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## NIXON PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

### Tape Subject Log (rev. Oct.-09)

Conversation No. 857-1

Date: February 15, 1973  
Time: 9:02 am - 9:12 am  
Location: Oval Office

#### The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

##### Pentagon visit

- Service secretaries
- Press representative
- Elliot L. Richardson
- Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft

##### Operation Homecoming

- Command center
- Coincidence with Pentagon visit
- Public relations [PR]

##### Cabinet meeting

- Deputy Secretaries
- Earl L. Butz
- Absence
- Staff attendance
- John D. Ehrlichman
- H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- Peter M. Flanigan
- William E. Timmons
- Kenneth R. Cole, Jr.
- Raymond K. Price, Jr.
- Scowcroft
- Gerald L. Warren [?]
- William L. Safire [?]
- Ziegler
- Timmons

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Briefing meeting

- Flanigan
- International monetary situation
- Length
- Scowcroft
- George H. W. Bush
- John A. Scali
- Ehrlichman
- Haldeman
- Roy L. Ash
- George P. Shultz

President's schedule

- Next week
- Ehrlichman

Sir Christopher Soames

- European community
- Meeting with President
  - Henry A. Kissinger's recommendation
- Cabinet meeting
- Official position of Soames
- Purpose of visit with President
  - European relations
  - Kissinger

Cabinet meeting

Haldeman

- Appeal

US-Cuba hijacking agreement

- Fidel Castro
- President's letter
- Delay

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- Haldeman's opinion
- Scowcroft's role
- Reply from President
- Ambassador to deliver message

Flowers to Prisoners of War [POWs] wives

- Response
- Timing
- Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo

*Washington Star* article

- News summary
- Washington Post, New York Times*
- Content
- Herblock

Command cantor

Dr. Walter R. Tkach

- Editorial
- London paper

Bull left at 9:12 am.

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Date: February 15, 1973

Time: Unknown between 9:12 am and 9:20 am

Location: Oval Office

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President's schedule

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- Request for Ronald L. Ziegler
- Meeting with John D. Ehrlichman
- Executive Office Building [EOB] [?]

President's meetings

- White House staff departures
  - John A. Scali
  - Donald H. Rumsfeld
- Need for balance
- List
- Secretary of Transportation
- Woman supporter of President
  - 1972 campaign
  - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- James M. Beggs
- Photographs, handshakes
- Arrangements
- Administration friends
- Ziegler

Bull left at an unknown time before 9:20 am.

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Date: February 15, 1973  
Time: 9:20 am - 10:40 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Press briefing

- Environment
- William D. Ruckleshaus

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- Meeting with President
- Pentagon visit by President

Photographs

- Ruckelshaus
- Gen. Andrew J. Goodpaster
- Meeting with President

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[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

- Donald W. Riegle, Jr.
- Switch to Democratic Party

Garry Brown [?]

Charlotte Reid

- Paul N. McCloskey, Jr.
- Party change
- “Fraud”

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

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- Thelma C. (“Pat”) Nixon
- Reception
  - Volunteers
  - Ziegler's role
- Fundraiser

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-Washington, DC

- Photographs
- Washington Star*
- Washington Post*
- Publicity

Corsages to Prisoners of War [POWs] wives

- Press coverage

POW press coverage

- News summary
- Capt. Jeremiah A. Denton, Jr.
  - News of "peace with honor"
  - Effect on POWs
  - Whistling "California here we come"
- Tom Jarriel's story
  - Raising of flags

President's message on environment

- American Broadcasting Company [ABC]
- National Broadcasting Company [NBC]
- Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
- Reports

News stories about President

- Associated Press [AP]
- "New Nixon"
- President's isolation
- President's visit to Trader Vic's
  - Effect

Pentagon visit

- Ziegler's attendance
- Freehan [?]
- Purpose

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- POW jobs program
- Recognition for POWs
  - Adm. Thomas Moorer's suggestions
  - Medal for POWs
  - Ziegler's statement
    - Suggestion for recognition
    - Defense Department's recommendations
    - Congress
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO] policy
- Implementation of cease-fire
  - Withdrawal schedule
- Back pay to POWs
  - Sums
  - Congressional authorization
    - Korea
- Ceremonial protocols
  - Joint Chiefs of Staff [JCS]
  - Service secretaries
  - Cabinet

