



NIXON PRESIDENTIAL MATERIALS STAFF

Tape Subject Log  
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Conversation No. 88-1

Date: January 24, 1972  
Time: Unknown between 10:04 am and 11:59 pm  
Location: Cabinet Room

The following people met: Samuel M. Cohn, Mark W. Alger, Charles E. Benton, David Bray, Lawrence Breese, Velma N. Baldwin, Philip Dame, Donald A. Derman, Lynn Etheredge, C. William Fischer, James M. Frey, Wilmer Hunt, John Hurley, Walter W. Haase, Joseph Laitin, Susanne Lind, Hugh F. Loweth, Theodore C. Lutz, C. Peter Modlin, Jr., Philip McDonald, Dale R. McOmber, Douglas Norwood, Wilfred H. Rommel, Wesley K. Sasaki, Glenn R. Schleede, Julius Shiskin, Richard Stubbing, Reardon Sullivan, Daniel H. Taft, Barbara Torrey, James D. Tschirigi, Milton Turen, Ellis H. Veatch, Joyce Walker, Charles Kraus, Frank C. Carlucci, and Raymond Clarke. The following may also have been present: William H. Kolberg, William A. Niskanen, William H. Taft, IV, David P. Taylor, George P. Shultz, Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger, Arthur B. Laffer, William L. Gifford, Charles R. Perry, Dwight A. Ink, Kenneth W. Dam, Donald B. Rice, and Paul H. O'Neill

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1  
[Non-historical]  
[Duration: 47s]

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Preparation for bill-signing ceremony  
-Arrangement of spectators

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

The President entered at 10:30 am

Fiscal Year [FY] 1973 budget

The President's budgetary policies

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Office of Management and Budget [OMB] staff  
-Work

The President left at 10:34 am

Appreciation of OMB staff

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

The President's schedule

Cohn, et al. left at an unknown time before 11:59 pm

Conversation No. 88-2

Date: January 26, 1972

Time: Unknown after 7:47 am until 10:02 am

Location: Cabinet Room

Vice President Spiro T. Agnew met with Hugh Scott, Robert P. Griffin, Norris Cotton, Gordon L. Allott, Peter H. Dominick, Barry M. Goldwater, Gerald R. Ford, Leslie C. Arends, John B. Anderson, Samuel L. Devine, Richard H. Poff, Barber B. Conable, Jr., H. Allen Smith, Robert C. ("Bob") Wilson, John W. Byrnes, Frank T. Bow, Robert J. Dole, George P. Shultz, Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger, Herbert Stein, John D. Ehrlichman, Clark MacGregor, William E. Timmons, Richard K. Cook, Thomas C. Korologos, Harry S. Dent, Ronald L. Ziegler, Bryce N. Harlow, Noel C. Koch, William L. Gifford, Henry A. Kissinger, and William P. Rogers

Schedule

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

The President entered at 8:03 am

1972 campaign

Agenda

-Budget

Attendees

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-Goldwater

John F. Kennedy

-Conversation with Goldwater about the Bay of Pigs

Recording devices in the Cabinet Room

Agenda

The President's January 25, 1972 speech on Vietnam

-Reaction

-J. William Fulbright

-Michael J. ("Mike") Mansfield

-John C. Stennis

Vietnam

-Negotiations

-Revelation of secret talks

-Issues

-The President's opponents

-Nguyen Van Thieu

-Views

-George S. McGovern

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Vietnam peace negotiations

Goldwater left at an unknown time before 10:02 am

*[To listen to the segment (59m52s) declassified on 02/28/2002, please refer to RC# E-574, E-575.]*

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Stein's forthcoming presentation

Rogers left at an unknown time before 10:02 am

Fiscal Year [FY] 1973 budget

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National economy

- Status
- Prospects
  - Federal budget
- Wage and price controls
  - Operation
    - Pay Board, Price Commission
- Administration's accomplishments
- Real income
- Administration's policy
- Stein's role
- Balance of payments
  - Currency realignment
    - Japanese, European action
  - US productivity
  - Views of John B. Connally and Paul A. Volcker
  - Currency realignment
  - Interest rates

