

Tape Subject Log

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Conversation No. 277-1

Date: September 14, 1971 Time: Unknown between 8:56 pm and 8:59 pm Location: Executive Office Building

<u>The President talked with Paul W. Keyes</u>. [The recording begins at an unknown time while the conversation is in progress]

[See Conversation No. 9-12]

Conversation No. 277-2

Date: September 14, 1971 Time: 9:16 pm - 9:18 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Paul W. Keyes.

[See Conversation No. 9-13; one item has been withdrawn from the conversation]

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4 [Personal Returnable] [Duration:_47s_]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

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Conversation No. 277-3

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: 11:05 am - 11:15 am Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Attica prison riot -Ziegler's conversation with John D. Ehrlichman -Ehrlichman's conversation with Nelson A. Rockefeller -Time -Autopsies on hostages -Advice -Low profile stance of administration -Support by the administration of Rockefeller -The administration's response -Possible press conference statements -Decision-making process by the administration -The administration's relationship with Rockefeller -Events concerning Attica riot -Possible outside influence -Action of inmates -Confrontation between guards and inmates -Stance -The left-wing and radicals -Comparison to anti-Vietnam War moratoriums -Public statement by the administration -Decision by Rockefeller -Position of responsibility -Administration's position on situation -Rockefeller -Action -Telephone call to Ehrlichman -Timing -Possible public statements -May Day demonstrators Forthcoming press conference -Possible question -George S. McGovern

-Trip to Vietnam

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-Security problem -The President's travels abroad -Latin America, Peru, Burma, Pakistan -Possible response -Details -Comments -Ambassador -McGovern's security

Edmund S. Muskie -*Time* magazine story

Attica -Decision -The President's position

Ziegler left at 11:15 am.

Conversation No. 277-4

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: Unknown between 11:15 am and 11:59 am Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 9-14]

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Conversation No. 277-5

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: 11:59 am - 12:01 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

[See Conversation No. 9-15]

Conversation No. 277-33

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: Unknown between 12:01 pm and 12:18 pm Location: Executive Office Building

An unknown woman [Mary A. ("Toni") Sidley?] entered at an unknown time after 12:01 pm.

Schedule

The unknown woman [Sidley?] left at an unknown time before 12:18 pm.

Conversation No. 277-6

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: 12:18 pm - 12:20 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

[See Conversation No. 9-17]

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Conversation No. 277-7

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: 12:24 pm - 12:25 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

[See Conversation No. 9-19]

Conversation No. 277-8

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: 12:37 pm - 12:39 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

[See Conversation No. 9-21]

Conversation No. 277-9

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: Unknown between 12:39 pm and 1:05 pm Location: Executive Office Building

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

Schedule -Meeting request

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Conversation No. 277-10

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: 1:05 pm - 2:10 pm Location: Executive Office Building The President met with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman. Weather -Temperature -President's schedule, September 14, 1971 -[Truman] balcony The press -Instructions to Ronald L. Ziegler regarding contacts with the press -Response -Call from James B. ("Scotty") Reston to Ziegler -Time -Appointment request -Max Frankel -Robert B. Semple, Jr. -New York Times -Henry A. Kissinger -Conversation with Reston -Strategy involved -Pressure -Contacts -Ziegler's handling -Kissinger -Clearance with Ziegler, Haldeman -Joseph C. Kraft -In-depth interviews with newspapers -Handling prior to election time -Timing -Richard L. ("Dick") Wilson -Stewart J.O. Alsop -Attitude towards the administration -Agreements by Ziegler

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The press -Alsop -Handling during forthcoming year -Written articles compared with interviews -US News & World Report -Possible article by the President -Associated Press [AP] and United Press International [UPI] -Reston -Edmund S. Muskie -Ziegler -Thomas W. Braden -Semple -President's view -The New York Times interviews -Frankel. Reston -Protection of the administration -Semple, Edward Dale -Strategy towards the press -Exclusive interviews -George P. Shultz's view -Dale, Semple -The administration's relations with the press -Ziegler -Press attitude -Type of support for the administration -Los Angeles Times -Relationship with the administration -Claude Erwin -New York Post