Cabinet meeting

- Ziegler's statement
- Purpose
  - Vice President Spiro T. Agnew's report on trip
  - George P. Shultz's report on trade

William P. Rogers's press conference

- Ziegler's role
- People's Republic of China [PRC]
  - Normalization of relations

Press relations

- Vietnam settlement
  - Telegrams from abroad
  - Public release

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- Distribution
- World reaction
- Environment
- John D. Ehrlichman
- POWs, veterans
  - Jobs
  - Difficulties
  - Jobs for veterans program
  - Recognition
  - Amnesty
  - Effect of administration efforts
- Press conference
  - Henry A. Kissinger's trip
  - Briefing
  - Barbara Walters's role
- President's statement
- Vietnam settlement
  - Aid to North Vietnam
  - Kissinger's abilities
- Kissinger's plans
  - Cable to Ziegler
  - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 9:20 am.

President's meeting with Haldeman and Ehrlichman.

Bull left at an unknown time before 9:39 am.

- CBS news program
  - Problems
    - Communique
  - Dan Rather
    - Story on PRC
    - Walter Cronkite assessment



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Haldeman entered at 9:39 am.

Press relations

- Kissinger's cable to Ziegler
  - Press conference plans
  - Statement by President
    - North Vietnam aid
  - Kissinger's style
    - Pham Can Dong
  - Plans for press conference
    - President's role
      - Television [TV]
  - Joint communiqué
    - Kissinger's promise to North Vietnamese
- Kissinger's return to US
  - Date
  - Stop in Japan
- Background briefing
  - Press conference
    - Congress
  - Briefings
    - President
    - Cabinet
    - Congress

Pentagon visit

- Command center
  - Public relations [PR]
- Purpose
  - Jobs for veterans
  - Troop withdrawal, cease-fire
- Press conference
  - Informality
  - President's statements to press

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-Ziegler's role

Ziegler left at 9:45 am.

Kissinger

- Joint communiqué
  - President's knowledge
- Aid to North Vietnam
  - Kissinger's abilities
- Press conference
- Trip to Hanoi
  - POWs
  - Purpose

Bull entered at an unknown time after 9:45 am.

Request for Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft

Bull left at an unknown time before 9:49 am.

Press relations

- Kissinger
  - Press conference
  - New policy
- President's statement
  - Delay
- Public relations
  - George P. Shultz
    - International monetary policy
  - John B. Connally

Bull entered at an unknown time after 9:45 am.

William E. Timmons

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Bull left at an unknown time before 9:49 am.

Invitation to White House church service

Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft entered at 9:49 am.

POWs

- Pentagon visit
- Recognition
  - Congress
    - Medal of Honor
  - Presidential unit citation
  - Ribbon
    - Star for each year of captivity
- Jobs
  - Ehrlichman
  - Veterans
  - Statement
    - California
  - Cabinet meeting
  - Service
- National heroes
  - Let-down
- Physical and psychological
  - Sense of euphoria
  - Let-down
- Need for psychiatric help, let-down
  - Family problems
  - Children
    - Problems
  - Pornography
    - Television [TV]
    - Movie
  - Bad language
    - Children, women

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- Recognition
  - Citation
  - Missing in action [MIAs]
  - Posthumous citation

MIAs

- Similar status of Killed in action [KIA]
  - Reasons
- Help for families
- Presidential letter
  - Content
  - Delicate language
    - Someone to write
      - Raymond K. Price, Jr.
      - Claudia A. (Taylor) ("Lady Bird") Johnson's role
- Accounting
- Correspondence
  - Specialists
    - Offer to Mrs. Johnson
    - State Department

Kissinger's proposed press conference

- Problems
- Ziegler's statement
- Need for salesmanship
- Aid to North Vietnam
  - Difficulty of issue
  - President's statement

