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Tape Subject Log
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Conversation No. 803-22/804-1

Date: October 18, 1972

Time: Unknown between 3:23 pm and 5:43 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with H.R. ("Bob") Haldeman. This recording began at an unknown time while the conversation was in progress.

[An unknown portion of this conversation was not recorded while the tape was changed.]

Vietnam negotiations

- Nguyen Van Thieu
- The President's view

The President's schedule

- Camp David
 - Ronald L. Ziegler
 - Radio talks
- Raymond K. Price, Jr.
 - Radio talks
- John D. Ehrlichman
 - Work on legislative backlog
 - Photograph session
- Timing of October 19, 1972 scheduled departure
- Radio talks
 - [Philosophy of Government] October 21, 1972
 - Time
 - Repeat cycle
- Veterans speech on October 22, 1972
 - Timing of broadcast
 - Church service
 - West
 - Live audience
 - News coverage
- Veterans Day
 - Arlington National Cemetery
 - New York

Vietnam

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- Prisoners of war [POWs]
 - Recent National League of Families meeting
 - Carol Hanson's endorsement of the President
 - The President's policy on the return of POWs
 - Statement regarding George S. McGovern's Vietnam policy

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 5m 19s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

The President's schedule

- News value
 - October 17, 1972
 - Charles W. Colson
 - Cabinet, Cost of Living Council [COLC]
 - Labor leaders
 - Meeting with Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger, George P. Shultz,
 - Herbert Stein
 - Budget cuts
 - Spending ceiling legislation
 - Ehrlichman
 - Ehrlichman
 - Judgement
 - Colson, Weinberger
 - Timing of announcements during 1972 campaign period
 - Department of Health, Education and Welfare [HEW]
 - School lunch programs
 - Transportation department
 - Washington Metro construction
 - Impact

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- Veterans issues
 - Bill signing ceremony
 - John M. O'Neill veterans group
 - Young labor group
 - Television [TV] coverage
 - POW event
- Press conference
 - Colson
 - Frequency
 - Issues
 - Watergate
 - Vietnam
 - Sarah McClendon, Clark R. Mollenhoff
- Colson's meeting recommendations
 - Elliot L. Richardson, James D. Hodgson, Ehrlichman, Daniel P. ("Pat") Moynihan, Congressional leaders
 - Welfare reform
 - Family Assistance Program [FAP]
 - Employment
 - Press briefing
 - Questions
 - 1972 election
 - Announcement
 - Defense budget
 - Church attendance in Annapolis, Maryland
 - US Naval Academy
 - Price Commission
 - Donald H. Rumsfeld
 - Pay Board
- Church attendance
 - Gettysburg
 - October 29, 1972
 - Ohio
 - October 22, 1972
 - Radio speech timing
 - 1972 election
 - West
 - William F. ("Billy") Graham

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at 3:47 pm.

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Congressional schedule
-Debt ceiling

Butterfield left at an unknown time before 3:58 pm.

- Price commission
- Budget meeting
 - Weinberger
 - Ehrlichman's role

The President's schedule

- Kentucky
 - Vietnam War
 - Possible Settlement
 - Timing
 - Conversation with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
 - Thieu
 - Henry A. Kissinger's possible meeting with Le Duc Tho
 - Kissinger's Possible Itinerary
 - Vientiane, Saigon, Hanoi, Washington, DC
- Thieu

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 5m 46s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 7

The President's schedule

Haldeman talked with Ehrlichman at an unknown time between 3:47 pm and 3:58 pm.

[Conversation No. 803-22/804-1A]

Request for a meeting with Ehrlichman

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[End of telephone conversation]

The President's schedule

The President left and Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 3:47 pm.

The President's schedule
-Telephone

Bull left and The President entered at an unknown time after 3:58 pm.

[Bonsai?] trees
-Value
-Haldeman's possession

The President talked with an unknown person [Haig?] at an unknown time between 3:47 pm and 3:58 pm.

[Conversation No. 803-22/804-1D]

Request for a meeting

[End of telephone conversation]

[Bonsai?] trees
-Value
-Nellie L. Yates
-Trip [to Peoples Republic of China [PRC]?]
-Possible gift to the White House

Ehrlichman entered at 3:58 p.m.

Memorandum
-Arthur F. Burns
-Rose Mary Woods

The President talked with Woods at an unknown time between 3:58 pm and 4:01 pm.

[Conversation No. 803-22/804-1B]

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Letter from Burns
-Ehrlichman

[End of telephone conversation]

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 3:58 pm.

Refreshment

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 4:01 pm.

