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Tape Subject Log
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Conversation No. 884-24

Date: March 20, 1973
Time: Unknown between 8:10 am and before 8:38 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

President's schedule [?]

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 8:38 am.

Conversation No. 884-1

Date: March 20, 1973
Time: Unknown between 8:10 am and 8:38 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's meeting with Republican Congressional leaders

Bull left at an unknown time before 8:38 am.

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Conversation No. 884-2

Date: March 20, 1973
Time: Unknown between 10:26 am and 10:29 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown person.

President's meeting
-Hugh Scott
- Leslie C. Arends
-Ronald L. Ziegler,

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 10:29 am.

Conversation No. 884-3

Date: March 20, 1973
Time: 10:29 am - 10:30 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Hugh Scott and Ronald L. Ziegler.

Congressional relations
-Speech
-Freshman Congress members
-Congressional leaders
-New ideas

Leslie C. Arends and William E. Timmons entered at 10:30 am.

Watergate
-John W. Dean's testimony
-Cooperation
-Story in newspaper
-White House cooperation
-Guidelines

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- Appearance of White House staff before Watergate
- Executive privilege
- Scott's statement
- John W. Dean, III's testimony
 - Cooperation
 - Story in newspaper
- Scott and Arends' statements
 - White House cooperation
 - Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]
 - Grand Jury
 - Guidelines
- Appearance of White House staff before Congressional committees
 - Comparison with Sherman Adams
 - Dean
 - Legal status
 - Written interrogatories
 - Alger Hiss case precedent
 - Harry S Truman's order
 - J. Edgar Hoover
 - Earl Browder
 - Truman's orders to FBI
 - Separation of powers
 - Samuel J. Ervin, Jr.
 - Compared to Supreme Court
 - William O. Douglas
 - Pornography decision
 - Confidentiality of aides
 - Emphasis on positive positions of administration
- Television
- Power of committees
 - Scott's research
 - Power of Subpoena
 - Precedents
 - Senate's powers
 - Vote of Senate to compel testimony
- Court test
 - Separation of powers
 - Delays

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- White House cooperation
 - Full disclosure
 - Guidelines
 - Republican complaints
- Public relations
 - Problems
 - Need for Republican Congressmen to help

Public relations

- Food costs
- Milk producers
 - Cattle growers
 - President's support
 - Support for President
 - Wilbur D. Mills, Robert C. ("Bob") Wilson
 - President's moves on dairy and meat imports
 - Stockpiles
 - Repeal of tariffs
- Food costs
 - President's actions against special interests
 - Emphasis on successes
- Budget issues
 - Need for restraint
 - Cost of living
 - Tax increase
 - President's vetoes
 - Reasons
 - Defense spending
 - Increased appropriations for vocational rehabilitation
 - Higher taxes
 - President's increases
- Appropriations
 - Pete V. Domenici, James L. Buckley, William E. Brock III
 - Veto support
 - Jacob Javits
 - George D. Aiken
 - Republican support for President's veto
 - Democratic support

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-Harry F. Byrd, Jr.

- Cost of living
 - Higher taxes
 - Fluctuations
 - Farmers
 - Increases in future
 - Price freeze
 - Policy
 - Labor
- Stockpile releases
 - Malaysia, Bolivia
 - Lumber

Congressional relations

- Republican leadership
 - Expression of concerns to President
 - Gerald R. Ford

Watergate

- White House disclosures
- Cooperation of White House
 - Concern for separation of powers

Scott et al. left at 10:46 am.

Conversation No. 884-4

Date: March 20, 1973

Time: 10:46 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

President's meeting with John D. Ehrlichman

The unknown man left at 10:46 am.

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Conversation No. 884-4 (cont'd)

Conversation No. 884-5

Date: March 20, 1973
Time: 10:46 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 37-163]

Conversation No. 884-6

Date: March 20, 1973
Time: 10:46 am - 10:47 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with John W. Dean, III.

[See Conversation No. 37-164]

Conversation No. 884-7

Date: March 20, 1973
Time: 10:47 am - 12:10 pm
Location: Oval Office

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

Watergate

- Patrick J. Buchanan's note
- Executive clemency
- Publicity

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Congressional relations

- William E. Timmons
 - Replacement
- Clark MacGregor
 - John D. Ehrlichman
 - Work with administration
- Hugh Scott
- Work of Timmons
 - Ehrlichman, Ronald L. Ziegler
- Need for briefing guidance
- Meetings with President
 - Ehrlichman
 - Kenneth R. Cole, Jr.
 - Thomas C. Korologos
- Bryce N. Harlow

Prisoners of War [POWs]

- Publicity for party
 - Release
- Gen. John P. Flynn

White House staff meetings

- Concentration on certain topics
- Roy L. Ash, George P. Shultz
- Ziegler, Timmons, William J. Baroody, Jr.
- Cole
 - Ash, Shultz
- Ehrlichman
 - Concern for programs
 - Public relations dimensions
- Shultz
 - Daily meetings
 - Details

Congressional relations

- Freshmen Congress members
 - Breakfast meeting

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- John Conlan
 - Control of Arizona legislature
 - Election of speaker
 - Plans for House of Representatives
 - Conservative Democrats
 - Ideological coalition
 - Ambition
 - Ideology
 - William F. ("Billy") Graham
- Timmons
- Dewey F. Bartlett
 - Access to president
- Regular meetings with President
 - President's opinion
 - Timmons's approach
 - Bartlett
 - John A. Volpe
- Meeting with Republican leaders
 - Scott
 - [unintelligible name]
 - Questions for President
 - Value
 - Comparison with Dwight D. Eisenhower's administration

[A transcript of the following portion of this conversation appears in RG 460, Box 173, 1-26; SPRC, 157-160 (1-4); US v. Mitchell, et al, Gov't, Ex. 10, pp. (00064-00070).]

