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**Tape Subject Log**  
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Conversation No. 906-1

Date: April 27, 1973  
Time: 7:50 am - 8:05 am  
Location: Oval Office

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

Watergate

- L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III story
  - Washington Post, New York Times*
  - Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]
  - Gray's statement concerning orders to destroy documents
    - John W. Dean, III's story
- Dean's story
  - John D. Ehrlichman's comment
- Dean
  - March 21, 1973 meeting with President
  - March 20, 1973 meeting between Haldeman and President
  - Testimony
    - William O. Bittman conversation
  - Executive privilege
  - March 21, 1973 meeting with President and Haldeman
    - Blackmail
    - President's motives
    - Henry E. Petersen
    - Possible use of recorder
      - Ronald L. Ziegler
      - Dean's motive

White House staff meeting

- Henry A. Kissinger

Watergate

- Gray
- Replacement

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Conversation No. 906-1 (cont'd)

- William D. Ruckelshaus
- Haldeman's discussion with Ehrlichman
- W. Mark Felt
- John B. Connally
- Charles S. Rhyne
- Connally
- William P. Rogers

Haldeman left at 8:05 am.

Conversation No. 906-2

Date: April 27, 1973  
 Time: Unknown between 8:05 am and 8:30 am  
 Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown person.

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[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Briefcase

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

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The unknown person left at an unknown time before 8:30 am.

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Conversation No. 906-3

Date: April 27, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 8:05 am - 8:30 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

Stephen B. Bull

Manolo Sanchez

President's schedule  
-Changes

The unknown man left at an unknown before 8:30 am.

Conversation No. 906-4

Date: April 27, 1973  
Time: 8:05am - 8:35 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Watergate

-John W. Dean III

-Meeting with Leonard Garment

-Garment's report to Ziegler

-Dean's attitude toward the President

-Changes by the President

-Possible action by President

-Dean's attitudes

-President

-John D. Ehrlichman, H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman

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Conversation No. 906-4 (cont'd)

- Watergate break-in
  - President's knowledge
  - Involvement of Haldeman and Ehrlichman
    - Reports to Haldeman
    - Materials withheld from Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]
- Dean's possible testimony
  - Conversations with Haldeman and Ehrlichman after June 17, 1972
    - President's knowledge
- Ehrlichman and Haldeman
  - Herbert W. Kalmbach
  - Denial of information to FBI
- Possible action by President
  - Ehrlichman, Haldeman, Dean, Gordon C. Strachan
  - President's responsibility
- Information given by Dean to Earl J. Silbert
  - Ehrlichman, Haldeman
- Possible threat against the President

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 8:05 am.

Telephone call for Manolo Sanchez

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 8:35 am.

Watergate

- Resignations
  - Haldeman and Ehrlichman, and Dean
- Timing
  - Dean
- Leaves of absence
- President's standards for staff
- L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III's successor
  - William M. Byrne, Jr.
    - Daniel Ellsberg case
  - William D. Ruckelshaus
- Attorney General appointment

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Conversation No. 906-4 (cont'd)

- Haldeman and Ehrlichman
  - Departures from White House
    - Timing
    - Effect of resignations
      - Ziegler, William E. Timmons
    - Grand jury action
  - Dean's possible departure
  - Haldeman
    - Statement concerning White House staff involvement
      - Ziegler, Timmons and Richard A. Moore
- Haldeman and Ehrlichman
  - Possible resignations
    - Timing
- President's forthcoming speech
  - President's responsibility for Watergate
  - Possible content
  - Education and format
- Popular sympathy for President
  - Timing of President's forthcoming speech
- Haldeman and Ehrlichman
  - President's trip to Mississippi
    - Press reaction
- Special prosecutor
  - Henry E. Petersen
  - Advantages
- Haldeman and Ehrlichman
  - Mississippi
- President's conduct of business
- Haldeman and Ehrlichman
  - Departures from White House staff
- [Horace] Chapman ("Chappie") Rose
  - Conversation with Ziegler
  - Forthcoming telephone call from Ziegler
    - Role on White House staff
- President's forthcoming speech
  - Timing
    - Grand jury

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Conversation No. 906-4 (cont'd)

- President's counsel
  - William P. Rogers, John B. Connally
  - Rose
- President's forthcoming speech
  - Timing
    - Indictment of John N. Mitchell
- Staffing
  - Haldeman and Ehrlichman
  - FBI director
  - Attorney General
  - Communications staff
    - William J. Baroody, Jr.
  - Columnists' view of President
  - [Arnold] Eric Sevareid
  - James B. ("Scotty") Reston, James J. Kilpatrick, Jr., Smith Hempstone, Jr., Crosby S. Noyes
    - Action by President
  - Possible Congressional rhetoric
  - Haldeman, Ehrlichman

Ziegler left 8:35 am.

