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**Tape Subject Log**  
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Conversation No. 920-1

Date: May 16, 1973

Time: Unknown between 4:09 pm and 4:52 pm

Location: Oval Office

[Continued from Conversation No. 919-34]

An unknown portion of the conversation was not recorded while the audiotape reels were changed.

The President met with George P. Shultz.

National economy

-John B. Connally's views

-Pierre Rinfret's views

-Phase III

-President's view

-Herbert G. Stein

-Views

-Memorandum to the President

-Location

-Europe

-Phase III

-Static solution

-Compared to administrative process

-President's meeting with Shultz and John D. Ehrlichman

-Popular perception

-Administrative process

-Congressional actions

-Wage and price system

-Shultz's meeting with William J. Baroody, Jr.

-John T. Dunlop's role

-Wage bargaining

-Settlement

-Shultz's conversations

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Conversation No. 920-1 (cont'd)

- Dinners
- Golf
- Frank E. Fitzsimmons
- Einar O. E. Mohn
- Teamsters
- Contract
- General Electric [GE] Company
- Rubber
- Consumer Price Index [CPI]
- President's message
- Price freeze, price controls
- Possible controls
- President's conversation with Connally
- Plan

Fiscal Year 1974 budget  
-Balanced budget

Shultz left at 4:52 pm.

Conversation No. 920-2

Date: May 16, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 4:52 pm and 4:55 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

- President's schedule
- Stephen B. Bull [?]
  - Time
  - Sequoia*
    - Number of attendees
    - Arrival time
  - J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.

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Conversation No. 920-2 (cont'd)

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 4:55 pm.

Conversation No. 920-3

Date: May 16, 1973  
Time: 4:55 pm - 5:22 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

President's meeting with George P. Shultz

President's schedule

- Sequoia*
- Ronald L. Ziegler
- J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.

Watergate

- Huston Plan
- Implementation

Manolo Sanchez entered at an unknown time after 4:55 pm.

Refreshments

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 4:57 pm.

Watergate

- Huston Plan
- Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters's memoranda of conversation [memcons]
  - Possible release
  - National Security Administration [NSA]
- Tom C. Huston
  - Conversation between Buzhardt and Haig

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Conversation No. 920-3 (cont'd)

- Conversation with Buzhardt
- Plan
  - Implementation
  - Relationships
    - Egil ("Bud") Krogh, Jr.
    - Watergate break-in

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1  
[National security]  
[Duration: 11s ]

INTELLIGENCE

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- Watergate
  - John W. Dean, III
  - Huston Plan

Buzhardt entered at 4:57 pm.

- Watergate
  - President's conversation with Haig
  - Implementation of plan
  - Conversation with Buzhardt
    - Files
    - Dean's role in domestic intelligence
    - Robert C. Mardian
    - Activities with Dean

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- Memoranda
- John N. Mitchell
- J. Edgar Hoover
- Plan
  - President's meeting with Richard M. Helms, Adm. Noel Gayler, and Hoover
  - Buzhardt's conversations
    - NSA
    - Samuel C. Phillips
    - Louis W. Tordella
    - Defense Intelligence Agency [DIA]
      - Vincent P. DePoix
    - Mardian and James R. Schlesinger
  - Huston's conversation with Buzhardt
  - Departure from staff
  - Hoover
- Plan
  - Implementation
    - Dean and Mardian
      - Intelligence activities
      - Break-in of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist's office
    - Mardian
    - Search of files
  - Break-in of Ellsberg's psychiatrist's office
    - Krogh and plumbers
    - Connection with Huston Plan
  - White House response to Huston Plan revelations
  - Huston Plan
    - Dean
    - Role in other activities
  - Break-in of Ellsberg's psychiatrist's office
    - Krogh
      - Possible legal penalties
  - Huston Plan
    - Security classification
    - Possible leaks
    - Implementation

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Conversation No. 920-3 (cont'd)

- Huston
- NSA
- Possible White House response
- [William] Stuart Symington's intervention with Ervin Committee
  - Sensitivity of document
- Compared with plumbers
- NSA, Central Intelligence Agency [CIA], Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI], Defense Intelligence Agency [DIA], and Internal Revenue Service [IRS]
- Purpose
  - May Day demonstrations
    - 1970 and 1971
- Buzhardt's actions
  - Mardian
  - Tordella
  - Schlesinger
- Buzhardt's forthcoming call to William C. Sullivan

President's schedule

Buzhardt left at 5:13 pm.

