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Tape Subject Log
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Conversation No. 898-23/899-1

Date: April 17, 1973
Time: 3:50 pm - 4:41 pm
Location: Oval Office

[Continued from Conversation No. 898-23 on Audiotape 898]

The President met with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman. The recording began while the conversation was in progress; an unknown portion of this conversation was not recorded at this time while the tape was changed.

[A transcript of the following portion of this conversation was initially prepared for the Watergate Special Prosecution Force (WSPF) and can be found in Record Group (RG) 460, Box 174, "Transcript of a Recording of a Meeting among the President, John Ehrlichman, Ronald Ziegler, and H. R. Haldeman, in the Oval Office on April 17, 1973, from 3:50 to 4:35 p.m.," pages 19-26. The Nixon Presidential Materials Staff reviewed the transcript and made changes as necessary. This transcript has been reviewed under the provisions of the Presidential Recordings and Materials Preservation Act of 1974 (PRMPA). The National Archives does not guarantee its accuracy.]

[A transcript of the following portion of this conversation was also prepared Richard Nixon's Special White House Counsel for Watergate Matters and submitted to the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives. This transcript can be found in *Submission of Recorded Presidential Conversations (SRPC)*, pages 1115 - 1133 (11-18). Please refer to the RG 460 transcript.]

[Begin transcribed portion]

[End transcribed portion]

Leonard Garment

[Resume transcribed portion]

John D. Ehrlichman entered at an unknown time before 4:41 pm.

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Conversation No. 899-1 (cont'd)

Ehrlichman [?] left at an unknown time after 3:50 pm.

Ehrlichman [?] entered at an unknown time before 4:41 pm.

Ronald L. Ziegler entered at an unknown time after 3:50 pm.

Ehrlichman and Haldeman left at 4:35 pm.

[End transcribed portion]

Ziegler left at an unknown time before 4:41 pm.

Conversation No. 899-2

Date: April 17, 1973

Time: Unknown between 4:35 pm and 4:41 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

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Conversation No. 899-2 (cont'd)

[Begin transcribed portion]

[End of transcribed portion]

Ziegler left at an unknown time before 4:41 pm.

Conversation No. 899-3

Date: April 17, 1973

Time: Unknown between 4:35 pm and 4:41 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

Inquiry

-Agreement

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 4:41 pm.

Conversation No. 899-5

Date: April 17, 1973

Time: Unknown between 4:35 pm and 4:48 pm

Location: Oval Office

Unknown people met.

Inquiry

Smallness [?]

Unknown people left at an unknown time before 4:48 pm.

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Conversation No. 899-4 (cont'd)

Conversation No. 899-4

Date: April 17, 1973
Time: 4:48 pm - 5:03 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Watergate

- John N. Mitchell's visit to White House
 - Martha ("Beall") Mitchell
 - John D. Ehrlichman
 - President
- John W. Dean, III's role in investigation
 - President's investigation
- August 29, 1972 statement
 - Dean's investigation
- Dean's role in investigation
- President's investigation
 - Henry E. Petersen
 - James W. McCord's statement
 - Results
- Mitchell, Jeb Stuart Magruder, H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman, and John D. Ehrlichman
- Dean
 - Possible action
 - Attorney's threats
 - Knowledge of Ehrlichman's activities
 - Plumbers
 - Daniel Ellsberg
- Watergate participants' motives
 - Herbert W. Kalmbach
 - Mitchell
 - Cover-up
- Leonard Garment's approach

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Conversation No. 899-4 (cont'd)

- Firing of Haldeman, Ehrlichman, and Dean
- Mitchell
- Magruder's statement after guilty plea in open court
 - Haldeman and Ehrlichman as unindicted co-conspirators
- Haldeman and Ehrlichman
 - Usefulness to President
 - President's action
- Garment's approach
- President's statement
 - Effects
 - Ziegler's conversation with Haldeman and Ehrlichman
 - White House staff's appearance before Ervin Committee
- Dean
 - Possible telephone call by Ziegler
- Possible leaks
- Possible comments by Ziegler
 - Possible effects on judicial powers, civil rights
- Dean
 - Possible telephone call by Ziegler

Ziegler left at 5:03 pm.

Conversation No. 899-6

Date: Unknown between April 17, 1973 and April 18, 1973

Time: Unknown between 5:03 pm on April 17, 1973 and 7:58 am on April 18, 1973

Location: Oval Office

Unknown people [United States Secret Service (USSS) agents, Manolo Sanchez [?]] met.

Sitting

Cleaning out Oval Office [?]

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 5:03 pm.

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Conversation No. 899-6 (cont'd)

Location of President [?]

Executive Office Building [EOB]

An unknown woman entered at an unknown time after 5:03 pm.

Telephone call [?]

Bull and the unknown woman left and an unknown man talked with an unknown person at an unknown time after 5:03 pm.

Location of President [?]

Affirmative response to telephone call [?]

The recording was cut off at an unknown time before 7:58 am on April 18, 1973.