Conversation No. 906-5

Date: April 27, 1973

Time: Unknown between 8:35 am and 8:36 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

President's schedule

- Henry A. Kissinger
- Peter G. Peterson
- Bill Hay [?]

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Conversation No. 906-5 (cont'd)

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 8:36 am.

Conversation No. 906-26

Date: April 27, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 8:35 am and 8:36 am  
Location: Oval Office

Henry A. Kissinger met with an unknown man.

Oval Office [?]  
-President's location [?]

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 8:36 am.

Conversation No. 906-6

Date: April 27, 1973  
Time: 8:36 am - 8:45 am  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

President's trip to Mississippi

Vietnam

- Henry A. Kissinger's meeting with Le Duc Tho
- William H. Sullivan's trip
- Timing of announcement
- Leak
- North Vietnam's denial

John B. Connally's forthcoming world trip

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Conversation No. 906-6 (cont'd)

- Request for introductions to heads of state
  - US Embassies
  - Clearances, protocol
    - Treasury Secretary
  - Report to President upon return
    - Extension of courtesy
    - Possible business
      - Kissinger's concern
      - Press
  - VIP treatment
  - Invocation of President

Ambassadorships

- Appointments of William R. Kitner and Henry A. Byroade
  - William P. Rogers's refusal
  - President's memorandum [memo]

Kissinger's visit to Moscow

- Announcement
- State Department
- US - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
  - Leaks
  - Rogers

Georges J. R. Pompidou

- Announcement
  - Meeting with President in Iceland

Byroade appointment

Federal bureaucracy

- Need for control
  - Defense Department
- H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman replacement

President's memo concerning Byroade



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Conversation No. 906-6 (cont'd)

US-Japan relations

- Hirohito [Emperor of Japan] visit to US
- Masayoshi Ohira
- Kakuei Tanaka's visit
  - Announcement
- Hirohito's visit to US
  - Reasons for cancellation
  - Domestic political opposition

Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]

- Kissinger's position
- Treaty on the Prevention of Nuclear War

US-USSR summit

- Announcement

Ohira

- Visit with President

Nicolae Ceausescu's message to president

- Special emissary
  - Kissinger's intercession
  - Value
- Spain

President's Atlantic speech

- France's reaction

Byroade appointment

- Rogers
- Theodore Lyman Elliot, Jr.

William J. Casey

[David] Kenneth Rush

- Trip

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Conversation No. 906-6 (cont'd)

President's meeting with John C. Stennis [?]

Watergate

-Kissinger's meeting with Stennis

Time

Kissinger left at 8:45 am.

Conversation No. 906-27

Date: April 27, 1973

Time: 8:45 am - 3:46 pm

Location: Oval Office

Unknown men met.

Assignment [?]

-Verification [?]

The unknown men left at an unknown time before 3:46 pm.

Conversation No. 906-7

Date: April 27, 1973

Time: Unknown between 3:46 pm and 3:48 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule

-Meeting with William D. Ruckelshaus

-Other attendees

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Conversation No. 906-7 (cont'd)

Bull left at an unknown time before 3:48 pm.

Conversation No. 906-8

Date: April 27, 1973  
Time: 3:48 pm - 4:30 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with William D. Ruckelshaus.

Ruckelshaus's job

Watergate

- L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III
  - Destruction of documents
  - President's relationship
  - Work at Justice Department
    - Ruckelshaus's replacement
  - Destruction of documents
    - Need to investigate
    - Ruckelshaus

Ruckelshaus

- Current job
- Assignment at Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]
  - Acting director
  - President's conversation with Richard G. Kleindienst
- Nomination for director
  - FBI staff changes
    - J. Edgar Hoover's legacy
      - Clyde A. Tolson, William C. Sullivan and Cartha D. ("Deke")  
DeLoach, W. Mark Felt
  - Morale
- Compared with acting director

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Conversation No. 906-8 (cont'd)

- Current job
  - Deputy Director
  - Tenure
- Political, judicial options

Watergate

- John N. Mitchell's indictment
  - Attorney general
  - Replacement
- Martha (Beall) Mitchell
  - Distraction from work
- Grand jury

Ruckelshaus

- Watergate
  - Connection, knowledge
- Assignment at FBI
  - Ruckelshaus's background
    - Justice Department, Environmental Protection Agency [EPA]
  - Nomination for director
  - Law enforcement experience
    - Compared to Gray
  - Congress [?]
    - Vance Hartke [?]
  - Bob [unintelligible name][?]
- Acting director
  - Duration
  - FBI study
    - Reorganization
- Lines of authority
  - Attorney General
  - President
  - Kleindienst

Watergate

- Gray
  - Response to White House requests

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Conversation No. 906-8 (cont'd)