[End of transcribed portion]

Congressional relations

- Social events with President
 - Timmons
 - Bartlett, Henry L. Bellmon
 - Value
 - Consumption of time
 - Former governors
 - Duties and time
 - Comparison with President

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- Ehrlichman
- Oklahoma
- Timmons
 - Quality of work
 - Comparison with Harlow
 - MacGregor
 - Ziegler
 - Areas of competence
 - Problem areas
 - Attitude of Congress member
- Harlow
- MacGregor
 - Congressional liaison work

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

- John B. Connally
 - Party switch
 - Colson contacts
 - Notifications
 - Readiness

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

- International Telephone and Telegram [ITT] case
 - Ziegler's statements
 - Ehrlichman
 - Securities and Exchange Commission [SEC] investigation
 - Report
 - Democratic Congress members
 - Vance Hartke
 - Need for publicity
 - Spiro T. Agnew, Connally, Haldeman, Peter M. Flanigan
 - Interview with Colson

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- Reporters' questions
 - Need for counterattack
 - Old story
 - Previous testimony
 - Richard W. McLaren

- Ehrlichman
 - Need to work on case
 - Forest service

Ehrlichman

- Time* seminar
 - Issues
 - Price of gasoline
 - Oil imports
 - Middle East
 - Natural gas
 - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
- Cooperation with *Time*
Shultz
- Value
 - Advertising

Press relations

- News summary
- Newsweek* article
- Jews
 - Ignorance of US
 - Look
 - Herman Kahn
 - Death penalty
 - [Arnold] Eric Sevareid
 - New York Daily News*
 - Albert E. Sindlinger [?]
- Time* and *Newsweek*
 - Danger of overconcern
- White House staff contacts with reporters
 - Julienne L. Pineau
 - Henry Hubbard

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- Time* and *Newsweek* seminar on energy
 - Ehrlichman, Shultz, Charles J. DiBona
- Administration posture toward
- Cabinet officers
 - Peter J. Brennan
 - Shultz
- Energy policy
 - White House seminar
 - Time
 - Crisis
- Administration mistakes
 - Khan
 - Environment, welfare
 - Media-created concerns
 - Impact on food, car prices
 - Lumber
 - Insecticides
 - Safety devices
 - Costs, inconvenience
 - Haldeman's car

Economy

- Consumer confidence
 - Sindlinger
 - Reports
 - President's evaluation
 - Dollar
 - Herbert Stein
- Importance as economic indicator
 - Shultz

Cabinet's role in public relations

- Management capacity
- Weaknesses
 - James T. Lynn
 - Earl L. Butz
 - Brennan

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- Congress
- Public statements
 - Work with White House staff
 - Ziegler's role
 - Surrogates
 - Ehrlichman
 - Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger
 - Lynn, Butz
 - William P. Rogers, John A. Scali
 - Elliot L. Richardson
 - Rebuttals to Democrats

Congressional relations

- Republicans
 - Baroody's role
 - Colson
 - Need for better public relations
- Timmons
 - Work with both parties
 - Votes
- Baroody
 - Areas of concern
 - Work with outside organizations
 - Colson
 - George H. W. Bush
 - Timmons
 - Comparison with Baroody

Watergate

- Theodore H. White
- Issue of presidential power
 - Lyndon B. Johnson
 - Publicity for President's position
 - Ronald L. Ziegler
 - Lack of publicity
 - Attack on press
 - Agnew

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Congressional relations

- Scott
 - Statement on defense budget
 - Need for figures
 - Work with White House
 - Summary statement
- House of Representatives
 - Positive reactions
 - Statement on taxes, inflation, jobs

Labor Department

- Under Secretary job
 - New York Times*
 - Opening
 - Candidate
- Brennen
 - Colson
 - Choice for job
 - Handling of mail
 - Answer
 - Consumption of time
 - Work methods
 - Donald F. Rodgers
 - Value to administration

Cabinet

- Lynn
 - Public appearances

President's crime speech

- Follow-up
 - Ehrlichman
- Press coverage
- Sevareid criticisms
 - Advantages to administration

POWs

- Wives
- Corsages

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- Civilian POW
 - State Department
 - Foreign Services Officer [FSO]
 - Rank
- Television [TV] coverage
 - Interest
 - Anecdotes
 - Green beret
 - Flag
 - Continuous publicity

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 10:47 am.

Meeting with Ehrlichman

An unknown person left at an unknown time before 11:40 am.