Joint communiqué

- Copy to President
- Scowcroft's role

Aid to North Vietnam

- Sensitivity of issue

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- POWs
  - Horror stories
- Kissinger's perception
- POWs
  - JCS
- Reasons
  - Guarantee of peace
  - Reconstruction
  - Michael J. ("Mike") Mansfield
  - Leverage
- Timmon's comments
  - Bilateral compared to multilateral aid
  - Congressional reaction
  - Timmon's style
  - Positive line
    - Peace
- Multilateral approach
  - Lack of leverage

Foreign aid

- Congress
- Multilateral aid
  - Disadvantages
    - International Bank for Reconstruction and Development [World

Bank]

- Bilateral aid

Vietnam settlement

- Agnew's briefing of Cabinet
- Kissinger's return to US
- Cabinet meeting with Kissinger
  - President's opposition
- National Security Council [NSC] meeting
  - Control
  - Anne Armstrong

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- Pham Van Dong
- Cabinet
  - Complexity of issue of aid to North Vietnam
- Aid to North Vietnam
  - Ash
  - Sales pitch
    - Defense spending
    - 1974 budget
- Congressional relations
  - Kissinger's return
  - Budget
    - Aid to North Vietnam
      - Reparations
      - Domestic social programs
- Kissinger
  - Sales pitch
    - Aid to North Vietnam
- Kissinger
  - Portrayal of North Vietnam leaders
    - Experience in Hanoi
    - Chou En-Lai
- 1974 budget
  - Ash
  - Defense budget estimates
    - Vietnam
    - Laos
  - Optimism about aid appropriations
- Pentagon visit
  - Ziegler, Scowcroft
    - Dress
  - Ash
    - Purpose
      - Kissinger
      - POWs

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Scowcroft left at 10:09 am.

Bull entered at 10:09 am.

President's schedule  
-Goodpaster [?]  
-Ash  
-Ehrlichman

Bull left at 10:09 am.

William E. Timmons entered at 10:09 am.

White House social events  
-Evening at the White House  
-Entertainment  
-Army choir  
-Quality  
-Congress  
-Scheduling  
-Number attending  
-Couples  
-Number  
-Church services  
-Number attending  
-Invitations  
-Republican congress members  
-Evening or church services, dinners  
-State dinner  
-Golda Meir  
-Loyalists  
-Freshmen  
-Reception  
-Republicans  
-Democrats

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- Democrats
  - Opponents
- Number invited
  - Democrats
    - Morris K. Udall
    - Bella S. Abzug
    - George S. McGovern
- Donald W. Riegle
  - Party switch
- William B. Saxbe
- Church service
  - Saxbe
    - Invitation
  - Charles H. Percy
- Invitation
  - Rose Mary Woods
  - Lucy A. Winchester
    - Handling
  - Timmons's role
  - Woods's role
    - Social Office role

Timmons left at 10:16 am.

The President talked with Woods at an unknown time between 10:16 am and 10:40 am.

- Mailing
- Representatives, Senators
  - Number invited
- Financial contributors
  - Maurice H. Stans
  - Dinners
    - Number
- Church services
  - Number invited



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- Washington, DC
- Administration officials
- New Executive Branch employees
- Congress members
  - Winchester
  - Timmons
    - List
      - Mailing
    - Loyalists
    - Others
      - Republican
        - Richard S. Schweiker
        - Riegle
        - Party switch

[End of telephone conversation]

Woods

- William L. Duncan
  - Support
  - Edward L. Morgan
- Birthday party for Dr. Walter R. Tkach
  - San Clemente
  - Robert H. Taylor's presence
  - Demeanor
- Helen Thomas's story on Secret Service controversy
  - Time of release
- Conversation with Dwight L. Chapin
  - Haldeman's role
- Julie Nixon Eisenhower's note
  - Woods on airplane

Secret Service controversy

- Duncan and Taylor
  - Meeting with President

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- Woods
  - Delay of farewell letters
  - President's signing
- Farewell letters
  - Delay
- Woods
- Tkach
- Taylor story
  - Ziegler's role
- New York Times*
- Taylor
  - Meeting with Haldeman
  - Job change
- Administration's image
- Farewell letter
  - Memorandum
  - Bull
  - Delay

Bull entered at an unknown time after 10:16 am.