-Materials turned over to John W. Dean III

Ruckelshaus

-Announcement of appointment

Watergate

-Possible statement  
-Gray and raw files

Ruckelshaus

-Assignment at FBI  
    -Gray's successor  
    -Reorganization  
        -Evaluation of staff members  
        -Felt  
-Possible press conference  
    -Gray announcement  
-Resignation from EPA  
    -Meeting with John D. Ehrlichman  
-Statement  
    -Standards under Hoover  
        -Compared with Gray  
        -President's search for permanent Director of FBI  
        -Ruckelshaus's role  
        -FBI files

Watergate

-Possible investigations  
-President's instructions  
-FBI investigation  
    -Quality  
    -John D. Mitchell

Ruckelshaus

-Conversation with Ehrlichman  
-Record of service

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Conversation No. 906-8 (cont'd)

Watergate

- Possible White House staff changes
- Forthcoming grand jury indictments
- Mitchell

Gray

- Announcement of resignation
- President's return from Mississippi
- Staff at FBI

President's conversation with Kleindienst

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 3:48 pm and 4:10 pm.

[See Conversation No. 906-8A]

[Begin telephone conversation]

[See Conversation No. 45-33]

[End telephone conversation]

Presidential appointment

Kleindienst

- Relationship with Mitchell

Ehrlichman entered at 4:10 pm.

Ruckelshaus

- Acting director
- Transfer
- EPA
- Leave of absence
- Instructions from President
- FBI reorganization

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- Announcement of appointment
  - Kleindienst
  - Ronald L. Ziegler
- Press conference
  - Ziegler
  - Location

Watergate

- President's instructions
- Grand jury
- Ruckelshaus's relationship with Mitchell
- Henry E. Petersen and Kleindienst
- Ruckelshaus's service in Justice Department

Ruckelshaus

- Reputation
- Relationship with Mitchell
- Duration of appointment

The President talked with Kleindienst between 4:14 pm and 4:16 pm

[Conversation No. 906-8B]

[Begin telephone conversation]

[See Conversation No. 45-34]

[End telephone conversation]

President's previous conversation with Kleindienst  
-Felt

Felt

- Leaks from FBI
  - Washington Post, Time*
  - Gray
- Position in FBI

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Conversation No. 906-8 (cont'd)

- Information from *Time* magazine lawyer
- Instructions for Ruckelshaus

FBI Directorship

- Attorney General's prerogatives
- President's telephone call to Hoover

Ruckelshaus's possible statement to press

- Announcement of appointment

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 3:48 pm.

Request for meeting with Ziegler

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 4:30 pm.

Ruckelshaus's statement to press

- Acting director
  - Transfer
    - Leave of absence
    - Resignation

Watergate

- Integrity of FBI

Press relations

- Ruckelshaus's appointment to FBI
  - Acting director
    - Attorney General's appointment
    - Press statement phrasing
    - Search for permanent director
      - Importance of director appointment
      - Impact on Gray's resignation
    - Return to EPA
  - Press questions
    - Ruckelshaus's potential permanent appointment as director
    - Declination



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Conversation No. 906-8 (cont'd)

- Desire for appointment
- President's view

Watergate

- President's instructions to Ruckelshaus
- Possible press statement
  - Content and wording
  - Ziegler's view
- Wording regarding investigation questions

Press relations

- Ruckelshaus's role
  - Statement compared to answering questions
- Zielger's statement
  - Attorney General
  - Acting Director
  - President's additions
    - Leave from EPA
    - Duration as Acting Director
- Ruckelshaus's role
- Location of announcement
  - White House compared to EPA
  - Environmental reporters

Watergate

- Ruckelshaus's response to questions
- Possible statement
  - Press satisfaction
    - Appearing at home
    - Jill Ruckelshaus
- Gray
  - Possible response to questions
  - Resignation

Congratulations

President's schedule

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Conversation No. 906-8 (cont'd)

-Telephone call

Ruckelshaus, Ehrlichman, and Ziegler left at 4:30 pm.

Conversation No. 906-9

Date: April 27, 1973  
Time: 4:30 pm - 4:31 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 45-35]

Conversation No. 906-10

Date: April 27, 1973  
Time: 4:31 pm - 4:35 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Henry E. Petersen.

[See Conversation No. 45-36]

Conversation No. 906-11

Date: April 27, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 4:35 pm and 4:41 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

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Conversation No. 906-11 (cont'd)

President's approval

- Letter, statement

President's schedule

- Diplomatic credentials
- Otto E. Passman
  - Delay
- Diplomatic credentials
  - German ambassador [F. M. Scheel]
  - Willy Brandt's state visit
- Passman
- Bipartisan Congressional leadership
- Passman
- Speech
- Thomas S. Foley
- National Association of Real Estate Boards
- Labor-Management Advisory Committee
- Congressional bipartisan leadership meeting
- Passman
  - Credentials
  - Brandt meeting
  - Ronald L. Ziegler

Camp David

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

Conversation No. 906-12

Date: April 27, 1973

Time: 4:41 pm - 5:00 pm

Location: Oval Office

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

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Conversation No. 906-12 (cont'd)

Watergate

- Henry E. Petersen
- Conversation with President
- Grand jury testimony

Ronald L. Ziegler entered at 4:41 pm.