POWs

- Manner of release
 - North Vietnam
 - Advantages to administration

Vietnam

- Sir Robert Thompson
 - Talk with Gen. Alexander M. Haig
- Nguyen Van Thieu visit
 - Visit to east coast
 - Visit to US
 - Agnew's invitation

John V. ("Jack") Brennan

- Appointment as military aide
- Promotion

Military aides

- Navy aide

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

[Privacy]

[Duration: 39s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

- Maj. Gen. Donald D. ("Don") Hughes
- Brennen
- Vernon C. Coffey, Jr.
- Navy aide
 - Pressures of work

Ehrlichman entered at 11:40 a.m.

Meeting with Republican Congressional leaders

- Ehrlichman's evaluation
 - Budget cut issue on defense expenditure
 - House of Representatives
 - G. William Whitehurst
 - Congressmen's impressions
 - Ehrlichman's conversation with Albert W. Johnson and Burt L. Talcott
- Conlan
 - Leadership qualities
 - Comparison with Ford
 - Enthusiasm
- Butz
 - Cabinet meeting
 - Comments
- Congressional relations
 - Meetings
 - Eisenhower
 - Lyndon B. Johnson

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- Publicity
- Value
 - Need for more publicity
 - Robert D. Novak, Rowland Evans

Cabinet's role in public relations

- Weinberger and Lynn
 - Appearances before Congress
 - Testimony
 - Preparation
- Weinberger
 - Appearance on Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS] TV program
 - Department of Health, Education, and welfare [HEW] assistants
- Intelligence
- Lynn and Weinberger
 - Qualities
 - Intelligence
 - Follow-up on issues
 - Political skills
 - Edmund S. Muskie

Time seminar on energy policy

- White House participation
- Time's* promotion department
- Shultz
- William D. Ruckelshaus
- Congress
- Sensitivity

Watergate

- L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III
 - Relationship with President
 - Press reports
 - Background
 - Robert L. Finch
 - Job as FBI director
- FBI
 - J. Edgar Hoover

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- Role in Alger Hiss case
 - Files on Hiss
 - Harry S. Truman

- Gray
- Time* story
 - Confirmation hearings
 - President's cooperation with Congress

Press relations

- Time*
- Hugh S. Sidey
 - Current activities
 - Martin Z. Agronsky's show
 - Dwight L. Chapin

President's meeting with Vadim A. Trapeznikov

Pornography

- Supreme Court decision
- Follow-up

Family Assistance Program [FAP]

- Working group
 - Weinberger as chairman
 - James H. Cavanaugh
- Consultation with various people
 - Russell B. Long, Frank E. Fitzsimmons

Medical research budget

- Charges of sabotage
 - Cancer, heart disease
 - Weinberger's answers
 - CBS TV special
 - Reasons
 - Restrictions on expenditures
 - Congress
- Stanford University president
- Johns Hopkins University

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- Cuts
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology [MIT]
 - University of California, Berkeley
- Defense grants
 - Excesses
 - Dr. James R. Schlesinger
 - Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
- President's concern

President's meeting with Theodore H. ("Teddy") White

- President's proposals
 - White House budget
 - Comparison with Johnson

Prices

- Lumber
 - Sales to Japan
 - Price freeze
 - Cost of Living Council
 - Need for facts
 - Internal Revenue Service [IRS]
 - State of industry
 - Production
 - Mills
 - Imports
 - Exports
 - Forest Service
 - Management of timberlands
 - Reasons for problems
 - Environmental laws
 - Transfer to private lands
 - Environmental impact statement
 - National forest
 - Pressure from administration
- Price freeze
 - William E. Simon
 - Shultz's opposition
 - Stein

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-John T. Dunlop

Phase III

- Shultz's concern
 - Simon
- Press treatment
 - Dollar abroad
 - Shultz's image
 - Comparison to Connally
- Interest rates
- Blame on Shultz
- Attitudes of business community
- International monetary situation
 - Shultz's achievements
 - Comparison with Connally

Leader class

- Business community
 - Weakness of character
 - Kahn
 - University professors
 - Dependence on government
 - Welfare state
 - Need for Connally
 - David M. Kennedy's performance
 - Shultz
 - Weak points
 - Public relations
 - Neurosis
 - Fear of controversy
 - Connally

Narcotics reform

- Controversy
 - Central narcotics agency

Bill on Capitol Hill

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Richard G. Kleindienst

- Speaking tours
 - Capital punishment
 - Statistics
 - New criminal code
- Jerry V. Wilson
 - Speaking tour

Congressional relations

- MacGregor
- Timmons
- Ziegler
 - Limitations
- President's meeting with Scott and Leslie C. Arends
- Administration's briefings
 - Ziegler
 - Ehrlichman's role
 - Ash
 - Ford
- Need for briefings
- J. D. Ehrlichman's role
 - Ziegler
 - Baroody
 - Herbert G. Klein
 - Briefing
 - ITT case
- Dealings with Democratic Senators

Public relations

- Press reports
 - Administration's responses
 - Ziegler
 - Hartke
 - Timmons
 - Ash
- Administrations programs
 - Cole, Ash
- Shultz

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- Substance of issue
- Public relations sense
- Dunlop
 - Public relations sense
 - Theme
- Stein
 - Public relations sense
 - Preparation

Shultz

- Meetings with President and Ehrlichman
 - Scheduling
- Phase III
- Talks with Leonid I. Brezhnev
- Meeting with President
 - Scheduling

Regulatory commissions

- Meetings with President
 - Chairmen
 - ITT
 - [unintelligible name]
 - Federal Communications Commission [FCC]
 - Federal Trade Commission [FTC]

Ehrlichman and Haldeman left at 12:10 pm.

