

# **Tape Subject Log** (rev. Oct-03)

Conversation No. 807-1

Date: October 26, 1972

Time: Unknown between 8:09 am and 8:12 am

Location: Oval Office

# The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule
-John D. Ehrlichman
-Agenda
-Forthcoming veto

Bull left at an unknown time before 8:12 am.

Conversation No. 807-2

Date: October 26, 1972 Time: 8:12 am - 9:05 am Location: Oval Office

#### The President met with John D. Ehrlichman.

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Legislation
-House Resolution [HR] 1
-Senatorial candidate film session
-Winton M. ("Red") Blount
-Pressure to sign
-John Sherman Cooper
-Louie B. Nunn
-Administration strategy
-Vetoes
-Timing
-News story
-Taxes
-News story
-Kentucky visit
-Cooper
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- -Telephone call to Ehrlichman
- -Nelson A. Rockefeller
  - -Telephone call to Ehrlichman
  - -Position on signing bill
  - -New York benefits
- -George Meany
  - -Position on signing bill
- -Blount
  - -Senior citizens organization of Alabama
- -Candidates
  - -Interest groups
- -Feel for pressures
- -Blount
- -Reconsideration of veto
  - -Water bill veto
  - -Elliot L. Richardson
- -Political problems
  - -Ronald L. Ziegler
- -Dollar problems
  - -1974
- -Liquidation problem
  - -Payroll taxes
- -Bill's arrival
  - -Timing
    - -Pressures
- -Veto message
  - -Pressures building
  - -Veto timing
- -Mixing of vetoes and signings
- -Strategy
  - -Pressures
  - -Assessment of bill
  - -Water bill
    - -Columbia River
  - -Announcement timing
    - -1972 election
- -Department of Health, Education and Welfare [HEW] bill
- -HR 1
  - -Delay on decision
  - -Budget
    - -1973
      - -Payroll tax

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- -1974
- -Written summary of bills by Ehrlichman
  - -Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger
  - -Contents
- -Veterans
- -Job Corps
  - -Great Society programs
  - -Need for jobs for kids
  - -Rehabilitation
  - -Elevator operator story
    - -Unknown man
      - -Death
      - -Background
      - -California
      - -New York
      - -Oregon
        - -Civilian Conservation Corps [CCC]
  - -Need for program
    - -Social workers
    - -Congressional leadership
- -Need for written summary
  - -The President's schedule
    - -Campaign film session

#### -HR 1

- -Rockefeller opinion
  - -Load off of state in rehabilitation payments
    - -Compared to revenue sharing
  - -Control of hospital costs
    - -Medicaid
- -Nunn
- -Cooper's opinion
  - -Care for old people
  - -Compassion
  - -Campaign benefits
- -Vetoes
  - -Education bill
  - -Water bill
  - -Welfare bill
  - -Old, blind people
  - -Blind people
    - -Support for Administration
- -Congressional action

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- -Increase over Administration proposal
- -Interpretation of signing
  - -Payroll tax implications
    - -Signing with reservations
  - -New proposals for funding
    - -Clean water tax
      - -Treasury Department
    - -Value-added tax [VAT]
- -Announcement
  - -Payroll taxes
  - -Self-liquidation
    - -1974
- -Reasons for opposition
- -Interpretation of the President's action by public
  - -1972 election
    - -Pledge not to raise taxes compared to influence of voting bloc
- -Possible course of action
  - -Pay-as-you-go provision
  - -Study bill
  - -Importance of bill
  - -Cut of existing expenditures
  - -Priorities
  - -Buy-off argument
    - -Food stamps
  - -Cooper
    - -Pressure
  - -1972 election outcome
    - -George S. McGovern
- -Written summary
  - -Schedule of meetings
    - -Weinberger, George P. Shultz, Herbert Stein
- -Charles W. Colson's opinion
  - -Taxes, prices
  - -Veto recommendation
    - -Taxes
- -Written summary
  - -Alternatives
- -Budget cutting
- -Water bill
  - -Colson
- -Education
- -Veterans

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-Politics
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-Blount

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#### BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[Personal returnable] [Duration: 32s ]

#### END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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#### Motorcade

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Press
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-Quality of stories

-1972 campaign

-Endorsements

-Editorials

-Readership

-Television commentators

-Related to political polls

#### -Roscoe Drummond

- -Meeting with Ehrlichman, October 25, 1972
- -Anticipation of next four years of the President's administration
- -Possible appointment with the President

-Series

- -Washington Post
- -Washington Post
  - -Colson
  - -Story on Maurice H. Stans
  - -Accreditation
    - -Possible denial