- Letters to Duncan and Taylor
  - Drafts
    - Price
    - David R. Gergen
  - President's signature
  - Preparation

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:40 am.

- Woods
  - Problems
  - Chapin
    - Visit to office

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Bull entered at an unknown time after 10:16 am.

Ash's location  
-Shultz

Woods  
-Letters to Duncan and Taylor  
-President's signature

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:40 am.

Woods  
-Haldeman's role  
-Ehrlichman's advice

Announcement  
-Taylor  
-Decision to stay  
-Secret Service

Woods  
-Internal fights  
-Julie Nixon Eisenhower  
-Thelma C. (Ryan) ("Pat") Nixon  
-Taylor and Duncan  
-Duncan  
-Patricia R. Hitt  
-Memo  
-Ehrlichman's answer  
-Robert H. Finch  
-Conversation with Woods  
- Conversation with Haldeman

Bull entered at an unknown time after 10:16 am.

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Letters to Taylor and Duncan  
-Retirement

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:40 am.

Woods  
-Conversation with Haldeman

Morgan

Taylor  
-Plans to move  
-Ehrlichman and Haldeman's roles  
-Promotion  
-Offer of promotions  
    -Treasury Department  
-Duncan  
    -Directorship  
    -Tkach  
-Julie Nixon Eisenhower

Letters to Taylor and Duncan  
-Signature  
-Note  
-Date

Taylor  
-Retention  
-Job changes  
    -Court administrators  
    -Leave of absence  
-Job opportunities  
    -Morgan's suggestion  
-Treasury Department  
    -Promotions

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Hitt

-Ehrlichman's responsibility

Bull entered at an unknown time after 10:16 am.

Arrival of Rogers C. B. Morton

Bull left at an unknown time before 10:40 am.

Hitt

- Meeting with Ehrlichman
- President's support
- Job
  - Finch's memorandum
  - Reorganization
    - Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger
  - Finch's memorandum
  - ACTION position
- Conversation with Ehrlichman
- Complaints
- President's reaction
- Woods's reaction
  - Conversation with Haldeman
    - John E. Nidecker
    - Herbert G. Klein
  - Chapin's departure
  - Motivation
  - Relations with Chapin

Woods's conversation

- Conversation with Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo
- Secret Service, Hitt
- Discussion with Helen Thomas
  - Airplane ride

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-Conversation with Haldeman  
-Haldeman's approach

Haldeman left at 10:40 am.

Conversation No. 857-4

Date: February 15, 1973  
Time: 10:40 am - 11:10 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald Ziegler.

Pentagon visit  
-Arrangements

Rogers C. B. Morton, J. Phil Campbell, Russell E. Train, William D. Ruckelshaus, John D. Ehrlichman, and Richard M. Fairbanks entered at an unknown time after 10:40 am. Members of the press were present at the beginning of the meeting.

Environmentalists

Photograph session  
-Arrangements.

Sea life  
-Ecosystem

Purpose of meeting  
-Briefing statement  
-Land use planning  
-Mineral development  
-Mining

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Conversation No. 857-4 (cont'd)

- Conservation guidance
  - Endangered species
  - Parks
- Interior Department
  - Land use planning
  - Mining
  - 1970 financial priorities
    - Water
    - Sewer plants
  - Change in priorities
    - Air quality
  - Legislative proposals
    - Criticism
      - Press, Congress
    - Cut-backs
    - Counterattack
  - New thrust
    - Land management
    - Power plants
- State responsibility
- Funds
  - New money
    - Land use bill
    - Mining
    - Power plants

Environment budget

- Programs
- Problems
  - Limitations
  - Debate over amounts
  - Answer to critics
    - Objectives
    - Need to act
- New funding

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Conversation No. 857-4 (cont'd)