Conversation No. 884-8

Date: March 20, 1973
Time: 12:11 pm - 12:40 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Vadim A. Trapeznikow, H. Guyford Stever, Anatoliy F. Dobrynin, Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft, and Cyril Muromcew. The White House photographer and members of the press were present at the beginning of the meeting.

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Greetings

Seating

-Leonid I. Brezhnev

[First name unknown] Williams [?]

[Photograph session]

-Visit to US

US – Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR] science and technology agreement

-Cooperation

-Research

-Technical data

-Improvements

-Science exchange

-Relation to arms limitation

-Need for more exchanges

-Benefits for both nations

-Medical exchanges

-Latin America

-Africa

-Impact on world of meetings and exchanges

U.S. - USSR exchanges

-Beneficial exchanges

-Destructive technologies

-Reduction of pollution

-USSR concerns

-Economic development

-Industry

-Scientific cooperation

Stever's Joint Commission

-Leading role of US and USSR

-Joint efforts

-Scientific contacts

-Practical results

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- USSR goals
- President's trip to Moscow
- Preparations for exchanges
 - Organization
 - Formalization of exchanges
- Progress
 - Working groups
 - Recent progress
 - President's meeting with Brezhnev
 - Future cooperation
 - Substance
 - Symbolism
 - Vodka
 - Results
 - Scientific cooperation
 - 1972 Moscow summit
 - Brezhnev
 - World War II

Trapeznikov's tour of US

- California
- Los Angeles
 - Simon Ramo, [unintelligible name]
- Salinas
 - Agricultural development
- Bohemian Club
- Chicago
- New York
- Details, arrangements
- Industry response

US - USSR relations

- Brezhnev's visit to US [?]
 - Timing
- Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
- Work with Congress
- Reception for George P. Shultz

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Trapeznikov *et al.* left at 12:40 pm.

Conversation No. 884-9

Date: March 20, 1973
Time: 12:44 pm - 12:56 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Mr. and Mrs. C. Edward Little and Ronald L. Ziegler. The White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

Greetings

Weather

- Rose garden flowers
- Tricia Nixon Cox's wedding

Key Biscayne

Photographs

Little's support for President

Little's career

- Mutual Broadcasting System [MBS] radio
 - Old management
 - Diversification
 - Sports
 - Olympics
 - Don Shula
 - Profits
 - Monday night show
 - Audience
 - Television [TV]
 - Number of stations
 - Sports programs

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-Don Shula

Radio

- News
- MBS
 - Network stations
 - Number
 - Ownership
 - TV acquisitions
 - Competition
 - Chicago
 - Listenership
 - New York

TV industry

- Miami
 - Sale of TV station
 - Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo
 - American Broadcasting Corporation [ABC] affiliate
- UHF, VHF
 - Comparison with FM radio
 - Opposition of networks
 - Converters
 - Tax
- Cable TV
 - Ken Gilbertson [?]
 - Future
 - Competition to radio
 - Advantages
 - Cost
 - Commercials
 - Network involvement
 - Franchises

President's career

- Law school
- Graduation

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1937 Rose Bowl

- Al Krueger
- Duke University
- Defense
- George Maccaber
 - Injury
 - University of Southern California [USC] score
- Maccaber
 - Career
 - Hall of Fame
- Abilities
 - Speed
 - Size

Duke University

- Baseball team
 - Little's position
 - Coach

Little's trip to Japan

- Domestic customs
- Japan
 - Cleanliness
 - President's friend in Japan
 - President's trip
 - Tokyo

Golf

Gifts

Golf club

- Key Biscayne
- Investment

MBS

- Future
- Spanish nature
- New York

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- Florida
- Texas
- Black stations
- Jesse Jackson
- Programs
- Advertisers
- Listenship
 - Number
- Liberals
- Chairmen

Mrs. Little

- College
 - Duke University
 - Women's college
- Marriage

Little, et al., left at 12:56 pm.

Conversation No. 884-10

Date: March 20, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:56 pm and 12:59 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 37-165]

Conversation No. 884-11

Date: March 20, 1973
Time: 12:59 pm and 1:00 pm
Location: Oval Office

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Conversation No. 884-9 (cont'd)

The President talked with John W. Dean, III.

[See Conversation No. 37-166]

Conversation No. 884-12

Date: March 22, 1973
Time: Unknown between 1:00 pm and 1:05 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Refreshment

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Sanchez left before 1:05 pm.

Conversation No. 884-13

Date: March 22, 1973
Time: Unknown between 1:00 pm and 1:05 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 37-167]

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Conversation No. 884-14 (cont'd)

Conversation No. 884-14

Date: March 22, 1973
Time: Unknown between 1:00 pm and 1:05 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

President's schedule [?]

The unknown man left before 1:05 pm.

Conversation No. 844-15

Date: March 22, 1973
Time: Unknown between 1:00 pm and 1:05 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

President's schedule

The unknown man left before 1:05 pm.

Conversation No. 844-16

Date: March 22, 1973
Time: Unknown between 1:00 pm and 1:05 pm
Location: Oval Office

The White House operator talked with the President.