-Effect

-Ehrlichman's conversation with Ziegler

- -Press conferences
  - -Recognition
- -Ziegler

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- -Dealings
- -Returning of calls
  - -White House staff
  - -Cabinet officials
- -Alleged libel of [John N. Mitchell and Stans]
- -Social functions
  - -White House parties
    - -Washington Star
  - -East Wing
    - -Constance M. (Cornell) ("Connie") Stuart

#### HR 1

- -Financing
  - -Richardson
    - -1974
    - -Raise taxes
    - -Signing of bill linked with cuts within HEW
    - -Richardson's recommendation
    - -Budget of HEW
    - -HEW cuts
      - -Personnel cuts
        - -Check writing, nurses
- -Personnel cuts in general
  - -Research office
  - -Press office
  - -Attitude of offices
  - -Government size
    - -Reorganization
- -Signing bill
  - -Results
    - -Fiscal conservatives
      - -Effect of election on attitudes
        - -McGovern
  - -Spending limit for Fiscal Year [FY] 1973
  - -Congress' recent override of water bill veto
- -Colson
  - -Albert E. Sindlinger and other pollsters
  - -Unknown person
  - -Perspective
- -Strategy
  - -Veto of bill
    - -Timing

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- -Blind
- -Old people
- -Financial considerations

#### Watergate

- -Washington Post story
  - -Colson
  - -H.R. ("Bob") Haldeman
  - -Foundation of stories
- -Propriety of campaign tactics
  - -Sabotage charge
  - -Heckling
    - -Tricia Nixon Cox's visit [to Morgantown, West Virginia]
      - -John A. Volpe
    - -Double standards
    - -San Francisco incident
    - -Los Angeles incident
    - -Statue of Liberty
    - -Planning by Democrats
    - -Motorcade
  - -History of Republican campaign problems
- -Collecting campaign intelligence
  - -Dwight L. Chapin
- -John W. Dean, III's report
  - -Chapin
    - -Recruitment of [Donald H. Segretti]
      - -Purpose
- -Tactics of Washington Post
  - -Haldeman story
    - -Benjamin C. Bradlee
    - -Pressure on reporters
  - **-US** Attorneys
    - -Calls from reporters
    - -Verifying leads
      - -Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]

#### -FBI

- -Calls to US attorneys
- -Verifying leads
- -Haldeman, Mitchell, Ehrlichman
- -Success of tactics
  - -Bradlee
    - -Pressure on reporters

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-Yellow journalism
        -Use of term
            -1968 campaign
            -New York Times article on Vice Presidential candidate Spiro T.
        -Public perception
-Washington Post denial
-McGovern stories
-Washington Post
    -Denial
        -Reasons
            -Response to Ziegler's statement
                -Preparation
    -Possible strategy
        -Attack on Haldeman
        -Sunday paper
            -Unknown woman
        -Interviews of Haldeman's associates
            -Compared to Sherman Adams case
    -Haldeman advantages
        -Anonymity
            -Compared to Ehrlichman
            -Compared to Adams
    -Short term effect
    -Neutralizing television coverage
    -McGovern corruption speech
        -Washington Post denial
        -Inside Washington Post story
        -Effect of Ziegler's response
-Robert J.Dole and Clark McGregor
    -Television coverage
-Chicago Tribune story by Frank C. Starr [News summary item]
    -Effort to contact and inform
        -Opponents tactics
        -Ziegler's response to the Washington Post
            -Radio stations
        -Starr
    -Press
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-Motive

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#### BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 48s]

#### END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

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Campaign practices
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- -Agnew
  - -Yellow journalism charge
    - -News reports of charges
- -Use of rhetoric
- -Ziegler's counterattack on Washington Post
  - -Opportunity
- -Dole
  - -Tactics
- -Ehrlichman's talk with Drummond
  - -Effect of Ziegler's denial
  - -Nature of administration in second term
- -McGovern
  - -Campaign rhetoric
  - -Press treatment
    - -[News summary item]
      - -Baltimore Sun's John Carroll's view

#### Press conference in Oval Office

- -Reason
  - -Scandal
    - -Vietnam
      - -Negotiations
- -Announcement

#### Radio story on Vietnam

- -North Vietnamese
  - -Paris negotiations
  - -Publication of terms of agreement
- -New York Times story
  - -Henry A. Kissinger

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- -Possible meeting
- R. Sargent Shriver's statement [News summary item]
  - -Administration's foreign policy
  - -Democratic supporters of the President
    - -John B. Connally
  - -Attack on the President
    - -War record of Nixon compared to McGovern
      - -Connally
  - -War records

#### Watergate

- -The President's press conference
- -Administration position
  - -Drummond
  - -Public perception
  - -Basis of stories in press
  - -Timing
    - -Compared to the President's Fund broadcast [Checkers speech of 1952]
- -Hugh W. Sloan, Jr.
  - -Deposition
  - -Sloan's attorney
    - -Haldeman
      - -FBI
  - -Secret fund
  - -Ziegler statement
- -McGovern statement
  - -Dole and MacGregor
- -Next move
  - -Statement on yellow journalism for surrogates
    - -Haldeman story

# Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 8:12 am.