Press conference

- Beginning
- Announcement of appointment of William D. Ruckelshaus

President's schedule

- Meeting with Ziegler

Watergate

- John W. Dean, III
- Telephone call to Ziegler

Ziegler left at 4:42 pm.

Watergate

- Petersen
- Conversation with President
- Dean
- Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman
- Dean
- Possible dismissal
- Haldeman and Ehrlichman
- Possible departure from White House staff

White House staff meeting, April 27, 1973

- George P. Shultz
- Henry A. Kissinger's statement on bureaucracy
- Ambassadorial appointments
- Henry A. Byroade, William R. Kintner
- William P. Rogers

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Haldeman

- Possible replacement
  - Roy L. Ash
  - Frederic V. Malek
    - Office of Management and Budget [OMB] Deputy Director

Watergate

- Dean
  - Leaves of absence by Haldeman and Ehrlichman
  - Departure from White House staff
  - Grand jury
- Justice Department
  - Petersen
- Haldeman and Ehrlichman
  - Leaves of absence
    - White House staff response
- Unknown man
  - Possible speech by President
- L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III
- Haldeman and Ehrlichman
  - Departures from White House staff
    - Method
    - Leaves of absence
      - Possible actions by Haldeman and Ehrlichman
- President's March 21, 1973, conversation with Dean and Haldeman
- Haldeman's conversation with Lawrence M. Higby
  - Higby's conversation with Dean at Camp David
- Dean
  - March 21, 1973 conversation with President
    - Possible use of recorder by Dean
    - Reflection on President
  - Possible attack by President
  - March 21, 1973 conversation with President
    - E. Howard Hunt, Jr.
      - Threat
      - Blackmail

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- National security matter
- President's statements
- Grey
  - Shredding documents
- Meeting with Haldeman and John N. Mitchell
  - Funds for defendants
- March 21, 1973 conversation with President
  - President's statements
  - President's motives
- President's demands for facts on Watergate
  - Camp David trip
- President's forthcoming conversation with Ronald Ziegler
- Raymond K. Price, Jr.'s memo to Haldeman
  - Haldeman's resignation
- President's forthcoming speech
  - Patrick J. Buchanan
  - Price
    - Letter to Haldeman
    - Leonard Garment

Haldeman's meeting with Ehrlichman

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 4:42 pm and 5:00 pm.

[Conversation 906-12A]

[Begin telephone conversation]

Meeting with Ziegler

[End telephone conversation]

Watergate

- Petersen
- Information for Haldeman

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Haldeman left at 5:00 pm.

Conversation No. 906-13

Date: April 27, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 5:00 pm and 5:37 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

Ronald L. Ziegler's schedule  
-Meeting with President  
-Press briefing

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 5:37 pm.

Conversation No. 906-14

Date: April 27, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 5:00 pm and 5:37 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule  
-Henry E. Petersen  
-Location [?]

Bull and the unknown man left at an unknown time before 5:37pm.

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Conversation No. 906-15 (cont'd)

Conversation No. 906-15

Date: April 27, 1973

Time: Unknown between 5:00 pm and 5:37 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule

-Henry E. Petersen

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 5:00 pm.

Refreshment

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 5:37 pm.

President's schedule

-Congressional bipartisan leadership

-William E. Timmons's schedule

-Policy breakfast

-William J. Fulbright's bill

-Congressional hearings

-Timmons, Henry A. Kissinger, William P. Rogers, [First name  
unknown] Hammond [?]

-Kenneth R. Cole, Jr

-Diplomatic credentials

-Congressional bipartisan leadership meeting

-Willy Brandt's state visit

-Protocol

-Dinner

-Meeting with President

-Labor-Management Advisory Committee meeting

-George P. Shultz

-Otto Passman

-Delay



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Bull left at an unknown time before 5:37 pm.

Conversation No. 906-16

Date: April 27, 1973

Time: Unknown between 5:00 pm and 5:37 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

William D. Ruckelshaus  
-Ziegler's press briefing

Watergate

- Devan L. Shumway
- Seymour M. Hersh's conversation with William O. Bittman
- Paul L. O'Brien
- New York Times*' information
- President
- John W. Dean, III's implication of the President
- Henry E. Petersen
- Robert U. ("Bob") Woodward
- Telephone calls
  - David R. Gergen
  - Gerald L. Warren
  - Information about the President
  - Possible resignation by Spiro T. Agnew

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 5:00 pm.

Meeting with Petersen

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 5:37 pm.

Watergate

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- White House reaction to Shumway and Woodward stories
  - Dean, Leonard Garment
  - Possible conversation between Gergen and Woodward
- Dean
  - Woodward
  - Hersh, Bittman, O'Brien, Shumway
  - Possible recording of conversation with President

Zielger conferred with an unknown man at an unknown time before 5:37 pm.