- President's statement
  - California
- Effectiveness
  - Clean water
- Demand on budget
  - Diminishing returns
  - Congress
- Record of last four years
  - Reversal of environmental destruction
  - Results
- Crash programs
  - Manufacturing
  - Waste
- Esoteric programs
  - Land use
    - Beautification
    - Clean water
    - Clean air
    - Farmers
    - POWs
  - Emphasis on conservation

Public attitudes

- Indifference to clean water and clean air
  - Cities
    - Florida
    - Los Angeles, New York, and Washington, DC
- Beauty of country
- Environmentalists
- Legacy
  - Parks
  - Quality of life
  - Beauty of countryside

Poll by conservationists



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- Land use
  - Top priority
  - Energy
- Administration's record
  - Clean air and clean water
  - Food
- Individual responsibility
  - Neighborhoods

Energy message

- Location of refineries, atomic generation
- Relation to environment
- Land use planning
- Free enterprise system
  - Development

Florida Everglades

- Mangrove swamps
  - Preservation
  - Bird sanctuaries
  - Golf course at Key Biscayne
  - Canal development

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 10:40 am.

Mangrove trees

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 11:10 am.

Everglades

- Gulf fisheries
- Development and conservation
- Danger of excessive conservation
- Environmental beauty
  - Cities

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- Farms
- New York City

Environmental policy

- Positive thrust
- Spending
  - Adequacy
    - Military, schools
  - Land use
  - Energy
- Progress
  - Publicity
  - Turn-around in last four years
  - Restoration of environment

Alaska pipeline

- Necessity of choice
  - Conservation or energy
  - Environmental safeguards
  - Interior Department Studies
- Court case
  - Technicalities
    - Right of way
- Option
  - Legislation

Energy problem

- Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS] news story
  - Vietnam
- Scope
- Crisis
  - Reasons
    - Supply
      - Increase in demand worldwide
- Worldwide demand

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- President's Southeast Asia trip, 1953
  - US Ambassador in Saigon
  - Hong Kong water
- Compared to meat crisis
- Positive light
  - New sources
- Distribution
- Legacy of parks
- Public indifference
  - Power shortages
  - Fuel oil prices

Public attitude

- Concern for beauty of countryside
- Housing subdivisions
- Traffic jams

Energy message

- Congressional action
- Highway Trust Fund
  - Traffic jams
    - California, New York
    - Smog
  - Mass transit
- Freeway traffic
  - Single occupancy vehicles
    - President's experiences
      - California
      - Washington, DC traffic
      - President's experience
        - California
        - Key Biscayne, Florida
    - Highway 1
- Highway Trust Fund
  - Mass transit

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*Washington Post* article

Morton, et al., left at 11:10 am.

Conversation No. 857-5

Date: February 15, 1973  
Time: 11:12 am - 12:02 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Gen. Andrew Goodpaster and Gen. Brent Scowcroft. Members of the press were present at the beginning of the meeting.

Prisoners of War [POWs]

Vietnam settlement  
-President's accomplishment

Pentagon visit  
-Goodpaster's attendance  
-North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO]

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time after 11:12 am.

Request for Elliot L. Richardson or Adm. Thomas H. Moorer

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Pentagon visit

- Goodpaster's attendance
  - NATO
- Joint Chiefs of Staff [JCS]

[Photograph session]

Military

- Year of Europe
- South and Southeast Asia
- Latin America

Europe

- Importance
  - Economics and military
- Mutual and Balanced Force Reductions [MBFR]
  - Agenda
- Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe [CSCE]
  - Military implications

Scowcroft talked with Moorer between 11:14 am and 11:15 am. The President and Goodpaster can be heard in the background.

