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Conversation No. 879-1

Date: March 14, 1973
Time: Unknown between 10:54 am and 11:01 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Vernon D. Acree, Albert Seeley, Paul Boulad, Robert Nunnery, Richard Hopkins, Gustave Fassler, and Geoffrey C. Shepard. Members of the press and the White House photographer were present at the beginning of the meeting.

Introductions

-New York

Heroin seizure

-Amount, weight
-Value
-Trafficker

[Photograph session]

Drug traffic

-Apprehension of drug traffickers
-Amount of heroin
 -Impact on human lives
 -Sentences
 -Comparison with Vietnam War casualties
-Agents
 -Work
 -Customs
 -Enforcement
-New laws
 -Stiff penalties
 -Mandatory sentences
 -Probation eligibility
 -Conduct

Presidential gifts

-Cufflinks

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- Work of agents
- Congratulations
 - Apprehension of drug traffickers
 - Congress's role
 - Laws
 - Agents' families

Acree, et al., left at 11:01 am.

Conversation No. 879-2

Date: March 14, 1973
Time: Unknown between 11:01 am and 11:02 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 37-100]

Conversation No. 879-3

Date: March 14, 1973
Time: 11:02 am-11:03 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with John A. Scali.

[See Conversation No. 37-101]

Conversation No. 879-4

Date: March 14, 1973
Time: Unknown between 11:03 am and 11:10 am

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Conversation No. 879-4 (cont'd)

Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man [Navy chief ?].

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Refreshment

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 11:10 am.

Conversation No. 879-5

Date: March 14, 1973

Time: 11:10 am-12:25 pm

Location: Oval Office

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

Public relations

- John D. Ehrlichman's recommendations
- Congress
- Henry A. Kissinger
- Presentation to veterans

Veterans legislation

- Donald E. Johnson
- Veterans of Foreign Wars [VFW]
 - Lobbying
- Programs
 - Vietnam veterans
 - Meetings with President of non-VFW veterans
 - Problems

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- Unions
- Selection of participants
 - Blacks
 - Ordinary people
- President's appearances
 - Vocational educational centers
 - Forbes Air Force Base
 - Topeka, KS
 - Veterans hospitals
 - Meeting with Jobs for Veterans group
 - Press coverage
- Prisoners of War [POWs]
 - Focus of attention
 - Employment
 - Excess
 - Opportunities
- POW reception at White House
 - Date
 - H. Ross Perot
 - Leslie T. ("Bob") Hope
 - Knowledge of details
 - Perot
 - Sammy Davis, Jr.
 - Regional television [TV] dinners
 - Publicity
 - Show for President and POWs
 - Press coverage
 - Private party
 - Exploitation
 - Briefing by Haldeman
 - William P. Rogers, Kissinger
 - Wives
 - Photograph opportunity
 - Ronald L. Ziegler
 - Press coverage
 - Disadvantages
 - Press anger at non-admittance
 - Hope
 - Work with Les Brown

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- Organization of show
 - Raquel Welch
 - Ann Margret
 - Davis
 - Attendance by President

Subcabinet

- Briefing
 - Format
 - General background
 - Ehrlichman
 - President's appearance
 - State Department

President's schedule

- Trader Vic's
- Omissions
- Role of government speech
 - State of the Union radio addresses
- Max M. Fisher
- National Association of Broadcasters [NAB]
 - TV networks
 - Station managers
 - Conflict
 - Clay T. ("Tom") Whitehead
- Attendance at Bohemian Grove
 - Rose Mary Woods
 - Secret Service
 - Press attention
 - Lowell Thomas [?]
 - Herbert C. Hoover event at Waldorf
 - Wealthy audience
 - Raymond K. Price, Jr. [?]

POW reception at the White House

- Ziegler
- Press attendance
 - Entertainment
 - Hope
 - Press pool before reception

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- Private party
- Press coverage
 - Handling of press
 - Ziegler
- Reception line
 - Hand shakes
 - Vulnerability to press
- Exclusion of press
- Receiving line
 - Early arrivals
 - Tour of White House
 - Music
 - Organization
- Dinner
 - Waiters
 - Music
 - Marine Corps Band
 - Strolling Strings of the Air Force Band
- Entertainment

White House social events

- Julie Nixon Eisenhower
- Lucy A. Winchester
 - Stephen B. Bull
 - Complaints
 - Entertainment
 - Invitation list
 - Julie Nixon Eisenhower's work
- Rex W. Scouten
 - Loyalty
- Constance M. (Cornell) ("Connie") Stuart

Visit by Nguyen Van Thieu

- Accommodations
 - Cyprus shores [?]
 - Private house
 - Camp Pendleton
 - Security
- Demonstrations
 - Organization by Jane Fonda

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- Camp Pendleton
 - VIP residence
 - Staff accommodations
 - San Clemente
- El Toro Marine Corps Air Station
- Camp Pendleton
 - Location
- Demonstrations
 - Washington, DC
 - Spiro T. Agnew
 - Handling
 - Washington, DC
 - San Clemente
- Schedule
 - Dinner
 - Mrs. Thieu
 - Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
 - William Rogers
 - Adele (Langston) Rogers
 - Foreign ministers

President's schedule

- Latin American trip
 - Africa
 - William Rogers's trip
- Thieu visit
 - Wife
 - Foreign minister
 - William Rogers
 - William Rogers
 - Attendance
 - Adele Rogers
 - Kissinger
 - Attendance
- Thieu's dinner for President
 - President's lunch for Thieu
- Mrs. Thieu
 - Mrs. Nixon
 - William R. Codus
 - Activities

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- John Ford dinner
- President's schedule
 - Head table reception
 - Size
 - Table hopping
 - Dress
 - Location
 - Beverly Hilton
 - Century Plaza

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

- Mrs. Nixon's schedule
 - Helicopter
 - Dress
 - Arrangements for dinner
 - Rita De Santis

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

- President's statements
- Speech
 - Substitute for press conference
 - Ehrlichman
 - Format
 - Substance
 - Preparation
 - Cabinet meeting
 - Effectiveness
 - Compared with press conference

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 11:10 am.

