLRB]
- Congress' schedule

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- Possible roll call vote
- Harley O. Staggers' statement
- Delay
- Possible vote
- William J. Green
  - Philadelphia election
- Possible vote on Rules Committee
- Carl [B. Albert?]
- Possible vote
  - Date
- Administration's legislative program regarding transportation
- Congress' schedule
  - Election in Philadelphia
- Effects of delay
  - Senate
  - Mansfield
  - Chrysler Corporation, automobile and steel industries, unemployment, Gross National Product [GNP]
- Omnibus bill
- Democrats
- Senate

Europe

- Agenda
- Laird

Railroad strike

- Possible Congressional action
  - Senate Labor Committee
  - Virginia delegation's trip to Japan
  - Hugh Scott's schedule
  - Responsibility
  - Effect of delay
  - Possible vote
  - Mansfield and Byrd
  - Possible vote
  - Effect of strike and delay in action
  - Ford's conversation with Albert
  - Ford's conversation with Joseph M. McDade, May 17, 1971
  - Responsibility

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North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO]

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Extension of the military draft

- Forthcoming vote in Congress
- Timing of subsequent vote in 1972
- Attitude of youth to military service
- Vietnam

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Extension of the military draft

- Possible effect of defeat of bill
  - Draft pool
  - Lottery system

U. Alexis Johnson

- Background and experience

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Europe

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NATO

- US military commitment
  - Pending amendments in Senate
    - Mansfield
      - Provisions
    - Charles McC. Mathias, Jr.
      - Jacob K. Javits, Hubert H. Humphrey and Ted Stevens
      - Provisions
      - Humphrey, Javits

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Europe

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- Mathias and Mansfield amendments
  - Prospects
  - Humphrey, Edmund S. Muskie
  - Possible substitute

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World situation

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NATO

- US military commitment
  - Balance of payments

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- Peterson
- Popular opinion
- US goals
- European wars
- US military commitment
- Mansfield, Mathias amendments
- Popular opinion

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US military

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- Possible Congressional action
- Griffin's appearance with Fred R. Harris on Columbia Broadcasting System  
[CBS], May 18, 1971
- Need for Congressional committee work
- Prospects
- Provisions, possible substitute
- An unknown man's position

- Extension of the military draft
  - Samuel S. Stratton's amendment
  - Humphrey amendment
  - Timing of subsequent vote

Peterson

- President's schedule
  - State legislators' briefing on revenue sharing

Peterson

- Forthcoming briefing on international trade for Business Council
- Japan, Europe

Balance of payments

- Current account balance

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- Components
- Military, Europe, Far East

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Conversation No. 58-2

Date: Unknown between May 18 and May 20, 1971  
 Time: Unknown between 9:33 am, May 18 and 9:02 am, May 20, 1971  
 Location: Cabinet Room

Unknown people met

Cabinet Room

- Furnishings
  - [Thomas] Woodrow Wilson, Theodore (“Teddy”) Roosevelt, Dwight D. Eisenhower
- Chair
- President

President’s speeches

- Preparation

President’s press conferences

- Preparation

The unknown people left at an unknown time before 9:02 am, May 20, 1971

Conversation No. 58-3

Date: Unknown between May 18 and May 20, 1971  
 Time: Unknown between 9:33 am, May 18 and 9:02 am, May 20, 1971  
 Location: Cabinet Room

Unknown men met

Cabinet Room

- Furnishings

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-President's chair

Microphones

The unknown men left at an unknown time before 9:02 am, May 20, 1971

Conversation No. 58-4

Date: May 20, 1971

Time: 9:02 am - 9:48 am

Location: Cabinet Room

The President met with Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, William P. Rogers, John B. Connally, Melvin R. Laird, John N. Mitchell, Winton M. ("Red") Blount, William T. Pecora, Clifford M. Hardin, James T. Lynn, Laurence H. Silberman, Elliot L. Richardson, George W. Romney, James M. Beggs, George P. Shultz, Robert H. Finch, Donald H. Rumsfeld, George H. W. Bush, H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman, John D. Ehrlichman, Henry A. Kissinger, Clark MacGregor, Peter M. Flanigan, Herbert G. Klein, Dr. Edward E. David, Jr., Raymond K. Price, Jr., Alexander P. Butterfield, Ronald L. Ziegler, William E. Timmons, Charles W. Colson, John A. Scali, Richard A. Moore, Harry S. Dent, Leonard Garment, John W. Dean, III, Frederic V. Malek, Robert J. Brown, Robert J. Dole, Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, Gerard C. Smith, Arthur J. Sohmer, Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger, Virginia H. Knauer, and Arnold R. Weber

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US-Soviet relations

-Briefings

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Strategic arms limitation

*[To listen to the segment (6m59s) declassified on 02/28/2002, please refer to RC# E-524.]*

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-US-Soviet statement, May 20, 1971

-Content and phraseology

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- Meaning
- Forthcoming negotiations
- Vienna, Helsinki
- Smith, Vladimir S. Semenov

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Strategic arms limitation

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- May 20, 1971 announcement
- Content

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Negotiations

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Smith

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

The President, et al. left at 9:48 am

Conversation No. 58-5

Date: May 20, 1971  
 Time: 10:15 am - 11:05 am  
 Location: Cabinet Room



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[General conversation/Unintelligible]

Ellender, Hébert, and Boggs

US-Soviet relations

- Strategic arms limitation
  - May 20,1971 announcement
  - Senate’s schedule
  - Mansfield

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Negotiations

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- May 20, 1971 announcement
- Content and phraseology

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Forthcoming negotiations

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- May 20, 1971 announcement
- Handling
- Content and phraseology

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Significance

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- Possible public statements

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Negotiations

*[To listen to the segment (23m43s) declassified on 02/28/2002, please refer to RC# E-525.]*

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- US defense spending
- Public opinion
- Domestic problems
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO]

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Negotiations

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[General conversation/Unintelligible]

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Rogers, MacGregor

President's call to John W. Byrnes

Ellender, Rogers, Ford

The President, *et al.* left at 11:05 am