Meeting with the President and Goodpaster

[End of telephone conversation]

Meeting with Joint Chiefs of Staff [JCS]

- Goodpaster's attendance
- Defense Secretary
- Service Secretaries
- Report to Joint Chiefs
  - Return of POWs
  - Withdrawal
  - Cease-fire implementation

Relations with Europe

- Troop levels in NATO

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- CSCE
  - Discussions
    - Edward R. G. Heath
  - Economic considerations
    - Trade
- Security arrangements
- Vietnam
- Vietnam settlement
  - Demonstration of US will and credibility
    - US allies
      - Japan, Thailand
    - Mutual security
- Vietnam
  - Peace with honor
  - US goals
    - May 8, 1972 speech
  - Consequences of failure
    - Allies' loss of confidence
  - Encouragement of aggression
- Europeans' confidence
  - US commitment to NATO
  - Strengthening
    - President's statements about NATO
  - Negotiations
    - Position of strength and stability

Members of the press left at an unknown time before 12:02 pm.

President's statement

- European confidence

European negotiations with the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]

- President's commitment
- European confidence in Supreme Allied Commander, Europe [SACEUR]
  - Dwight D. Eisenhower

December 1972 bombing

- European reaction

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- Great Britain
- Greece
- Turkey
- European communist
  - Helmut H.W. Schmidt
- Australia
- New Zealand
- Japan
- Heath's support
- Schmidt
  - Socialists

President's policies on NATO

- European interests
  - Friendship
- US in Vietnam
  - Impact of early withdrawal
    - Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines
    - Aggression
      - USSR, People's Republic of China [PRC]
  - US allies' support
    - Canada

Canada

- Relations with US
- United Nations [UN] vote on Taiwan

US allies

- Reaction to US policies
- Criticism of December 1972 bombing
  - Canada
    - Pragmatic relationship
    - UN vote on Taiwan
    - Leftists, press, youth
- Heath
  - Luncheon with Goodpaster
  - Relations with US
- Behavior during December 1972 bombing

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Conversation No. 857-5 (cont'd)

NATO

- Nixon Doctrine
  - Application
- Mutual interests
  - National Security Council [NSC] study
  - Importance of Europe
  - MBFR
  - CSCE
  - Negotiations with USSR
    - Gen. Lauris Norstad
    - Status of forces
    - Stability
    - Problems
    - Psychological impact
    - Arbitrary deadlines

USSR

- Proposals
  - Common sea lanes
  - Principle of party
  - Mixed packages
    - Adjustments
    - Détente
- US view
- Negotiations
  - Phases
  - Results

MBFR

- Staff views
- Goals

Military Unity in Europe

- Rationalization of forces
  - European commitment
    - Economies
    - Flexibility



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Conversation No. 857-5 (cont'd)

-Unity

-US cutbacks

New Technologies

-Smart bombs

-Experience in Vietnam

-Anti-tank technology

-Helicopter

-Application

Force Restructuring

-Budgetary cuts

-Modernization

-New technology

Future

-Activate

-Relations with NATO and USSR

-NATO

-Consultation

-Sensitivities

-Effectiveness

-President's foreign policy

-Basis

-Personal relationship

-USSR

-PRC

-US interests

-Need for US-European relationship

-State visits

-Georges J. R. Pompidou, Willy Brandt

US-German relations

-December 1972 bombing

-Germany's regrets

-Germany's domestic politics

-Leftists

-Defense minister

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Conversation No. 857-5 (cont'd)

- Former labor leader
- Views regarding US
- Schmidt
- Political coalition

NATO

- Denmark
  - Cutbacks
  - US opposition
- Belgium
  - Cut in term of service for conscripts
- Germany
  - Restructuring of forces
  - German military's opposition

Congress

- Willingness to cut back
  - European criticism
  - Effect on Senate
  - Isolationism
- European cut-backs
  - Japan's view of cut-backs
  - Congressional response
  - Denmark's proposals
  - Effect

Tactical nuclear policy

- Goodpaster's opinion of Richardson
- Need for consensus on value and limitations
  - Unresolved questions
  - Studies
  - Modernization
  - New technology

France

- US relations
  - Gen. Charles A. J. M. De Gaulle
  - Areas of cooperation

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Conversation No. 857-5 (cont'd)

- Michael Debre
  - Role in US relations
- French military
  - Reaction to NATO
  - Cooperation with Goodpaster
- Improvements in relations

Spain

- Horatio Rivero, Jr.
  - Capabilities
- US-Spain relations
  - Richardson's support
  - Joint committee
  - Lopez-Rabule [?], Rivero, and Gen. Diaz-Allegria [?],

Virginal [?]