Greeting

Photograph

Ziegler left at an unknown time before 5:37 pm.

Conversation No. 906-17

Date: April 27, 1973

Time: 5:37 pm - 5:43 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry E. Petersen.

[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 1257-1260 (1-4). Please refer to the logging below.]

President's schedule

-Mississippi

Watergate

-Seymour M. Hersh

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Conversation No. 906-17 (cont'd)

- Conversation with William O. Bittman concerning *New York Times* information
  - John W. Dean, III's statement to prosecutors implicating President
  - Robert U. ("Bob") Woodward's information
- Petersen's meeting with prosecutors
  - Seymour Glanzer, Harold H. Titus, Jr., Earl J. Silbert, Donald E. Campbell
  - Statements by Dean implicating President
- Petersen's April 25, 1973 meeting with prosecutors
  - President
- Petersen's April 26, 1973 conversation with Titus
- Petersen's knowledge of information concerning President
- President's March 21, 1973 conversation with Dean
  - Bittman's request for \$120,000 for E. Howard Hunt, Jr.
  - President's response
- Petersen's legal mandate
  - House of Representatives
- Petersen's forthcoming call to prosecutors
  - Cabinet Room telephone
  - Silbert, Titus
  - Hersh, Woodward
  - Dean's statement about President

Petersen left at 5:43 pm.

Conversation No. 906-18

Date: April 27, 1973

Time: Unknown between 5:43 pm and 6:04 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

Henry E. Petersen's telephone call  
-Cabinet Room

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Conversation No. 906-18 (cont'd)

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 6:04 pm.

Conversation No. 906-19

Date: April 27, 1973

Time: Unknown between 5:43 pm and 6:04 pm

Location: Oval Office

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

Watergate

- Haldeman's conversations
  - John D. Ehrlichman
  - Frank E. Strickler, John J. Wilson
  - Haldeman's and Ehrlichman's departures from staff
    - Public handling
    - Effect on possible indictments of Ehrlichman and Haldeman
      - Value of positions on White House staff
    - Vacation
    - Leaves of absence
      - Duration
        - Ervin Committee
          - Haldeman's appearance before committee
          - Grand jury testimony
- Henry E. Petersen

Haldeman left at an unknown time before 6:04 p.m.

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Conversation No. 906-20

Date: April 27, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 5:43 pm and 6:04 pm  
Location: Oval Office

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

President's right to explanation

Haldeman left at an unknown time before 6:04 pm.

Conversation No. 906-21

Date: April 27, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 5:43 pm and 6:04 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

Request

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 6:04 pm.

Conversation No. 906-22

Date: April 27, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 5:43 pm and 6:04 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

President's schedule

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Conversation No. 906-22 (cont'd)

- Henry E. Petersen
- Cabinet Room
- Telephone call

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 6:04 pm.

Conversation No. 906-23

Date: April 27, 1973  
Time: 6:04 pm - 6:48 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry E. Petersen.

[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 1261-1293 (1-33). Please refer to the logging below.]

Watergate

- Charles N. Shaffer's meeting with prosecutors, April 23, 1973
  - Shaffer's threats against President
  - Prosecutors' reaction
  - Prosecutors' meetings with John W. Dean, III
- Grand jury
  - Cubans, money, Mrs. Dorothy Hunt
  - Alexander P. Butterfield, Jr.
- Threats to the President
  - Seymour M. Hersh
  - President's desire for truth
  - Dean
    - Shaffer, Robert C. McCandless
    - Leaks to press
    - Earl J. Silbert's reaction

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Conversation No. 906-23 (cont'd)

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 6:04 pm.

Request to Ronald L. Ziegler to meet in Oval Office

Bull left at an unknown time before 6:48 pm.

Watergate

- Dean
- Grand jury
  - Butterfield
  - \$350,000
- John J. ("Jack") Caulfield
  - Frederick C. LaRue's money
- Caulfield
  - Liability
- Gordon C. Strachan
  - Negotiations concerning lie detector test
  - Witness compared to defendant

Ronald L. Ziegler entered at 6:10 pm.

Watergate

- Threats to President
  - Veracity
  - Shaffer's meeting with prosecutors April 23, 1973
  - Dean, John D. Ehrlichman, and H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 6:10 pm.

Refreshments

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 6:20 pm.