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Conversation No. 884-14 (cont'd)

[See Conversation No. 37-168]

Conversation No. 884-17

Date: March 22, 1973
Time: 1:00 pm - 2:31 pm
Location: Oval Office

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

President's schedule

- White House Counselors meeting
 - Discussion of programs
 - Value
 - Vetoed
 - Vocational rehabilitation bill
 - Justification
 - Clean Air Act
 - Second term goals
 - Cabinet meeting
- Congressional leaders meetings
 - Value
 - Gerald R. Ford
 - Hugh Scott
 - Purpose
 - Changes over last 20 years
 - Leader class in US
 - Decline
 - Helplessness
 - Attitudes
 - Effects
 - Cabinets
 - Staff
 - Congress
 - Business community

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- John B. Connally
- Loss of character
- 1960s
- Meetings with Congress members
 - Value
 - Welfare
 - Dependence
 - Donald H. Rumsfeld
 - Cabinet
 - Minimum of effort
 - Harry S. Truman's approach
 - Issues for discussion
 - Freshmen Congress members

Leader class in US

- Business community
- Cabinet officers, White House staff
- Academics
- Administration's efforts
 - Creation of weakness
- Destruction of character
- John Conlan
 - Example of leadership
 - President's career
- George P. Shultz's meetings with President
 - John D. Ehrlichman
 - Union of Soviet Socialist [USSR] Trade
 - Henry A. Kissinger
 - Frederick B. Dent
 - Dealings with USSR
 - Dent
 - Control

Shultz's responsibilities

- International monetary situation
- USSR trade agreement
- Energy policy
 - William E. Simon

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Conversation No. 884-17 (cont'd)

- Treasury Department
- Charles J. DiBona
- Ehrlichman
- Labor-Management Advisory Board
- Report

President's schedule

- Trip to California
- Departure
- Congressional relations
- Cabinet meeting

Watergate

- Amount of time
- Ronald L. Ziegler
- Handling of press

Press relations

- Garnet D. (Jack) Horner
- Story for administration
- Value
- Washington Post*

President's schedule

- Meeting with business community
- Meetings with Congress members
- Counselors
- Ehrlichman
- Cabinet meetings
- Value
- Subjects for discussion
- Alternatives
- Present Cabinet
- Make-up
- John A. Volpe, George W. Romney

Spiro T. Agnew

- President's opinion

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- Role in administration
 - Agnew's perception of role
 - Agnew's opinions
 - Public relations
 - Involvement in decisions
- Haldeman's relations with Agnew
 - Comparison with Sherman Adams's treatment of President
- President's tenure as Vice President
 - Haldeman's first meeting
 - Relations

Congressional relations

- Ehrlichman's responsibility
- William E. Timmons's role
- President's meeting with Hugh Scott and Leslie C. Arends
 - Timmons
 - Ehrlichman
 - Watergate
 - International Telephone and Telegraph [ITT] case
- Ehrlichman's role
 - Public relations sense
- Herbert Stein, Roy L. Ash, Shultz
 - Work on substance
- Ehrlichman
 - Programming of administration line
 - Public relations work
- Ash, Shultz
 - Cole
 - Substance
- Public relations
 - Role of Haldeman and Ehrlichman
 - William J. Baroody
 - Ziegler
 - Ehrlichman
 - Richard A. Moore
 - Abilities
 - John W. Dean, III
- Dwight W. Chapin

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- Work with White House staff
 - Moore, Tex McCrary, David N. Parker
- Patrick J. Buchanan
 - Abilities
 - David R. Gorgen
- New summaries
 - Preparation
 - Analysis
 - Difficulty
 - Republicans
- Problem areas
 - Watergate
 - Food prices
 - Aid to Vietnam
 - Areas of concentration
 - Ziegler

President's press conferences

- President's additions to briefing books
 - Staff work
 - William L. Safire [?]
- Preparation
 - Ziegler's performance
 - Ehrlichman's performance
- Questions from press

Ehrlichman

- Role in administration
 - Meetings
 - High school students
 - Intellectuals
- Public relations responsibility
 - Substance
 - Kenneth R. Cole, Jr.
 - Ash

President's schedule

- Counselors

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- Cabinet
- Ehrlichman
- Cabinet meetings

White House staff

- Shultz
 - Role in administration
- Public relations issue
- Administration's budget
 - Congress' reaction
 - Vigorous defense

Phase II

- Business community
 - Wage controls
 - Complaints
 - Profit controls
- Stockpile release
- Environment and safety restrictions
 - William D. Ruckelshaus
 - Oil companies
 - Bankruptcy
 - Los Angeles
 - Herman Kahn
 - Press-generated paranoia
 - Sense of decline

Dean entered at 1:42 pm.

President's meeting with Dean and Moore

Ehrlichman

Moore entered at 1:42 pm.