The President's schedule

- Budget meeting recommendation
 - Stein, Weinberger, Shultz, Ehrlichman
 - Spending limit
 - Briefing by Weinberger
- Proposed cuts
 - Pre-election period
- Cabinet meeting
- News value
- Meeting at Camp David
 - William E. Timmons
 - New York

Woods entered at 4:01 pm.

Memorandum from Burns
-Weinberger's draft

Haig entered and Woods left at 4:02 p.m.

Foreign Relations

- US-Soviet Union trade agreement
 - William P. Rogers's view
 - State Department
 - Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty [SALT], Shanghai Communique, Berlin agreement
 - U. Alexis Johnson
- Vietnam Negotiations
 - Possible settlement
 - Kissinger's forthcoming meeting with Thieu

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- Political issues
 - Coalition government in South Vietnam
 - Kissinger's forthcoming meeting with Thieu
 - State Department
 - Security issues
 - North Vietnam
 - POWs
 - Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.
- Kissinger's schedule
 - Thieu
 - William H. Sullivan
 - Vientiane, Phnom Penh, Bangkok
 - Philip C. Habib
 - Seoul
 - Park Chung Hee
 - Thieu

Haig left at 4:08 p.m.

- The President's schedule
- Camp David budget meeting
 - Veto announcement
 - Revenue sharing signing ceremony
 - Shultz, Weinberger
 - Transportation arrangements
 - Helicopters
 - Philadelphia revenue sharing ceremony trip
 - Press pool
 - Ehrlichman
 - Story
 - Photograph opportunity
 - Recent Senate vote override
 - New York
 - Press relations
 - Legislation vetoes
 - Announcement
 - The President's role
 - Colson
 - Taxes
 - Questions
 - 1972 election

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- Mollenhof
- McClendon
- Colson's perception
- Radio statement
 - News value
 - Ehrlichman
- Veterans legislation
 - Colson
 - Arrangements for signing ceremony
 - Young veterans group
 - GI Bill
 - O'Neill
 - Labor group
 - Badges
 - Impact of event
 - New York
 - Photograph opportunity
 - Veterans issue
- Radio speech on education, October 25, 1972
 - Preparation
 - Schedule
 - Butterfield
- Radio speeches
 - Veterans, New Majority topics
 - William L. Safire
- Appalachian trip
 - Airport
 - Ashland, Kentucky
 - Release of statement by the President
 - Rural development, black lung
 - Accomplishments and proposals
 - Robert C. Byrd
 - McGovern
 - Kentucky, West Virginia
 - Auditorium
 - Louie R. Nunn
- New York speech
 - Theme
 - Goals for future
 - John B. Connally's foreign policy speech
 - Broadcast

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- Tone
- The President's goals for the future
 - [McGovern's] programs
 - World peace, prosperity
- Press corps
 - Nelson A. Rockefeller's home
- Connally broadcast
 - Audience reaction
- Tone
- Positive nature of the President's appearances
 - Kentucky and Appalachia
 - John Sherman Cooper
 - Support for the President
 - Lucy A. Winchester
 - Stump speeches
 - Press reaction
 - Audiences
 - Fund raising speeches
 - Reading a speech
 - Rallies
 - Radio
- Issues and events
 - Welfare programs meeting
 - Colson
 - Richardson
 - Moynihan
 - Congress
 - Price Commission
 - Rumsfeld briefing
 - Price increases
 - Consumer Price Index [CPI]
 - Timing of release
 - Gross National Product [GNP]
 - Revenue sharing
 - Meeting with young voters for the President
 - Colson
 - East Room
 - Defense budget
 - Defense officials
 - Kissinger
 - Austerity effort in budget matters

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- Vietnam
- Trips
 - Kentucky
 - Film of Connally speech
 - New York
 - Statement on plans for the future
 - News value of events
 - Rallies
 - Georgia, Michigan, Texas remarks
 - New York
 - Fund raiser
 - California
 - Los Angeles
 - Public enthusiasm
 - Kentucky
 - Appalachia
 - Expression of views
 - Peace, world view, economy, goals for America
 - The President's trip to Independence Hall
- Revenue sharing
 - Price's draft of speech
 - Length
 - Talking points
 - Substance, anecdote, theme
 - TV
 - George Washington on the Constitution
 - The President's 1970 trip to Philadelphia
 - Philadelphia Orchestra
 - John K. Andrews, Jr.
 - Winston S. Churchill quote
 - TV coverage
 - Effect of issue
 - General public
 - Mayors, officials
 - Stewart J.O. Alsop
 - Trust in localities compared to Washington, DC
- Water bill
 - Veto
 - House of Representatives
 - Chances for sustaining
 - Colson's view