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-Don Erwing [sp?] -Reston's inquiry to Kissinger -Haldeman's involvement -Response -Estimation of newspaper response -The President's relationship with the press -Possible outcome -Ouestion of interviews -Alsop, Chalmers Roberts -Ziegler -George Putnam -Influence -Compared to Reston -Votes The President's schedule -National Security Council [NSC] -Meeting -Time -John B. Connally -Return from trip -Time -Date -Schedule for meeting -Date -Time -Camp David -Florida -Problems -Discussion -Chain of events -Type of schedule -Days of the week -Scheduling of days -Wednesday -Preparation for possible press conference Press relations -Briefing book for press conferences

-Patrick J. Buchanan

-Responsibility for briefing book

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-Current situations -Updating -Day of the week -Preparation for the President -Reduction of questions for the President -Update of events -Day of the week -Weekly review for the President -Local news -Accuracy -John N. Mitchell -Connally -Shultz -Edwin Hoyt's use of contacts in the White House -Herbert G. Klein -Rose Mary Woods -Knowledge -Answers to questions -Duty as personal secretary -Position -Edward C. Nixon Publication of books -Individuals writing books -Time -Paul Healy -Administration reaction towards writing books about the President -Time period before the election -Lack of time -After election -Effects on the President -Rowland Evans and Robert D. Novak -Nixon in the White House: The Frustration of Power -Lyndon Johnson: An Exercise in Power -The People's Republic of China [PRC] -Economic action -Inclusion at end of book -Publication of errata -Style of writing -Authenticity of book on the President -Kissinger

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-Evans -Accuracy of facts, quotes -Hugh S. Sidey -Columns versus books -Effects -Effects of PRC developments -Buchanan's opinion of Evans' book -Bestselling book's impact -Type of book -Reader's Digest -Personal focus -Story of Haldeman, John D. Ehrlichman, Klein, William L. Safire, Robert H. Finch, Donald H. Rumsfeld -Buchanan's view -Type of book -Possible effect of book -Comparison to Victor Lasky's book on John F. Kennedy -Conservatives -Book on Vice President Spiro T. Agnew -Effect of book about the President -Perceptions -Arthur F. Burns' role in the administration -Daniel P. ("Pat") Moynihan -Type of story -Buchanan -More books published about the President -Look magazine article about Haldeman -William Loeb -Unknown book -Evans -Kennedy -Reston Press stories -Pentagon Papers -Kissinger -Involvement of the New York Times -Interviews -Meeting between the President and Kissinger

-Reston

-Contact issue

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-Question of interview with Kissinger -Instruction for Haldeman to talk with Kissinger Security of documents -Papers of the White House staff -[Forename unknown] Reitzel (sp?) -Retrieval system within the administration -NSC papers -Kissinger -Importance -Distribution among NSC staff -Handling -Post-election period -Kissinger -Possession -Location -Establishment of special safekeeping measures -Possible problems -Coordination of efforts -Kissinger -Contacts -George S. McGovern, Edward M. Kennedy -William P. Rogers -Handling of contacts -White House location Scheduling -Warren E. Burger -Meetings with groups -Value -Clark MacGregor -Congressional leaders, members -Presidential trips -Types of events -Focus -Type of meeting held at Camp David -Second line staff -Safire -Paul A. Volcker -Focus -Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger

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-Safire, Kenneth W. Dam -Ehrlichman, Weinberger -Forthcoming economic action -Quadriad -Astronauts -Trip to Camp David

Cabinet

-Connally -Forthcoming talk with Haldeman -Leadership -Rogers -Rogers C.B. Morton -George W. Romney -Maurice H. Stans -Peter G. Peterson -John A. Volpe -Elliot L. Richardson -Politics compared with administrative work

Press relations

-Interviews in the Oval Office
-Television

-News hour
-Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
-Announcement

-Timing

-Press conferences

-Editors
-Question and answer [Q&A] sessions

-Detroit
-East Wing

-News hour

-Press conference scheduling

-Number of appearances by the President since July 1

The President's meetings with small groups

- -Effectiveness
- -Meetings

-Education factor

-Color reports on meetings

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-Kennedy administration

Evans and Novak book -Challenging of judgements, facts -Knowledge of details -Drew Pearson -Column -Columns The President's schedule -Florida -Charlotte, North Carolina [William F. ("Billy") Graham tribute] -Opening of Disney World -Veteran's Day weekend -Possible preview visit by the President -Orlando, Florida -Importance -Publicity -Interest by foreigners in Disneyland -Visitors -Disneyland compared to Disneyworld -Southern California -Florida -Events -Jews -Dinner