Watergate

- Huston Plan
- Dean
  - Activities
    - Suborning perjury
      - Jeb S[tuart] Magruder
    - Funds for defendants
- Motives
  - Removal of documents
- Huston Plan
  - Possible national reaction
  - Possible allegations
  - Implementation
  - President's announcement regarding military activities
  - Possible press coverage

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Conversation No. 920-3 (cont'd)

-Implementation  
-Dean

Congressional relations

-Bill on confirmation  
-President's veto  
-William E. Timmons  
-Shultz's view  
-Roy L. Ash's view  
-Views on sustaining possible veto  
-Gerald R. Ford, Hugh Scott, and Frank Burton

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 5:13 pm.

Request for meeting with Ronald L. Ziegler

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 5:22 pm.

Haig's mood

Haig left at 5:22 pm.

Conversation No. 920-4

Date: May 16, 1973

Time: Unknown between 5:22 pm and 5:25 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Watergate

-Haig's possible call to H. R. Haldeman  
-Haldeman's meeting with Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters, Richard M. Helms  
and John D. Ehrlichman

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Conversation No. 920-5

Date: May 16, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 5:22 pm and 5:25 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with an unknown person.

President's schedule

- Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
- Note for Thelma C. (Ryan) ("Pat") Nixon

Conversation No. 920-6

Date: May 16, 1973  
Time: 5:25 pm - 5:31 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler.

Ziegler's schedule

- Sequoia*

Cambodia

- Senate vote
- Delay
- Michael J. ("Mike") Mansfield
- Henry A. Kissinger's current negotiations with North Vietnam

Watergate

- John W. Dean III's documents
- Contents
- Tom C. Huston



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Conversation No. 920-6 (cont'd)

- Huston Plan
  - Meeting in the President's office
    - J. Edgar Hoover
  - Implementation
  - Dean, Robert C. Mardian
  - Effect of possible release
  - President's announcement regarding Army activities
  - Samuel J. Ervin's possible reaction
    - J. Fred Buzhardt's opinion
  - Relation to other activities
    - Egil ("Bud") Krogh, Jr. and plumbers
    - Break-in
    - Wiretaps
  - Purpose
  - Public announcement

Ziegler left at 5:31 pm.

Conversation No. 920-7

Date: May 16, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 5:31 pm and 5:39 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull and an unknown man.

President's schedule  
-Briefcase

Bull left at an unknown time before 5:30 pm.

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Conversation No. 920-7 (cont'd)

Refreshments

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Unknown man's health

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 5:39 pm.

Conversation No. 920-8

Date: May 16, 1973

Time: Unknown between 5:31 pm and 5:39 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.'s location

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 5:39 pm.

Conversation No. 920-9

Date: May 16, 1973

Time: Unknown between 5:39 pm and 5:53 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.

Watergate

-Huston Plan

-Buzhardt's activities

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Conversation No. 920-9 (cont'd)

- William C. Sullivan
- Robert Mardian
- Search of files
  - Tom C. Huston
  - Defense Intelligence Agency [DIA]
  - Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
    - James R. Schlesinger
    - Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters

President's schedule

Watergate

- Huston Plan
  - Termination
    - Records
    - DIA
    - National Security Agency [NSA]
      - Meeting with NSA representatives
      - Electronic surveillance
    - Forthcoming meeting with Buzhardt
    - Possible implementation
- Surreptitious entry
  - Explanation

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Conversation No. 920-9 (cont'd)

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

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Watergate

- Domestic disturbances
- Targeted groups
  - Weathermen
  - Students for a Democratic Society [SDS]
  - Black Panthers
- Possible White House response
  - Egil ("Bud") Krogh, Jr.
    - President's approval
    - Chile
- John W. Dean III
  - Role
  - Huston Plan
  - Motive
    - Break-in
      - James W. McCord's statement regarding motive
  - Knowledge of document
    - Sol Lindenbaum memo, March 1972
    - Motive
- Huston Plan
  - Huston's memory
  - Possible White House response
  - Buzhardt's activities
    - Mardian and Sullivan
  - Mardian's role
    - Intelligence committee
  - Buzhardt's forthcoming call

The President and Buzhardt left at an unknown time before 5:53 pm.