Federal budget for FY 1973

- Reduction in tax rates
- Effect on generated revenues
- Byrnes tax bill
- Views of Shultz and Weinberger
- Inflation
- National defense
  - Procurement
- Rate of increase in outlays
  - Compared to previous years
    - Lyndon B. Johnson
- National defense
  - Compared to human resources
- Crime and drugs
- Rate of increase in outlays
- Cities
  - Public housing
  - Revenue sharing
- Food stamps
  - Number of recipients
- Crime and drugs
  - Accomplishments in fight against problems

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Civil rights

- Edward M. (“Ted”) Kennedy’s speech
- The President’s accomplishments
- Federal employment
  - Reverse discrimination
- Speeches by the President’s opponents

Federal budget

- Controllability
- Reduction in increase in outlays

National economy

- Unemployment
  - Reductions in armed forces
  - Withdrawal of troops from Vietnam

Federal budget

- Possible roles of Shultz and Weinberger
- Republican doctrine
- Role of government in the economy
- 1958 deficit
  - Harlow
  - Dwight D. Eisenhower
  - Size
- 1966-68 deficits
  - Compared with deficits during the President’s tenure in office
- Deficits
  - Full-employment revenues
    - Inflation
- Liberals’ views
  - Welfare, food stamps, day care centers, the environment
  - Spending
- Henry M. (“Scoop”) Jackson’s views
- Congress’ role
- National defense
  - Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
    - Anti-Ballistic Missiles [ABM]
- Water Bill
- Social welfare programs

Congress

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-Action on the President's programs

National economy

-Dock strike on the West Coast

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[General conversation/Unintelligible]

Recording was cut off at 10:02 am

Conversation No. 88-3

Date: January 28, 1972

Time: 2:59 pm - 3:50 pm

Location: Cabinet Room

The President met with James D. Hodgson, Richard C. Van Dusen, J. Curtis Counts, John T. Dunlop, Frank A. Bonadio, Maurice A. Hutcheson, Martin J. Ward, Hunter P. Wharton, Carl M. Halvorson, Robert L. Higgins, John A. Stastny, Laurence H. Silberman, Willie J. Usery, Jr., Michael H. Moskow, Peter Fosco, John H. ("Jack") Lyons, Charles H. Pillard, Joseph T. Power, Thomas H. Owens, William E. Dunn, James H. Ferguson, Joseph Rich, George A. Miller, Fred R. Stevens, Dale R. Witcraft, David P. Lafayette, E. Carl Uehlein, Jr., D. Quinn Mills, Edward F. Carlough, John E. Healy, II, Robert A. Georgine, William Sidell, and Donald H. Rumsfeld

[Recording begins while the conversation is in progress]

Garment industry

-Unions

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Construction industry

- Dunlop's role
- Collective Bargaining Commission
  - Goals
  - Effect
    - Charts
  - Goals
  - Effect
    - Publicity
  - Structure
  - Effect
  - Views of rank and file
  - Dunlop's role
  - Conduct of management and labor
- George P. Shultz's views
- Collective Bargaining Commission
  - John E. Quinn, Stuart Rothman, Clarence D. Barker
  - Operation
- Knowledge
- Collective Bargaining Commission
  - Value
- Shultz
- Collective Bargaining Commission
  - Value
  - Cost to taxpayers
- Cost of living increases
- Productivity Commission
  - Purpose
  - National Commission on Productivity
  - Goal
    - Strikes
- Prospects
  - Development of new employees
  - Collective Bargaining Commission

Van Dusen

- George W. Romney

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Construction industry

-Status

-The President's role

Industrial Revolution

-History

Construction industry

-Structure

-The President's programs

-Prospects

-Wage rates

-Labor-management relations

-Perceptions

-Government's role

-Wage rates

-Collective Bargaining Commission

Presentation of gifts by the President

Construction industry

[General conversation/Unintelligible]

The President, Hodgson, et al. left at 3:50 pm

Conversation No. 88-4

Date: Unknown between January 28 and January 31, 1972

Time: Unknown between 3:50 pm, January 28 and 1:30 pm, January 31, 1972

Location: Cabinet Room

Unknown men met

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The unknown men left at an unknown time before 1:30 pm, January 31, 1972