Evans and Novak book -Ehrlichman's reaction -Campaign comparison -Focus -John R. Chamberlain

Unknown woman

Evans and Novak book

Programs

-Possible changes

Polls

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-Effectiveness of the President's actions -Leadership -Meetings with groups of individuals -Influence -Productivity

Economy

-Connally -Burns -Monetary issues -Predictions -Shultz -Connally -Penn Central Corporation -Collapse of stock market

The media -Publication of Edith Efron's book

Attica State Prison riots -Nelson A. Rockefeller -Position -Decision -Hostages -Killings -Number of killings -Sequence -Decision by Rockefeller -Convicts -Guard killings -Effect of kill ratio -Rockefeller -Relation of situation to Cambodia -[Arnold] Eric Sevareid, Harry Reasoner -Course of action by Rockefeller Presidential leadership -Perceptions

-The PRC initiative -Public view of presidential authority -Use of power of presidential office

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-Sidey's column -Possible impact -Asia -Japan and China -Economic conditions -Cambodia -Use of power in foreign policy -PRC trip -Use of power in handling domestic issues -The economy

The President's staff

Congressional relations

Polls

-Charles W. Colson -Imbalance of positive and negative

[Unintelligible]

Staff

-Morale -Recent actions -News summary reports -Sense of activity

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Opening of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts -Leonard Bernstein - Mass -Reviews -Performances, architecture, theaters -Response -Emotional impact -Unknown person's criticism

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3 [Personal Returnable] [Duration: 27s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

Buchanan -Evans and Novak book

Haldeman left at 2:10 pm.

Conversation No. 277-11

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: Unknown between 2:10 pm and 2:30 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1 [Personal Returnable]

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[Duration: 46s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:30 pm.

Conversation No. 277-12

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: Unknown between 2:10 pm and 2:30 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1 [Personal Returnable] [Duration: <u>3s</u>]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:30 pm.

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Conv. No. 277-12 (cont.)

Time: Unknown between 2:10 pm and 2:30 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1 [Personal Returnable] [Duration: 2s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:30 pm.

Conversation No. 277-14

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: 2:30 pm - 2:32 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield.

President's schedule -Details

Butterfield left at 2:32 pm.

Conversation No. 277-15

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: 2:32 pm - 2:33 pm

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Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

[See Conversation No. 9-23]

Conversation No. 277-16

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: Unknown between 2:33 pm and 2:37 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Henry A. Kissinger.

Kissinger's schedule -Meeting with the President -The President's forthcoming press conference

Conversation No. 277-17

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: Unknown between 2:33 pm and 2:37 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 9-24]

Conversation No. 277-18

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: 2:37 pm - 3:15 pm Location: Executive Office Building

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The President talked with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

[See Conversation No. 9-25]

Henry A. Kissinger entered at 2:38 pm.

[End of telephone conversation] Press conference, September 16, 1971 -Report on US foreign aid -Democratic elections -Statistics -Number of countries -Elective processes -Democratic elections compared to contested elections -Contested elections -William R. Tolbert, Jr. -Liberia -Elections -Number of countries -United Nations [UN] -US position on membership -Secretary of State -People's Republic of China [PRC] -Taiwan, Republic of China -PRC trip -James B. ("Scotty") Reston column -Forthcoming details -Vietnam -US relations with PRC -Vietnam -US military -Withdrawal -Protection of forces -Demilitarized Zone [DMZ] -North Vietnamese actions -Helicopters -National Security Council [NSC] meeting -Time -Arrangements -Troop withdrawals

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-Announcement -Speculation -Future announcements -Timing -Proposed announcement of troop withdrawal -Forthcoming South Vietnamese Presidential election -Nguyen Van Thieu -Negotiations -Announcement -Time -Thieu -Ambassador Ellsworth F. Bunker -Forthcoming South Vietnamese Presidential election -Thieu's opponents -US foreign aid -Contested elections -Great Britain -Parliamentary procedures -Question and answer sessions -Position of Prime Minister -Speaker of the House of Commons Presidential press conferences -Format -On the record, no correction -Organization of conference Press conference, September 16, 1971