Watergate

- A report for President
- President's approach

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Conversation No. 884-17 (cont'd)

- Ziegler's comments
 - Problems
- Samuel J. Ervin, Jr.'s questions
- Possible questions
 - Donald H. Segretti case
- White House cooperation with Ervin Committee
- Jeb Stuart Magruder interview
 - G. Gordon Liddy
 - Committee to Re-elect the President [CRP] intelligence operation
- Ervin Committee questions
 - Dean's answers
 - General answers
 - In response to Magruder
 - Hearsay testimony
 - Possible questions
 - Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] investigations of Segretti
 - Dean's meetings with Segretti
 - Dean's answers
 - Gordon C. Strachan
 - Segretti's reasons for contacting Dean
 - Chapin and Herbert W. Kalmbach involvement
 - Grand jury testimony
 - Generalities
- Number of questions
 - Ervin
- Possible questions
 - Ziegler's response
 - Segretti
 - L. Patrick Gray, III hearings
- Ervin, Samuel Dash
- Written interrogatories
 - Administration position
 - Replies
- Cross examination
- Written interrogatories
 - Strategy of administration
 - Agreement with committee
- Administration defense against Ervin Committee

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- Story for Rowland Evans and Robert D. Novak or Kevin P. Phillips
- Barry M. Goldwater
 - Double standard
 - Investigation by FBI of committee members' last campaign
 - Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy
- Goldwater
- William J. Baroody
- Committee members' vulnerability
 - Campaign contributions
- Burglars
 - Appeal to court for exemption from hearings
 - Judge John J. Sirica
- Use of American Civil Liberties Union [ACLU]
 - Committee rules
- Charges of campaign violations
 - Goldwater speech
 - Draft
 - Baroody
- Leaks to columnists
 - Charges of double standard
- Investigation of George S. McGovern's campaign
 - Republican investigation
 - FBI investigation
- Democratic National Committee [DNC]
 - Discovery of bug in the phone
 - FBI investigation
- Administration counterattack
 - William H. Sullivan
 - Appearance before Ervin Committee
 - Democratic uses of FBI
 - Disclosure
 - Gray's confirmation
- Gray hearings
 - Gray's work with Ehrlichman
 - Richard G. Kleindienst
- FBI
 - Sullivan testimony
 - Cartha D. DeLoach

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Conversation No. 884-17 (cont'd)

- Closed sessions
- Political use of FBI
- Leaks by White House
 - New investigation of past abuses
 - Joseph A. Califano
- White House staff testimony
 - Claims of privilege
 - President's concern
 - Precedents
- FBI
 - Use by administration
 - Lyndon B. Johnson
 - False accusations
 - Use by past administrations
 - 1968 campaign
 - Telephone surveillance
 - Spiro T. Agnew
- John N. Mitchell
 - Talk with Dean
 - Testimony in Robert L. Vesco case by grand jury
 - Questions
 - Range
 - E. Howard Hunt, Jr. and Segretti
 - Ehrlichman
 - Dean
 - Donald A. Nixon and Edward C. Nixon
 - Prosecutors
 - Appointment
- Vesco
 - Dealings with administration
 - Value to Vesco
 - Murray M. Chotiner
 - George A. Smathers
- Reaction to grand jury
- Questions
 - ITT case
 - Securities and Exchange Commission [SEC] documents
 - Harley O. Staggers

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Conversation No. 884-17 (cont'd)

- Justice Department
 - Senate Judiciary Committee
 - Possibility of perjury by Kleindienst
 - Jack N. Anderson leak
 - Release of documents
- Antitrust problems
- Senators' problems
- Contacts with Agnew by Harold S. Geneen and Edward J. Gerrity, Jr.
 - Peter G. Peterson, John B. Connally
 - ITT officials
 - Divestiture of company
- Vesco case
 - Comparison with ITT case
 - Contribution to 1972 campaign
 - Returned to Vesco
 - Democratic exploitation
 - Political uses of case
- Ervin hearings
 - Media coverage
 - Questions for administration
 - Written interrogatories for Dean
 - Executive privilege
 - Edward J. Gurney
 - Today Show*
 - Debate of John V. Tunney
 - Dean's assessment
 - Defense of administration
 - Risks
- Strategy
 - Next step for administration
 - Questions for administration
 - Ziegler's response
 - Potential headlines
 - Dean involvement with Segretti
 - Kalmbach
 - Administration handling
 - Options
- Counterattack

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- Tone
 - Sullivan
 - Testimony on past abuses of FBI
 - Goldwater
 - Investigation of Democrats
- President's view
 - Sullivan
- Senate hearings
- A report for President
 - Ehrlichman
 - Review
 - Ziegler
 - Review
 - Moore's opinion
- Gray
 - Hearings
 - Segretti
- Dean's report on Segretti
 - Segretti's meetings with Strachan
 - Number of contacts
 - Dean's meeting with Segretti
 - Generalities
 - Dean's knowledge of activities
 - Part of investigation
 - Knowledge of illegalities
 - Questioning
 - Statements for press
 - Conclusions
 - White House involvement
 - Generalities
 - Dean's involvement
 - Purpose
- A report for President
 - Ehrlichman's review
 - Revisions
 - Ziegler's review
 - Possible release
 - Review by senators

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Conversation No. 884-17 (cont'd)

- Charles McC. Mathias
- Committee chairman
- Howard H. Baker, Jr.
- Ervin hearings
 - Gurney
 - Support for administration
 - ITT
 - Presidential involvement
- Vesco case
 - Gurney
 - Grand jury hearing
 - Prosecutors
 - Left-wingers
 - Jews
- Need for counterattack
- Sullivan
 - Testimony on Democratic illegalities
 - Impact of FBI, Johnson, J. Edgar Hoover
 - Embarrassment
 - Need to be careful
- A report for President
 - Ehrlichman's review
 - James O. Eastland's review
- Strategy for counterattack
 - Vesco
 - FBI revelations
 - Sullivan
 - Use by Democrats
 - FBI investigation of Congressmen

Dean and Moore left at 2:31 pm.