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Conversation No. 920-10

Date: May 16, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 5:39 pm and 5:53 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

Briefcase

President's schedule  
-Alexander M. Haig, Jr.  
-Ronald L. Ziegler

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 5:53 pm.

Conversation No. 920-11

Date: May 16, 1973  
Time: 5:53 pm - 6:11 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Watergate

- Huston Plan
  - J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.'s forthcoming call to Robert C. Mardian
  - Termination
    - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- Haig's conversation with Haldeman
  - Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters
- Possible White House response
  - Umbrella theory
    - [Plumbers]
      - Egil ("Bud") Krogh

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Conversation No. 920-11 (cont'd)

- President's previous conversation with Buzhardt
- John W. Dean III's motive
- Huston Plan
  - Termination
    - Haldeman
    - J. Edgar Hoover
  - Surreptitious entry
    - Purpose
    - Weathermen

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1  
[National security]  
[Duration: 7 s]

INTELLIGENCE

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- Watergate
  - Huston Plan
    - Possible White House response
      - Watergate burglars
  - White House response
  - Huston Plan
    - Ervin Committee
      - Buzhardt
    - [William] Stuart Symington
      - Possible leak
      - Attitude towards intelligence agencies

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Conversation No. 920-11 (cont'd)

- Possible White House response
- Termination
  - Intelligence committee
  - Mardian
  - William C. Sullivan
  - Hoover

Ronald L. Ziegler entered at 6:02 pm.

Watergate

- Huston Plan
  - 1971 announcement of intelligence reorganization
  - Purpose
    - Students for a Democratic Society [SDS] and Weathermen

Buzhardt entered at an unknown time after 6:02 pm.

Watergate

- Huston Plan
  - Analysis group
    - Bernie Welles
    - Function
    - Operations
  - Dean
    - Knowledge
    - Motive
    - Role
  - Buzhardt's previous conversation with Mardian
    - Dean's role
    - Analysis group
      - 1971 charter
  - Huston's phraseology
    - Surreptitious entry
      - Hoover's activities
      - Weatherman
- Termination
  - Buzhardt's forthcoming conversations

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- Coordinating group
  - Charter
    - Buzhardt's conversation with Mardian
  - Meeting location
  - Welles
  - Judge in Washington State
- Implementation

The President *et al.* left at 6:11 pm.

Conversation No. 920-14

Date: May 16, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 6:11 pm and 8:40 pm  
Location: Oval Office

Unknown men [United States Secret Service ?] met.

President's location [?]

An unknown man talked to an unknown person at an unknown time after 6:11 pm.

President's location [?]

The unknown men left at an unknown time before 8:40 pm.

Conversation No. 920-12

Date: May 16, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 8:40 pm and 8:45 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with an unknown person.



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Conversation No. 920-12 (cont'd)

Instruction [?]  
-Telephone call [?]

Conversation No. 920-13

Date: May 16, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 8:45 pm and 9:33 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

John B. Connally  
-Meeting with Haig

Watergate  
-White House reaction

J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.'s [?] location

President's legal counsel  
-Leonard Garment  
-Sensitivity  
-Buzhardt  
-Garment's reaction  
-Garment  
-Ability

Watergate  
-Executive privilege  
-Buzhardt's view  
-Charles W. Colson's view  
-White House response  
-President's opponents  
-Goal

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Conversation No. 920-13 (cont'd)

-H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman, John D. Ehrlichman, Henry A.  
Kissinger, Haig and Ronald L. Ziegler  
-President

-Wiretaps

-President's role  
-J. Edgar Hoover's role  
    -Morton A. Halperin  
-Kissinger's role  
-President's role  
    -Joseph C. Kraft  
-Purpose and implementation  
-Kissinger  
    -Conversation with Haig, May 15  
    -Possible response

-President's attention

Buzhardt entered at an unknown time after 8:45 pm.