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- Gerald R. Ford, Leslie C. Arends
- Environmentalists
- News coverage
- Trade agreement with the Soviet Union
 - Lend-Lease agreement
- The President's trip to Kentucky
 - Airport
 - Louisville
 - Huntington, West Virginia
 - Possible Air Force base
 - Portsmouth, Ohio
 - Ashland, Kentucky
 - Charleston, West Virginia
 - Symbolism of the President's visit to West Virginia
 - Arch A. Moore, Jr.
- Charleston, West Virginia

Al-Fatah

- Terrorism committee report
 - David R. Young, Jr.
 - 1972 election
 - The President
 - Yitzak Rabin
 - Response
 - White House
 - L.[ouis] Patrick Gray, III
 - Use of Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 9

[National security]

[Duration: 14s]

TERRORISM

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 9

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-Authorization by the President

- Rabin
- R. Sargent Shriver
- The President
- Rabin
 - Israeli security
 - Ehrlichman's airplane flight with Abba Eban

Statements

- Theme
 - The President's next term
 - Peace, economy, welfare
 - Goals
 - Peace, prosperity, growth

Congress

- Adjournment
 - Telephone call to the President
 - House of Representatives, Senate
 - Possible meeting with the President
 - Timmons
 - Schedule
- The President's view
- The President as freshman Congressman
 - Daylight savings time
 - District of Columbia
 - Debate
 - Virginia farmers
- Ehrlichman's schedule
- Michael Gravel, John V. Tunney, Frank F. Church, Warren G. (Maggie") Magnuson
- Charles H. Percy
- Vote on spending limitation
- McGovern
- Edward M. Kennedy
 - Parliamentarian [Floyd M. Riddick]
 - J. Mark Trice

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Inaugural

- Progress
 - Stands
 - Seats, framework
- Routes
- Brookings Institute
 - Transition planning
 - Franklin B. Lincoln, Jr.
 - Telephone call after Democratic National Convention
 - Placement of people in government agencies

Brookings Institute

- Establishment
- Richard P. Nathan's new job
 - Welfare program
- Personnel

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 10

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 12m 59s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 10

Senate

- Votes on Watergate investigation, spending limit, Water bill
 - Charles McC. Mathias, Jr.
 - Kennedy
 - Charles E. Goodell
- The President's role during campaign
 - Surrogates
 - Daniel J. Evans
 - Ehrlichman
- Watergate
 - Mathias

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- Kennedy
- Edward J. Gurney
- Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
- Mathias
 - Agnew
 - Percy, William B. Saxbe
 - Support
 - Fredrick, Maryland
- Percy
 - Downstate Illinois
- Opposition to the President
 - Jacob K. Javits
 - Edward W. Brooke
 - Clifford P. Case
 - Javits
 - Comparison to Percy, Mathias, Hugh Scott
- Scott
 - Water bill
 - Pennsylvania Association of Industries
 - Re-election as minority leader
 - Breakfast conversation with the President
 - Fund raising
- Composition
 - Possible changes in leadership
 - Nunn's election
 - Scott
 - Robert P. Griffin, Howard H. Baker, Jr., William E. Brock, III
 - Baker as possible leader
 - Scott
 - Gordon L. Allott, Jack R. Miller
 - Leadership qualities
 - Robert J. Dole
 - [Republican National Committee]
 - Wallace F. Bennett
 - Roman L. Hruska
 - Milton Young
 - Peter H. Dominick
 - Brock

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- Possible change of leadership
 - Ford
 - Rumsfeld
 - Grand Rapids
 - Rumsfeld
 - John J. Rhodes, John B. Anderson
 - Anderson
 - Scott
 - Cooperation
 - Comparison to Ford
 - John C. Stennis

Senate

- Stennis
 - Possible party change
- Possible change in leadership
 - Margaret C. Smith, Byrd
 - Scott, Hruska
- Harry F. Byrd
 - Possible change in political affiliation
 - Bryce N. Harlow

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 11

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 5m 44s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 11

The press and media

- MacGregor's *Washington Post* statement
- 1972 election
- New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Newsweek*, *Time*
- TV networks
- Attitude towards administration
 - White House events