Conversation No. 884-25

Date: March 20, 1973

Time: Unknown between 2:31 pm and 3:11 pm

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Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

Telephone line [?]

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 3:11 pm.

Conversation No. 884-18

Date: March 20, 1973

Time: Unknown between 2:31 pm and 3:11 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 37-169]

Conversation No. 884-19

Date: March 20, 1973

Time: Unknown between 3:11 pm and 3:16 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule

- Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Jr.'s call to President
- George P. Shultz
- John D. Ehrlichman
- Meeting
 - Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger's attendance
 - San Francisco
 - Ehrlichman
 - Anne L. Armstrong

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Conversation No. 884-19 (cont'd)

- [unintelligible name]
- Meeting with George H. W. Bush
 - Congressional Campaign Committee
 - Length

Bull left at 3:16 pm.

Conversation No. 884-20

Date: March 20, 1973
Time: Unknown between 3:16 pm and 3:19 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

[See Conversation No. 37-170]

Conversation No. 884-21

Date: March 20, 1973
Time: Unknown between 3:19 pm and 3:26 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule

- Meeting
 - Press coverage [?]
 - Amount of time
- Courtesy call by Citizens for Control of Federal Spending
 - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
 - David M. Packard, James Roosevelt, John W. Byrnes
- Meeting with George H. W. Bush
- John D. Ehrlichman

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Conversation No. 884-21 (cont'd)

- Counselors
- Haldeman, Ehrlichman
- Carlos Sanz de Santamaria

Bull left at an unknown time before 3:26 pm.

Conversation No. 884-22

Date: March 20, 1973
Time: Unknown between 3:19 pm and 3:26 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Kenneth R. Cole [?].

President's schedule

- Meeting with George H. W. Bush, William T. Cahill, and Linwood Holton
- Length
- Conclusion
- Photographs for Republican National Committee [RNC] publications

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 3:19 pm.

Item for President's signature

President's schedule

- Meetings for rest of week

Cole [?] and Bull left at an unknown time before 3:26 pm.

Conversation No. 884-23

Date: March 20, 1973
Time: 3:26 pm - 4:26 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with William T. Cahill, Linwood Holton, George H. W. Bush, and Kenneth R.

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Cole, Jr. The White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

Greetings

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Signature of nominations

Oval Office

New Jersey politics

- Cahill's announcement of candidacy for governor
- Charles Sandman
 - Primary election
 - Clifford P. Case
- Cahill's potential for victory
- Republican governors
 - John Love, John R. ("Jack") Williams, Nelson A. Rockefeller
- Cahill's race against Sandman
 - Need for help from President
 - Commitments of Sandman
 - Attempts to dissuade
 - Lieutenant Governorship [?]
 - Sandman's relationship with Bush
 - Congress
- Sandman
 - Lawyer
 - Age
 - Past races
 - Case
 - John N. Mitchell
 - Primary results
- Republican candidates
 - Harry L. Sears
 - Patrick Vaughn [?]
 - Ray Bateman
 - Quality
- Primary

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- Cahill's race
- Sandman's district
 - Republican
 - Redistricting
 - County chairman
 - Motives
 - Internal Republican conflicts
 - Congress
- Talk with Sandman by President
 - Bush, Cahill, Cole
 - Alternatives
- Senate
 - 1976 race
 - Harrison A. Williams, Jr.
 - Sandman
 - Race for governor of New Jersey
 - Resentment against Cahill
 - New York Times*
 - Lack of support
 - Newspapers
 - Previous races
 - Divisiveness
- Democrats
 - Lack of strong candidates
 - Candidates
 - James Howard, Henry Helstoski, Robert A. Roe
 - Judiciary
 - Governor
 - Strategy
 - Robert F. Wagner
 - New York
- Race for governor
 - Filing date
 - Sandman
- Cahill's campaign
 - Announcement of Bateman as campaign manager
 - Challenge by Sandman
 - President's intervention

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- Advisability
 - Running against incumbents
- Personality clash
- Sandman's age
- Reasons for running
 - Republican governors
- New Jersey Republican party
 - Chances of success
 - Quality of Democratic nominees
- Independents
 - Challenge to Sandman
 - Brendan Byrne
 - Chance of success
- Sandman
 - Colleagues
 - Support for Cahill as governor
 - Edwin B. Forsythe, Peter H. B. Freylinghuysen, Mathew J. Rinaldo, Joseph Maraziti
 - William B. Widnall
 - John E. Hunt
- Legislators
 - Support for Cahill
 - Cahill's attraction for independents, Democrats
 - Case
- Sandman
 - Clifford White [?]
 - Abilities as political operator
 - Weaknesses
- Gambling issue
 - Casinos in Atlantic City
- Republican Party primaries
 - Finch
 - California
 - Illinois
 - Donald H. Rumsfeld and John Anderson
 - Senate
 - New Jersey