- Military aid agreement
- Foreign exchange
  - Surplus
- Political interests
  - Gen. Francisco Franco
- Preparations

Goodpaster's meeting with Donald H. Rumsfeld

- Military matters

Cooperation with allies

- National interests

David M. Kennedy

- Meeting with Goodpaster
- Cooperation

Rumsfeld

- Experience as NATO ambassador
- Future in politics
- Public appearances
  - Style
- Intelligence

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Conversation No. 857-5 (cont'd)

Mamie G. D. Eisenhower

- Appearance
- Strength
- Goodpaster's visit
  - Augusta, Georgia
  - Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
- Appearances in public
  - Public responses

Henry Fairlie's book

- The Kennedy Promise
- US foreign policy
  - President's conversation with Ronald W. Reagan
  - John F. Kennedy

An unknown person entered and left at an unknown time between 11:12 am and 12:02 pm.

- View on Cuba
- Kennedy's foreign policy
  - Criticism
- Assessment of Dwight D. Eisenhower's foreign policy

President's foreign policy

- Contrast with Kennedy's foreign policy
  - Crisis-orientation
  - Mistakes

Cuban Missile Crisis

- Kennedy's handling
  - Risks
  - Military advantage
  - Fidel Castro
    - Stable position
- Soviet missiles in Cuba
  - Eisenhower's responses
  - Cienfuegos

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Conversation No. 857-5 (cont'd)

- Bay of Pigs
  - Reasons for failure
- Guatemala
  - Eisenhower's action
- Middle East Crisis of 1956
  - John Foster Dulles

Vietnam settlement

- POWs
  - Heroes
    - Casualties
    - Congressional Medal of Honor
- Press
  - Praise for draft dodgers and deserters
  - Calls for amnesty
- POWs
  - Heroes to nation
  - National morale
- Critics of President
  - Campus protests
  - Amnesty

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 11:12 am.

Fairlie's book

- Value
  - Goodpaster
  - Rumsfeld

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 12:02 pm.

- Analysis of American public relations
- American presidency

POWs

- Support for bombing
  - Answer to critics
- Moorer's comment

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Conversation No. 857-5 (cont'd)

- December 26, 1972 bombing
  - President's Christmas vacation
    - Florida
  - Bombing halt
  - Number of B-52s
    - Effects
  - Attitudes of captors
  - Effects of POWs

South Vietnam

- Chance for survival

Bombing of North Vietnam

- POWs' responses
- Press relations
  - Television [TV]
  - Public statement
  - Reasons
- Impact on North Vietnam
  - Private negotiations
- Public support
- Press criticism
- Bombing in World War II
  - US infantry
  - German cities
  - Civilian areas
  - Compared to Normandy landing
    - Eisenhower
    - Seine river bridges
- Gen. Curtis Lemay
- Impact
  - Moorer's view
    - Duration
- White House staff
  - Concern over criticism
- Press
  - Criticism
    - Churches

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Conversation No. 857-5 (cont'd)

-Nitpicking

Flag flying at full staff

-Claudia A. (Taylor) ("Lady Bird") Johnson

-Patriotism

Mansfield-McGovern amendment

-Bugou

-POWs in exchange for withdrawal

-Loss of pride

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 11:12 am.

Arrival of J[ames] Curtis Counts

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:02 pm.

Vietnam settlement

-Success

-Impact on US people

-Southeast Asia

-Self-reliance

-POWs

-Impact of return

-Statement by Denton

Goodpaster and Scowcroft left at 12:02 pm.

Conversation No. 857-6

Date: February 15, 1973

Time: Unknown between 12:02 pm and 12:05 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with unknown person.

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Conversation No. 857-6 (cont'd)

President's schedule [?]

Unknown person left at an unknown time before 12:05 pm.



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Conversation No. 857-7 (cont'd)

Conversation No. 857-7

Date: February 15, 1973  
Time: 12:05 pm - 12:19 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with J. Curtis Counts. Members of the press were present at the beginning of the meeting.