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- James B. (“Scotty”) Reston
- Katharine L. Graham
- Ziegler
- New York Times, Washington Post, Time, Life, Newsweek*
- Hugh S. Sidey
- TV networks
- Business executives
 - William S. Paley, Frank Stanton, Leonard H. Goldenson, Robert W. Sarnoff
- Reporters
 - Daniel L. Schorr
 - George Herman’s conversation with Ehrlichman
 - Schorr
 - Wife, brother
 - Campaign activities in support of McGovern
- The President's East Room press conferences
 - Frank van der Linden
 - Recognition of reporters
 - New York Times*
 - Carroll Kilpatrick
 - Robert B. Semple, Jr.
- TV compared to newspapers
 - Washington Post*
 - Compared to Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
 - Washington Post* newspaper syndicate
 - Hobart Rowen
 - Ehrlichman’s attendance at Associated Press [AP] editors meeting
 - Los Angeles Times*
 - Ehrlichman's letter
 - Publication and circulation
- New York Times*
 - Story on Watergate
 - Donald H. Segretti's telephone calls to White House
 - Dwight L. Chapin, E. Howard Hunt, Jr.
 - Innuendos, implications
 - Double standard
 - Leaks
 - Pentagon Papers, National Security Council [NSC] leaks

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- Pulitzer Prize
- Kissinger
- Daniel Ellsberg
 - Washington Post* editorial
 - Government employment
 - Committee to Re-elect the President
 - Hunt
 - Chapin
- Chapin
 - Purported position and access to the President
 - Wiretaps
 - Frequency
- Reporters
 - Access to the White House
 - New York Times*, *Washington Post*
 - Christmas parties
 - Reaction of potential big election victory by the President
 - Philip L. Geyelin
 - American people
 - Franklin D. Roosevelt's election
 - Haldeman's grandfather's view
 - Allen S. Drury
 - Books
 - Intellectual establishment
 - John F. Osborne
 - Washington Post*, *New York Times*
- McGovern
 - Connally's broadcast
 - McGovern's views
 - Henry A. Wallace era
- The President's schedule
 - Congress
 - Adjournment

Ehrlichman talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 5:28 pm and 5:37 pm.

Chapin

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John D. Ehrlichman talked with an unknown staff member in Timmons's office at an unknown time between 5:28 pm and 5:37 pm.

Haldeman left at 5:28 pm.

Ehrlichman talked with Timmons at an unknown time between 5:28 pm and 5:37 pm.

[Conversation No. 803-22/804-1C]

[See Conversation No. 31-120]

Haldeman entered at 5:32 pm.

[End of telephone conversation]

Congress

- Adjournment
 - Highway bill
 - Highways Conference
 - Javits's reaction to Magnuson amendment on unemployment
 - “Pins and needles” bill
 - Tax amendment
 - Senate passage of debt ceiling bill
- Ford
- Javits
 - Debt ceiling bill
- The President's schedule
- Comparison to 1960s, [1947-1960], [1969-1972]

The President's schedule

- Huntington, West Virginia
 - Airport
 - Charleston, West Virginia
 - Previous trip during flood
 - Ashland, Kentucky

Ehrlichman's schedule

- Meeting with Frederic V. Malek
- Congressional adjournment
 - Status

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- Senate
- Javits
- Quorum
- Debt ceiling bill
- Weinberger's staff

Ehrlichman left at 5:37 pm.

Watergate

- News stories
 - New York Times*
 - Chapin
 - Timing of release of stories
 - Colson's recommendation
 - Time*
 - Dan Rather story
 - Responsibility
 - Chapin, Jeb Stuart Magruder
 - The President, John N. Mitchell, Haldeman
 - CBS reporters
 - Rather, Robert Pierpoint, Schorr
 - ABC
 - Thomas E. Jarriel
 - Access to reporters
 - Marvin L. Kalb, Schorr, Rather
 - American Broadcasting Company [ABC]
 - Coverage
 - National Broadcasting Company [NBC] coverage during campaign

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 12

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 1m 55s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 12

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The President's schedule
-Congressional adjournment

Haldeman left at 5:43 pm.

Conversation No. 804-2

Date: October 18, 1972
Time: 5:43pm - 5:45 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon.

[See Conversation No. 31-122; one item has been withdrawn]

Conversation No. 804-3

Date: October 18, 1972
Time: Unknown between 5:45 pm and 5:50 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 31s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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The President and Sanchez left at 5:50 pm.

Conversation No. 804-4

Date: October 18, 1972

Time: Unknown between 5:50 pm and 11:59 pm

Location: Oval Office

Unknown men [Secret Service agents] met.

The President's location
-Executive Office Building [EOB]

Telephone calls

The President's location
-EOB

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at an unknown time after 5:50 pm.

[Unintelligible]

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