#### Film session

- -Blount
- -Radio messages
- -Blount
  - -Possible conversation with the President
- -J. Caleb Boggs
- -Mark I. Goode
  - -Lighting

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Telegram from Blount
-Ehrlichman's meeting

Ehrlichman and Bull left at 9:05 am.

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Date: October 26, 1972 Time: 9:05 am - 9:16 am Location: Oval Office

The President met with Mark I. Goode.

Forthcoming film session with Senatorial candidates Winston M. ("Red") Blount and J. Caleb Boggs
-Arrangements

Blount and William E. Timmons entered at 9:06 am. Fritz Roland and the White House photographer were present at the beginning of the meeting.

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 8m 30s ]

BLOUNT LEFT AT 9:10 AM.

**BOGGS ENTERED AT 9:11 AM.** 

BOGGS AND TIMMONS LEFT AT 9:14 AM.

STEPHEN B. BULL ENTERED AT 9:14 AM.

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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Veto message

-Recording

-House Resolution [HR] 1

-The President's prior conversation with John D. Ehrlichman

-Request for a telephone call to Ehrlichman

Bull and Goode left at 9:16 am.

Conversation No. 807-4

Date: October 26, 1972

Time: Unknown between 9:16 am and 9:21 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

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The President's schedule -Ronald L. Ziegler

#### Bull left at an unknown time before 9:21 am.

Conversation No. 807-5

Date: October 26, 1972

Time: Unknown between 9:16 and 9:21 a.m.

Location: Oval Office

# The President talked with H.R. ("Bob") Haldeman[?].

The President's forthcoming national defense speech

- -Foreign policy speech
- -Raymond K. Price, Jr.'s staff
  - -San Francisco speech
  - -American Legion speech
- -San Francisco speech
  - -Theme
    - -Nuclear retaliation
  - -News coverage of political content
- -Foreign policy speech
  - -Timing

The President's schedule -Henry A. Kissinger

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Date: October 26, 1972 Time: 9:21 am - 9:22 am Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

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Press statement on campaign practices

- -Catch phrases
  - -Effect on people
  - -Yellow journalism
    - -Press coverage of 1972 campaign
      - -Washington Post
    - -Opportunity for use

Ziegler left at 9:22 am.

Conversation No. 807-7

Date: October 26, 1972 Time: 9:22 am - 9:54 am Location: Oval Office

# The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

*New York Times* story

- -Ronald L. Ziegler's possible comment
- -Paris

Release of settlement terms by Democratic Republic of Vietnam [DRV] [North

Vietnam]

- -Paris story
  - -Leak

-State Department

- -Demands of North Vietnam
  - -Signing of agreement
    - -October 31, 1972
- -Kissinger's forthcoming briefing
  - -Purpose
  - -Aspects
    - -Procedure
    - -Substance
    - -Future
  - -Procedural details
    - -Progress during October 1972
    - -Hanoi

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-Timing of agreement

-November 1, 1972

Deadline

- -Progress
  - -Shape of agreement
- -US goals
  - -International machinery
    - -Timing of introduction
      - -Enemy activity
      - -Saigon
      - -Bloodbath
- -Elections
  - -Pham Van Dong interview [with Arnaud de Borchgrave]
    - -Timing
    - -Clarification
  - -Vietnamese compared to English translation
- -Signing of document
  - -Details
    - -Four party compared to two party
- -US position on solving problems
  - -The President's messages to Dong
  - -Deadline
  - -Review
    - -The President's May 8, 1972 statement
  - -Missing in action [MIA's]
    - -Laos
    - -Cambodia

# Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 9:22 am.

Kissinger's schedule

Vetoes

-Signings

-John D. Ehrlichman

The President and Bull left at 9:30 am.

The President entered at 9:33 am.

Vietnam settlement agreement

-Kissinger's forthcoming briefing

## **Tape Subject Log**

- -Timing
- -Procedural details
- -Prisoners of war [POW's]
- -MIAs
- -Imposition of Communist government in South Vietnam
  - -Provisions of agreement
    - -Cease-fire
      - -Elections
- -Coalition government in South Vietnam
- -Participation of South Vietnamese government
  - -Consultation
  - -Veto
- -Quality of Agreement
  - -Timing
    - -1972 election
- -US sacrifices
  - -Communist government in South Vietnam
- -Rhetoric
- -Perception of public
  - -Reasons for agreement
    - -North Vietnam's publication of terms
  - -McGovern campaign
- -North Vietnamese position
  - -Timing of negotiations
    - -Strategy
      - -Possible US military action
- -McGovern statements
  - -Effect on negotiations
  - -Argument on when cease-fire terms were available
    - -Hanoi statement of new initiative of October 8, 1972
- -US options
  - -Possible bombing north of 20<sup>th</sup> Parallel
    - -North Vietnam's cadre
      - -Ceasefire
- -US position
  - -Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
  - **-US** sorties
    - -20<sup>th</sup> parallel
  - -McGovern
    - -Chance for peace
  - -Pressure on North Vietnamese
    - -Timing