- Delivery
- Executive Office Building [EOB]

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Presidential statements

- TV press conference
 - Compared with address to Congress
 - Necessity
 - Control over content
- Address to Congress
 - Ehrlichman's evaluation of effect
 - Domestic issues
 - Crime speech
 - Hard line [?]
 - Vietnam

White House staff

- Political orientation
- Domestic Council
 - Advice
 - Softness
- Patrick J. Buchanan

Press relations

- Watergate, Donald H. Segretti
- Wounded Knee incident
- Repression and shield laws
 - Press interest
 - Buchanan
 - Congressional consideration
- Bangladesh
- Foreign policy
 - Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT] negotiations
 - Phase III
 - Public interest

Congressional relations

- Importance
- President's address to Congress
 - Circumstances
 - Topics of discussion

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- Vietnam settlement
- Budget
- Inflation
- Clean environment
- Cease-fire
- Cambodia
- Amnesty
- Merit
 - Compared with TV press conference
 - Ehrlichman
 - Effectiveness with public
 - Response of Congress
 - Applause

Press conference

- Vietnam
 - North Vietnamese troop build-up
 - Liberal hopes
 - Joseph W. Alsop
 - US defeat
 - Future of South Vietnam
 - Kissinger
 - Public apathy
 - North Vietnamese offensive
 - POWs [?]
 - South Vietnamese strength
 - Alsop
 - Analysis of North Vietnamese strategy
 - South Vietnam's survival
 - Use of military force
- Domestic speech
 - Necessity
 - Ehrlichman's opinion
 - Scheduling

Congressional relations

- Congressional leadership meeting
 - Pete V. Domenici's reaction
 - Ehrlichman's report
- Work with groups by White House staff

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- Chowder and Marching Society
 - Haldeman's meetings
 - William E. Timmons
- Congressional leadership meetings
 - Attendance
 - Expansion
 - Objections

Kissinger

Speech

- Work with President
- Audience
 - Intelligence
- Format
 - Text
- Personal touch
 - POW wives

Press conferences

- Effectiveness
 - Effect of hiatus
 - Frequency, lulls
- Plans
 - Alsop's theory
 - Flexibility of format
 - Compared with Dwight D. Eisenhower
- Frequency
 - Danger of overexposure of President
- President's appearances, meetings
 - Federal womens' awards
 - Patricia R. Hitt's meeting with President
 - Gains
 - Meeting with John J. McCloy
 - Value
- Length

President's schedule

- Meetings
 - Value
 - Executives

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- Length
- Saturday events for Sunday news
 - Activities
 - Announcements
 - Publicity
 - News stories
 - TV coverage
 - Sunday newspapers

Watergate

- Problems
 - Segretti case
- News interest
 - Amount, duration
 - International Telephone and Telegraph [ITT] case
- Ziegler
- L. Patrick Gray, III
 - Testimony
 - Questions from Congress
 - Opening of Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] raw files

President's appearances

- Ehrlichman
- Veterans bill
- Consumer protection
 - Congressional relations
 - Publicity
- Veterans bill
 - Speech

President's schedule

- Activities
 - Frequency
- Cabinet meetings
 - Congressional leaders
 - Frequency
 - Publicity
- Domestic Council
 - Value of meetings with President
- Cost of Living Council

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- Small meetings with President
 - Value
 - Counselors
- Cabinet meetings
 - Value
 - Ehrlichman
 - Morale of officers
 - Camp David meetings
 - Social events
 - Wives
 - Subcabinet officers
 - Dinners
 - Wives
 - Arrangements, location
- Finalization of schedule
- Congressional leaders meeting
 - Value
 - Bipartisanship
 - Dinner
 - Bryce N. Harlow
 - Breakfast meetings
 - Eisenhower compared with President
- Social events
 - Theater

Watergate

- Segretti case
 - Richard G. Kleindienst
 - Source of problems
 - Lack of Republican support
- John W. Dean, III
 - Invitation to testify
- Republicans
 - Appearance of nonpartisanship
 - Public posture
 - Need for support for President
- Kleindienst
 - Lack of support
 - Talk
 - Ehrlichman, Dean

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-Justice Department
-John N. Mitchell
-Kleindienst
-Gray

Kissinger
-Speech
-Planning
-Response of audience

Haldeman left at 12:25 pm.

Conversation No. 879-6

Date: March 14 or 15, 1973

Time: Unknown between 12:25 pm, March 14, and 11:16 am, March 15

Location: Oval Office

Unknown Secret Service agents [?] met.

President's location [?]
-Executive Office Building [?]

Unknown agents left at an unknown time before 11:16 am, March 15.