-Statements -Negotiations -Kissinger's role

Vietnam

-Response -Congress -US patriotism -Elections in South Vietnam -Questions -Vietnamization -Republicans -Attitudes during phased US withdrawal

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-Opponents -Support of war -Current status -Lack of support -Chronology -November 3, 1969 Speech -Cambodia -Laos (Lam Son 719)

Amchitka Nuclear nest

-Timing

-Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] trip announcement -PRC trip -USSR -Timing of nuclear test -Proximity to time of announcement -The PRC -USSR -Timing of announcement

[Unintelligible]

Vietnam

-Prisoner of war [POW] situation -Effect on election -Troop withdrawal -Timing of action -Possible questions on negotiations -Ceasefire -Military operations -Perceptions -Thieu -POW situation -US action -Troop withdrawal -Possible methods of negotiating -Deadline -Time Foreign affairs -USSR -Relations with PRC

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-Position in Southeast Asia -Relations -Negotiations -Moscow -Timing of Peking trip -US alternatives for proposal -Thieu -Position -USSR -The President's forthcoming meeting with Andrei A. Gromyko -Anatoliy F. Dobrynin -Handling of negotiations -Reactions to recent developments -The President's domestic opponents -Kissinger's trip to the PRC -Peking -The President's schedule Vietnam -Timing of action -November -Withdrawal of troops -Haig -Announcement of withdrawal -Military service draft -Number of troops -Time -Christmas period -Announcement -Additional announcements -Time -Type of announcement -Effect of announcement -Number of troops withdrawn -The President's PRC trip -Troop withdrawal -The President's trip to the USSR -Thieu -Importance of strength -Troop withdrawal -Effect

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-Election -Withdrawal -Timing -William F. Buckley -Thieu -Kissinger's forthcoming meetings -US position -Timing -Fall 1971 -Thieu -Deadlines

Kissinger left at 3:15 pm.

Conversation No. 277-19

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: Unknown between 3:15 pm and 4:15 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 9-26]

Conversation No. 277-20

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: 4:15 pm - 4:38 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Charles W. Colson.

[See Conversation No. 9-27; one item has been withdrawn from the conversation]

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Conversation No. 277-21

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: Unknown between 4:38 pm and 4:44 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person.

Request for unknown person -Schedule

Conversation No. 277-22

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: Unknown between 4:38 pm and 4:44 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 9-28]

Conversation No. 277-23

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: 4:44 pm - 4:48 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with George P. Shultz.

[See Conversation No. 9-29]

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Conversation No. 277-24

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: Unknown between 4:48 pm and 5:15 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Mary A. ("Toni") Sidley.

Alexander P. Butterfield's schedule

Sidley left at an unknown time before 5:15 pm.

Conversation No. 277-25

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: 5:15 pm - 5:22 pm Location: Executive Office Building

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

[See Conversation No. 9-30; one item has been withdrawn from the conversation]

Conversation No. 277-26

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: Unknown between 5:22 pm and 7:23 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person.

Schedule -Request for a call back

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Conversation No. 277-27

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: Unknown between 5:22 pm and 7:23 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

Briefing book -Additional pages

Schedule -Sally Inge -Typing -Departure

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 7:23 pm.

Conversation No. 277-28

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: Unknown between 5:22 pm and 7:23 pm Location: Executive Office Building

Unknown people met.

Table -Location

[Unintelligible]

The unknown people left at an unknown time before 7:23 pm.

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Conversation No. 277-29

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: 7:23 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 9-31]

Conversation No. 277-30

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: Unknown between 7:23 pm and 9:30 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 9-32]

Conversation No. 277-31

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: Unknown between 7:23 pm and 9:30 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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Schedule -Sally Inge

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 9:00 pm.

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Conversation No. 277-32

Date: September 15, 1971 Time: Unknown between 7:23 pm and 9:30 pm Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1 [Personal Returnable] [Duration:<u>4s</u>]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 9:00 pm.