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- -November 8, 1972
- -McGovern statement
  - -Chance for peace
- -Tone
  - -Progress
  - -Perception by public
    - -1972 election
    - -McGovern
- -North Vietnamese position
  - -Demands for signing
  - -Nguyen Van Thieu
    - -Position
- -Predictions of peace
  - -December 1, 1972
- -North Vietnamese forces
  - -Cadres
  - -Communications
- -Bombing halt
  - -Mining
- -Additional meetings
  - -Bombing halt
    - -Effect on public opinion
      - -Public compared to private statement
- -Attitude toward Hanoi
- -Attitude toward McGovern
  - -Effect by McGovern on negotiations
- -Timing of peace terms
  - -1969
- -McGovern position compared to current settlement
  - -POWs
  - -Cease-fire
  - -Help for South Vietnam
  - -Withdrawal from Cambodia and Laos
  - -Peace with honor compared to peace with surrender
    - -The President's May 8, 1972 statement
  - -Position with regard To North Vietnam
  - -Public compared with private statements
    - -Bombing
- -Terms of treaty
- -Timing of signing
- -Enforcement of terms
  - -Technicalities

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- -Thieu
- -Future meeting
- -Timing of signing
- -Details of agreement
- -Laos agreement of 1962
  - -State Department
  - -Quality
    - -Details
      - -Compared to current settlement
    - -Results
- -William P. Rogers
  - -Canadian talks on International Commission of Control and Supervision [ICCS]
- -Focus of agreement
  - -Machinery to enforce terms
  - -Permanence of terms
  - -Cambodia
  - -Laos
  - -Laos agreement
- -Statement about Hanoi and South Vietnam
  - -Terms
    - -Satisfaction
- -Necessity of proper terms
- -The President's work on agreement
  - -John B. Connally
  - -Public perception
  - -The President's messages
  - -Credit
- -Points to be clarified
  - -Peace group influence
- -Hedley W. Donovan
  - -Forthcoming telephone call from Kissinger
  - -Timing of agreement
    - -1972 election
    - -Public morality
- -William F. Buckley, Jr.
- -Howard K. Smith
- -Richard ("Dick") Wilson
- -William S. White
- -Joseph W. Alsop
- -Interpretation of terms
  - -1972 election

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- -New York Times story
  - -Leak
    - -State Department
    - -French

Inaccuracies

- -Predictions
- -Vietnamese
- -Account of Battle of Tannenberg and Battle of Lemberg
  - -Taking advantage of opportunities
  - -Paul Von Hindenberg
  - -Gen. Erich von Ludendorff
  - -Gen. Hermann von Francois
  - -Gen. Max Hoffmann
- -Television coverage
  - -Location
  - -Kissinger's preference

#### Bull entered at an unknown time after 9:33 am.

Request for Ziegler to join meeting

#### Bull left at an unknown time before 9:52 am.

Kissinger's forthcoming briefing -Television coverage

Vietnam settlement agreement

- -McGovern campaign issues
  - -Patrick J. Buchanan's view [News summary item]
    - -Vietnam and corruption
      - -Supporting editorials
- -Vietnam as campaign issue
- -Signing of agreement
  - -Timing

#### Ziegler entered at 9:52 am.

Kissinger's briefing

- -Press room
- -Cameras
- -Taping
  - -Press corps

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-Number

-Press room compared to East Room

-Timing of briefing

# Kissinger left at 9:53 am.

Kissinger's briefing
-Tone

Ziegler left at 9:54 am.

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Date: October 26, 1972

Time: Unknown between 9:54 am and 9:57 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[Personal returnable]
[Duration: 7s ]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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The President and Sanchez left at 9:57 am.

Conversation No. 807-9

Date: October 26, 1972

Time: Unknown between 9:57 am, October 26, 1972 and 11:08 am, October 27, 1972

Location: Oval Office

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| An unknown 1 | person | Secret | Service | agentl | talked | with an | unknown | person. |
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[Conversation No. 807-9A] The President's location -Oval Office, Executive Office Building [EOB] [End of telephone conversation] Unknown people [Secret Service agents] met. The President's location -EOB An unknown agent talked with an unknown person at an unknown time. [Conversation 807-9B] \* BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1 [Agency statute] [Duration: 1s ] END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1 \* Bill [last name unknown]

[The conversation was cut off at an unknown time.]

**EOB** 

[End of telephone conversation]