Greetings

Photograph session  
-Arrangements

Counts's plans  
-Construction industry  
-Labor management problems

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 12:05 pm.

Refreshments

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 12:19 pm.

Construction industry  
-Importance  
-Work with Peter J. Brennan, George P. Shultz  
-Counts's new job

Counts's job offers  
-Bechtel  
-United Aircraft  
-Salary

Private sector

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Conversation No. 857-7 (cont'd)

- Importance
- Consultant offers

Jay C. Counts

- Labor lawyer
  - Texas
- Labor management consultant
  - Sheehy Construction, Inc.

Labor management relations

- Management representatives
  - Problems
- Labor lawyers
  - Jews
  - Competence
- Negotiations
  - Arthur Goldberg
    - Steel
    - Competence
  - Management representatives
- Labor lawyers
  - Unions
    - Competence
    - Dave Freedmont
- Steel workers
  - Legal assistance
- United Auto Workers [UAW]
  - Leonard Woodcock
- Management representatives

Construction industry

- Negotiations
  - Fragmented industry
  - Automobile manufacturers
- Counts's new job
  - Problems

Jay Counts

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Conversation No. 857-7 (cont'd)

- Southern Methodists University [SMU]
  - Charlie Morris
  - Business and law school
  - California and Texas bar exams
- Opportunities
- Present job

Counts's job

- Government work
  - Lobbying
- Labor union reception
  - Rapport

California

- New house
  - Chevoit Hills
  - Janice O. Counts
  - McLean, Virginia
  - Traffic
  - Roosevelt Bridge
  - Maintenance

Virginia Counts

Prisoners of War [POWs]

- Reception
- George S. McGovern
- Return
  - Impact on public
- Support for bombing

Bombing of North Vietnam

- Necessity
  - McGovern
  - POWs' statements to Adm. Thomas H. Moorer

Young people

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Conversation No. 857-7 (cont'd)

Appreciation for job  
-President's gift

Counts's children  
-Married ones

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 12:05 pm.

Ash trays

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:19 pm.

Gifts

Bull entered at an unknown time after 12:05 pm.

Counts's grandchildren  
-Boys  
-Girls  
-Gifts

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:19 pm.

Counts's job  
-Other opportunities  
-Major corporation  
-Salary  
-Labor management relations

Counts left at 12:19 pm.

Conversation No. 857-8

Date: February 15, 1973

Time: Unknown between 12:19 pm and 12:47 pm

Location: Oval Office

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Conversation No. 857-8 (cont'd)

The President met with an unknown man.

Names on a list

-Titles

-Ambassador

-Circling of names

Letters

-Preparation

-First names

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:47 pm.

Conversation No. 857-9

Date: February 15, 1973

Time: Unknown between 12:19 pm and 12:47 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman [?]

-Message [?]

Photographs

-William L. Duncan [?]

-Robert H. Taylor [?]

Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft

-Pentagon visit

Ronald L. Ziegler

Bull left at an unknown time before 12:47 pm.

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Conversation No. 857-10

Date: February 15, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 12:19 pm and 12:47 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown woman.

Letters to be sent out

The unknown woman left at an unknown time before 12:49 pm.

Conversation No. 857-11

Date: February 15, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 12:19 pm - 12:47 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

Preparation for departure  
-Top coat

The President and Sanchez left at 12:47 pm.

Conversation No. 857-12

Date: February 15, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 12:47 pm and 2:55 pm  
Location: Oval Office

Unknown Secret Service agents met.

President's location [?]

The unknown men left at an unknown time before 2:55 pm.

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**Tape Subject Log**  
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Conversation No. 857-13

Date: February 15, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 2:55 pm and 2:58 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown person.

President's schedule

The President and the unknown person left at 2:58 pm.

Conversation No. 857-14

Date: February 15, 1973  
Time: Unknown after 2:58 pm  
Location: Oval Office

Unknown Secret Service agents met.

President's location  
-Someone's tardiness  
-Executive Office Building

The unknown agents left at an unknown time after 2:58 pm.