Watergate

-Huston Plan

-Documentation  
    -Memorandum from Haldeman to Tom C. Huston  
    -Action memoranda  
    -Huston's phone calls  
        -Haldeman's memorandum

-Termination

-William C. Sullivan  
-Louis W. Tordella  
-Haldeman  
-Huston's conversation with Sullivan  
-Sullivan's role  
-Sullivan's reaction  
-Clyde A. Tolson's conversation with Hoover  
    -Hoover's subsequent conversations  
        -John N. Mitchell and President  
-President's role  
-Sullivan's notes

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- Timing
- Sullivan
  - Role
  - Possible testimony
  - Reaction
- Domestic intelligence

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[Duration: 1 m 56 s ]

INTELLIGENCE METHODS

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Watergate

- Domestic intelligence
  - Noel Gayler
  - Hoover
- Huston Plan
  - Approval
  - Termination
  - Tordella's notes
  - L[ouis] Patrick Gray
    - Visit to National Security Agency [NSA]
    - Discussion with Tordella
    - Tolson and Hoover
  - Study
- Implementation

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- Dean's documents
- Possible White House response
- Implementation
- Approval
  - President and H. R. Haldeman
- Buzhardt's conversation with Haldeman
- Previous plan
  - 1967
  - Compared to Huston Plan
- White House strategy
  - Possible leak by Samuel J. Ervin, Jr.
    - Buzhardt
  - Bernie Welles
    - Conversation with Buzhardt
    - Coordinating committee
  - Possible leak by Ervin
  - National security
  - Timing
  - Termination
    - Possible testimony
    - Tordella
  - Implementation
    - Possible evidence
    - James R. Schlesinger
- Dean's knowledge
- Possible White House response
  - Hoover, Mitchell
  - Patrick J. Buchanan
- Ervin
  - Possible leak from White House
- Possible White House response
  - Timing
  - Content
  - Witnesses
    - Tordella
    - Sullivan
    - Gray

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- Carter
- Gayler
- Donald V. Bennett

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Schedule

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 9:33 pm.

Watergate

- Huston Plan
  - Possible White House response
    - Buchanan
    - Gayler and Bennett
    - Location
    - Possible statements
- Egil ("Bud") Krogh, Jr.
- Huston Plan
  - Huston's memory
  - Sullivan's calls
    - Termination
  - Process
  - Possible White House response
    - Pre-Nixon administration activities
- Executive privilege
  - Court cases on scope
  - Credibility
    - Ervin's possible action
  - Possible court action
    - Grand Jury
      - Ehrlichman's testimony
      - Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters's memoranda of conversation [memcons]
      - Ehrlichman's tapes
        - Call to Richard G. Kleindienst, March 1973
        - President

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- Possible court order
- Ehrlichman's meeting with Helms, Walters and Haldeman
  - Ehrlichman's notes
  - Purpose
- Walters's memcons
  - Possible sanitization for national security
    - Justice Department handling of Daniel Ellsberg's case
  - Possible portrayal
  - Executive privilege
  - Beliefs regarding the President, Ehrlichman and Haldeman
- Walters's documents and Ehrlichman's tape with Kleindienst
  - John J. Sirica's possible action
  - John J. Wilson's opinion
- Dean
  - Use immunity
- Ervin Committee hearings
  - Possible effects of television [TV]
    - Dean's opinion
    - Forthcoming trials
  - Possible effects
    - President
    - Others
    - Indictments
      - Henry E. Petersen's view
- Possible indictments
  - Evidence
    - Haldeman, Ehrlichman and Charles W. Colson
    - John N. Mitchell and Jeb S[tuart] Magruder
    - Dean
    - Hugh W. Sloan, Jr.
- Walters's memcons
  - Possible implications
- Dean's documents
  - Ervin's possible actions
  - Possible White House response
- Domestic intelligence activities
  - Implementation

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- Unknown judge
  - Intelligence committee
- Huston Plan
  - Termination
    - Bennett
    - Gayler
  - Possible testimony

Buzhardt left at an unknown time before 9:33 pm.

- Executive privilege
- Walters's memcons

The President and Haig left at an unknown time before 9:33 pm.

Conversation No. 920-15

Date: May 16, 1973

Time: Unknown between 8:45 pm and 9:33 pm

Location: Oval Office

Unknown men met.

Instruction [?]

Telephone call

-President's location [?]

The unknown men left at an unknown time before 9:33 pm.