Watergate

- Threats to President
  - Non-Watergate activities

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Conversation No. 906-23 (cont'd)

- Shaffer's meeting with prosecutors, April 23, 1973
- Dean's statement
  - California
- President's telephone calls to Petersen
  - Camp David
  - National Security
  - E. Howard Hunt, Jr.
    - Photograph [?]
  - Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist's office
- Ziegler's call to Dean, April 27, 1973
  - Dean's possible statements
- President's telephone calls
  - Ziegler, Henry A. Kissinger, Haldeman, Ehrlichman, Rose Mary Woods, Dean, Leonard Garment
- Dean
  - President's feelings
  - Conversation with Ziegler
    - Hersh story
- Hersh story
  - Ziegler's conversation with Clifton Daniels
  - Robert U. ("Bob") Woodward story
    - Content
- David R. Gergen
- President's investigation
  - G[eorge] Gordon Liddy
  - L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III
- Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] director
  - W. Mark Felt
  - William D. Ruckelshaus
    - President's instructions
    - Petersen
- Presidency
  - Possible resignation by President
- Spiro T. Agnew
  - Possible resignation
    - Washington Post*
    - J. Marsh Thompson



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Conversation No. 906-23 (cont'd)

- Gergen telephone call to Woodward
  - Story concerning threats to President
- Hersh's story
  - Daniels
  - William O. Bittman, Paul L. O'Brien
    - Dean's statement to prosecutors
  - Petersen's conversation with prosecutors
    - Harold H. Titus, Jr.
    - Dean's statement concerning the President
- Instructions to Ziegler

Ziegler left at 6:20 pm.

Watergate

- Dean
  - Departures from staff
  - Immunity
    - President's statement
    - Possible testimony against Haldeman and Ehrlichman
    - Petersen's responsibility
    - Prosecutors' view
- John J. Wilson
- Frank E. Strickler
- Immunity
  - Blackmail
    - Richard G. Kleindienst
  - Dean
    - Ziegler
- Dean
  - Statements on White House involvement
  - Subornation to perjury
  - Conversations with Petersen
  - President's conversation with Kleindienst, April 26, 1973
    - President's contacts with Dean
  - Conversations with Petersen
    - Ehrlichman, Haldeman and Ziegler
  - March 21, 1973, conversation with the President and Haldeman

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Conversation No. 906-23 (cont'd)

- Bittman's story
- Clemency
- President's motives
- Clemency for Hunt
- Money for defendants
  - Cuban committee
- John N. Mitchell
- President's March 22, 1973 conversation with Mitchell
  - Executive privilege
- Immunity
- Conversations
  - O'Brien
  - Bittman
- O'Brien
- Bittman
  - Relationship with Petersen
  - Allegation of blackmail for Hunt
    - James W. McCord, Jr.'s statement
      - Dorothy Hunt
  - Possible testimony concerning fees
    - Records of law firm
    - Possible uses of money
      - Dorothy Hunt
      - Cubans
  - Clandestine distribution of money
    - Compared with public disclosure
      - Washington Post*
      - Scottsboro defendants
      - Berrigan brothers
      - Alger Hiss defense fund
        - Bill [Last name unintelligible]
- Conversation with O'Brien
  - Bittman's response to McCord
    - Blackmail for Hunt
    - Dorothy Hunt
- Dean's story
  - Hearsay

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Conversation No. 906-23 (cont'd)

- O'Brien
  - Possible testimony concerning funds for defendants
    - Herbert W. Kalmbach
    - Mitchell
    - LaRue
    - Couriers
    - Rivers, Baker (pseudonyms)
- John J. ("Jack") Caulfield
- O'Brien, Bittman
- President's role in cover-up
  - President's March 21, 1973, conversation with Dean
    - Funds for defendants
      - Bittman
  - Dean's subsequent conversation with Ehrlichman concerning funds
    - Ehrlichman's response
- Dean
  - Possible testimony concerning the President
  - As witness
  - Corroboration
    - La Rue, O'Brien, Jeb S. Magruder
  - Attorney's statements to prosecutors
  - Pressure from prosecutors
  - Possible departures from staff
- Departures from White House staff
  - Form and timing
  - Leave of absence
    - William P. Rogers's recommendations
  - Resignations
  - Grand jury indictments
  - Leaves of absence for Haldeman and Ehrlichman
    - Dean
- President's contacts
  - Dean
  - Haldeman and Ehrlichman
- Leaves of absence
- Dean, Haldeman and Ehrlichman
  - President's relationships

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Conversation No. 906-23 (cont'd)

- Leaves of absence
  - Effect
- Resignation
  - Effect
- Petersen's wife
  - President's knowledge of cover-up
- Gray
- Dean, Haldeman, and Ehrlichman
- Forthcoming FBI interviews concerning Ellsberg break-in
  - Dean
  - Ehrlichman
  - Psychiatrist
  - Evidence of information

Watergate

- Hersh story
- Dean's report on President

Petersen left at 6:48 pm.