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- Sandman
 - Candidacy for governor
 - President involvement
- Cahill's candidacy
 - President's support as nominee
 - Sandman's challenge
 - Spiro T. Agnew
- Cahill's victory
 - President's public involvement

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Issues for New Jersey

- Domestic Council
 - Cole
- Food prices
- Economy
 - Industry, employment
 - Imports
 - Food prices
 - Upcoming election
 - Executive action
 - New York
 - Effect of a food price freeze
 - Reaction of farmers
 - President's policies on food prices
 - Current challenge
 - Political fall-out
 - Food prices
 - Expressions of concern to President
 - Political effect
 - Economic figures

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Politics

- New Jersey primary
 - President's involvement
 - Ronald W. Reagan
 - Finch
 - Cole
 - Contacts
 - Help for Cahill
 - California primary
 - Illinois primary
- Cahill's change of success
 - Comparison with Case
 - Republican support
- Cahill's candidacy
 - Public appeal
 - President's involvement
 - Forms of help from White House
 - Support in general election
- President's meeting with Cahill
 - Public statement
 - Off-year elections
 - Virginia
 - Importance
 - Presidential endorsement
 - Cahill's distinguished service
 - Sandman
 - Wording
 - Press conference
 - Issues for New Jersey
 - Domestic Council
 - Cole

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Congressional relations

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- Sandman
 - Vote against revenue sharing
- Revenue sharing
 - Benefits for New Jersey

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Republican primaries

- New Jersey
 - Public statement
 - Wording
 - President's endorsement
 - Sandman
- Illinois
 - Rumsfeld
 - North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO] position
 - Anderson
- Virginia
 - Newport News, Norfolk
 - Thomas N. Downing, G. William Whitehurst

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Defense budget cuts

- NATO
- Liberal Republicans
 - Whitehurst, Paul N. ("Pete") McCloskey
 - Support for Trident moratorium
 - Negotiations with Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
 - Leonid I. Brezhnev
- Whitehurst
 - Effects on negotiations
 - Unilateral disarmament

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- Republican Party
 - Virginia
 - Ted Coleman [?]
 - John Dalton
 - Lieutenant Governor position
 - [unintelligible name]
 - Political orientation

Cahill, Holton, and Cole left at 4:08 pm. Bush remained.

Rockefeller

- Republican Party
 - New York
 - Problems
 - John O. Marchi, Wagner, Alex Rose, Rockefeller
 - Italian dinner
 - Bush's conversation with Rose Mary Woods
 - Italian American
 - Corruption

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An unknown man entered at 4:08 pm.

- John D. Ehrlichman
 - Meeting with President

Unknown man left at 4:09 pm.

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Ehrlichman entered at 4:09 pm.

Republican Party

- Mitchell, Clarence J. ("Bud") Brown, Jr.
- Cooperation
- Candidate recruitment program
- Meeting with William E. Brock, III, and Bush
- Robert C. ("Bob") Wilson
- Candidate recruitment program
- Plans
 - Brock
 - Kenneth S. Rietz

Rose Mary Woods entered at an unknown time after 4:09 pm.

Italian dinner

- Italian American supporters of President
- Marchi
 - Invitation
 - Defeat of Paul V. Lindsay
 - Rockefeller
 - New York City
 - Mayor
 - Invitation
 - [unintelligible name]

Woods left at an unknown time before 4:26 pm.

Rietz, Bush

- Background

Republican candidate recruitment program

- Rietz
- Controversy
 - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman

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- Wilson's staff
- Rietz
 - Arrogance, confidence
- Congressional relations
- Brock
 - Story by Kevin P. Phillips
 - Haldeman
 - Source
 - Spiro T. Agnew
 - Robert D. Novak
 - Haldeman
 - Source
 - Research office
 - Agnew
 - Bush's conversation
 - Appointments
- Candidates
 - Cahill
 - Rockefeller
 - Finch
 - Old timers
 - Milton R. Young
 - Age
 - Problems
 - Selection process
 - House of Republicans
 - Rietz
 - Youth
 - Internal opposition
 - Change in leadership
 - Wilson
 - Press conference procedures
 - Ehrlichman, Haldeman

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Watergate

- Effects
- Constitutional issues
 - Executive privilege
- Issue of disclosure
- White House staff
 - Cooperation with grand jury, Congressional committee
 - Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]
 - Method of cooperation
 - Sherman Adams precedent
 - John W. Dean, III
 - Intent to cooperate
 - Staff testimony
 - Offers of cooperation
- Effects on Republican Party
 - Concerns on local level
 - Association with the President
 - Vietnam War
 - Revenue sharing
- Political issue
 - Interest in New York and Washington
 - Rest of country
 - Cleveland, Kansas City
 - Disinterest
 - Ehrlichman, H. R. Haldeman
 - Washington press corps
 - Liberal biases
- Staff testimony
 - Executive privilege
- Effects on 1974 election
 - Impoundment
 - Executive privilege
 - Press conference
 - Polls

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Republican Party

- New Jersey primary
 - Cahill
 - Sandman
 - Meeting with President
- Cahill's meeting with President
 - Subjects of discussion
 - Domestic issues
- President's involvement
 - Statement for Sandman

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Bush left at 4:26 pm.

[This tape ends before the conversation with Ehrlichman is completed. See Conversation No. 885-1 for continuation.]