Conversation No. 906-24

Date: April 27, 1973

Time: 6:49 pm - 8:04 pm

Location: Oval Office

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

Watergate

- Seymour M. Hersh story
- John W. Dean, III
  - March 21, 1973 conversation with President and Haldeman
    - Dean's beliefs
    - President's statements concerning funds
    - Haldeman's actions

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Conversation No. 906-24 (cont'd)

- Conversation with John D. Ehrlichman
  - Ehrlichman's reaction
- President's conversation with Henry E. Petersen
  - Paul L. O'Brien's story
  - William O. Bittman
- Dean
  - Involvement with funds
    - Conversations with President and Haldeman
    - Frederick C. LaRue's delivery
  - March 21, 1973 conversation with President and Haldeman
    - Dean report
  - Credibility compared with President, Ehrlichman and Haldeman
    - Ronald L. Ziegler's view
    - Patrick J. Buchanan's view
  - Reasons for actions
- Presidency
  - Dean, Ehrlichman, Haldeman
- Ehrlichman and Haldeman
  - Possible leaves of absence
    - Duration
    - Timing
  - Dean
  - Timing of interviews
    - US Attorney
    - Samuel Dash
    - John J. Wilson's view
  - Departures linked to Dean's departure
    - Wilson's view
  - Possible leaves of absence
- President's schedule
  - Camp David
  - President's forthcoming statement
    - Raymond K. Price, Jr.
    - Buchanan
- Ehrlichman and Haldeman
  - Leaves of absence
- Dean

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Conversation No. 906-24 (cont'd)

- Departure from White House staff
  - Form
  - Notification
    - Leonard Garment
- Haldeman and Ehrlichman
  - Departures from White House staff
    - Dean
    - Wilson's view
  - Public impression
- Charges against Ehrlichman
  - L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III
  - Burning of files
  - Robert Lee Vesco
    - Libya
      - Embassy
  - Ellsberg break-in
    - Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] questioning, April 27, 1973
- Dean
  - Veracity
  - Attacks on President
  - Hersh story
    - Ziegler's story
      - New York Times*
      - Bittman
      - O'Brien
    - Dean's statement about President
  - Robert U. ("Bob") Woodward story
  - President's conversation with Petersen
    - Charles A. Shaffer's statements to prosecutors, April 23, 1973
    - Bittman, Hunt conversation
  - Plumbers
- Hersh
  - John N. Mitchell and Haldeman
  - Woodward story
  - Compared with Woodward
  - Conversation with Wilson
    - Evidence against Haldeman and Ehrlichman

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Conversation No. 906-24 (cont'd)

- Story concerning President
  - Bittman, O'Brien
- Dean
  - Lawyers
  - Story to lawyer
    - Conversation with Ziegler concerning Haldeman
- Haldeman and Ehrlichman
  - Leaves of absence
    - Timing and effect
  - Dean's departure from staff
- Richard A. Moore
  - Relationship with Dean
- Garment
  - Compared with Moore
- President's forthcoming speech
  - Leaves of absence
    - News leads
      - Washington, DC
      - Meridian, Mississippi
- Haldeman and Ehrlichman
  - Timing of release of statements
- Gray
- Haldeman and Ehrlichman
  - Timing of release of statements
- President's forthcoming speech
  - Request for Dean's departure
    - Compared to Senator, Nikita S. Khrushchev
- Dean
  - Possible indictment
    - Petersen's view
  - Negotiations with prosecutors
  - Possible meeting with President
    - Departure from White House staff
      - Haldeman and Ehrlichman
  - Resignation
  - Possible meeting with President
    - Leaves of absence

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Conversation No. 906-24 (cont'd)

- Haldeman and Ehrlichman
  - Timing of leaves of absence
    - Camp David
      - Meeting with President
  - Firing of Gray and Dean
  - Leaves of absence
    - Statement
    - President's response
- Dean
  - Garment's request
    - Departure from White House staff
  - Leave of absence
- Haldeman and Ehrlichman
  - Timing of departure
    - Dean
- Dean
  - Possible conversation with President
    - Petersen's advice
  - Garment as intermediary
    - Replacement
    - White House counsel
      - Ehrlichman's opinion
- Robert Walters's conversation with Gerald L. Warren
  - Lawrence M. Higby
    - Information from prosecution
- Higby
  - Involvement
  - Gordon C. Strachan
  - Conduct from Dean
- Dean
  - Possession of documentary evidence
    - Payments to Committee to Reelect the President [CRP]
      - \$350,000
- Haldeman and Ehrlichman
  - Departures from White House staff
    - Departure of Dean
  - Possible instructions from President



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Conversation No. 906-24 (cont'd)

- Dean
  - Garment as representative for President
- Haldeman and Ehrlichman
  - Schedules
- President's schedule
- Haldeman and Ehrlichman
  - Leaves of absence
  - Timing
- President's forthcoming speech
- President's refusal to see Dean
- Request for Garment to speak to Dean
- Notes to Garment, Dean
  - Departure from White House staff
- Haldeman and Ehrlichman
  - Departures from White House staff
  - News leads
  - Separation from Dean
  - Timing
- Dean
  - Possible meeting with President
  - Garment
  - Separation from Ehrlichman and Haldeman
- Haldeman and Ehrlichman
  - Timing of statements
- President's schedule
  - Speech
  - Willy Brandt
    - Meeting with President
  - Diplomatic credentials
    - German Ambassador [Bundt von Staden]

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 6:49 pm.

- President's schedule
  - Diplomatic credentials
  - German Ambassador
  - Brandt's arrival ceremonies

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Conversation No. 906-24 (cont'd)

- Camp David
- Helicopter
- Bull's telephone call to Rose Mary Woods

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- Press relations
- Ziegler

Bull left at an unknown time before 8:00 pm.

- Watergate
- Haldeman and Ehrlichman
- Use of Camp David
- Departures from White House staff
- Dean
- Evidence against President
- Control of Dean
- Departure from staff
- Haldeman and Ehrlichman
- Request for leaves of absence

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Conversation No. 906-24 (cont'd)

- Garment as counsel
- President's conversation with Petersen
- Dean
  - Hearsay
  - Evidence against President
    - Use
    - Effect
  - Feelings concerning Presidency
    - John Wilkes Booth
  - Actions
  - Use of confidential information
    - Ellsberg break-in
- President's schedule
  - Camp David
    - Work on speech
    - Impact
- Popular support for President
  - Meridian, Mississippi
  - News stories
  - Gallup poll on Watergate
  - Importance of Watergate as issue
  - John C. Stennis
- President's schedule
  - Price's visit to Camp David
  - Ziegler
- Hersh and Woodward stories

The President talked with the White House operator at an unknown time between 6:49 pm and 8:02 pm.

[Conversation No. 906-24A]

[Begin telephone conversation]

[See Conversation No. 45-37]

[End telephone conversation]

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Conversation No. 906-24 (cont'd)

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 6:49 pm.

President's schedule  
-Camp David  
-Dog  
-Helicopter

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 8:02 pm.

The President talked with Ziegler between 8:02 pm and 8:03 pm.

[Conversation No. 906-24B]

[Begin telephone conversation]

[See Conversation No. 45-38]

[End telephone conversation]

Ziegler's location  
-Price

Watergate  
-Ziegler's visit to Camp David  
-President's upcoming speech

Haldeman left at 8:04 pm.

Conversation No. 906-25

Date: April 27, 1973  
Time: 8:04 pm - 8:20 pm  
Location: Oval Office

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Conversation No. 906-25 (cont'd)

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Watergate

- President's schedule
- Camp David
- Forthcoming speech

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 8:04 pm.

President's schedule

- Trip to Camp David
- Time of departure

Bull left at an unknown time before 8:20 pm.

Watergate

- President's forthcoming speech
  - Unknown speechwriter [Raymond K. Price, Jr.]
  - Content
    - Names of White House staff members
- H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman
  - Timing of forthcoming statements
  - John W. Dean, III
- Dean
  - Letter from President
    - Leonard Garment
    - Appointment as counsel
- President's schedule
  - [Camp David]
- L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III
- News stories
  - Seymour M. Hersh
  - John N. Mitchell [?]
  - Robert U. ("Bob") Woodward
    - Sources
- President's involvement
- Dean

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Conversation No. 906-25 (cont'd)

- Allegations concerning President's involvement
  - Credibility
- President's schedule
  - Camp David
  - Price, Ziegler
- Ziegler's previous conversation with Price
  - President's responsibility
  - Popular expectations for President
- President's forthcoming speech
  - Price
  - Patrick J. Buchanan
  - David R. Gergen, [First name unknown] Hirshenfeld
  - Buchanan
    - Letters of resignation
- Buchanan and Price
- Ziegler's previous conversation with Price
- Haldeman's and Ehrlichman's departures from White House staff
  - Form
  - Timing
  - Grand jury

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 8:04 pm.

- President's schedule
  - Executive Office Building [EOB]
  - Helicopter
    - Time of departure

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 8:20 pm.

- Watergate
  - President's forthcoming speech
    - Responsibility for Watergate
    - White House staff
    - Political process
  - Haldeman and Ehrlichman
    - Departures from White House staff

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Conversation No. 906-25 (cont'd)

- Buchanan
- Letters to and from President
  - Camp David
- Timing of announcement
- Dean
- Dean
  - Garment
  - Henry E. Petersen's conversation with President concerning immunity
  - Letter from President
    - Dean's response
    - Garment
  - Action by President
    - Garment
    - Haldeman and Ehrlichman
- Price
  - Schedule
  - President's forthcoming speech

Ziegler left at 8:20 pm.

Conversation No. 906-28

Date: April 27, 1973  
Time: 8:20 pm - 10:00 pm  
Location: Oval Office

Unknown United States Secret Service [USSS] agents [?] met.

President's departure

Weather

Request [?]

Weather

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Conversation No. 906-28 (cont'd)

The tape cut off at an unknown time before 10:00 pm.