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Tape Subject Log
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Conversation No. 921-1

Date: May 17, 1973
Time: 8:20 am - 8:40 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Staff meeting

Watergate

- Informing people of Huston Plan
 - William D. Ruckelshaus
 - Henry E. Petersen
 - James R. Schlesinger
- Executive privilege
 - John D. Ehrlichman's conversations with Richard G. Kleindienst
- National security
 - Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters's conversations
 - John L. McClellan's statements
- Special Prosecutor
 - Warren M. Christopher
- Barry M. Goldwater's statement regarding President's leadership
 - Haig's possible call to Goldwater
- Huston Plan
 - Termination
 - President
 - J. Edgar Hoover's view
 - Clyde A. Tolson's actions
 - William C. Sullivan
 - Ehrlichman, H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
 - John N. Mitchell's recommendation
 - Sullivan's call
 - President's approval
 - Haldeman's role
 - Termination

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- Meeting in President's office
 - Hoover and Tolson
- Possible White House response
 - Samuel J. Ervin, Jr.
- Implementation

Public relations [PR]

- President's election reform proposal
 - Television [TV] coverage
- Price freezes

Watergate

- White House response
- Daniel Ellsberg
 - J. Strom Thurmond and Edmund S. Muskie
- Howard K. Smith's TV comment, 5/16
- Wiretaps
 - Smith [?]
 - Haig
 - Henry A. Kissinger
 - National Security Council [NSC] staff
- President's forthcoming meeting with J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.
 - Possible White House response
 - Release of documents
 - Walters's documents
 - National security
- Walters's memoranda of conversation [memcons]
 - Haldeman
 - L[ouis] Patrick Gray
 - Possible release
 - Possible White House response
 - Haldeman's and Ehrlichman's possible response

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 8:20 am.

Buzhardt

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The unknown person left at an unknown time before 8:40 am.

-Press coverage

President's schedule

-Haig and Ronald L. Ziegler

Haig left at 8:40 am.

Conversation No. 921-2

Date: May 17, 1973

Time: Unknown between 8:40 am and 8:44 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

Refreshment

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 8:44 am.

Conversation No. 921-3

Date: May 17, 1973

Time: 8:44 am - 9:36 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.

Buzhardt's role on White House staff

Watergate

-President's conversation with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

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- Buzhardt's possible conversation regarding Huston Plan
 - Henry E. Petersen
 - James R. Schlesinger
 - William D. Ruckelshaus
- Buzhardt's conversation with Schlesinger, May 13
 - Huston Plan
 - Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters's memoranda of conversation [memcons]
- Huston Plan

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[National security]

[Duration: 35 s]

SURVEILLANCE

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

Watergate

- Huston Plan
 - 1968 meeting
 - Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] and National Security Agency [NSA]
 - Clark Clifford

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

[National security]

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[Duration: 7 s]

SURVEILLIANCE

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

Watergate
-Huston Plan
-1970 meetings
-Post-Cambodia action civil disturbances in United States
-J. Edgar Hoover's meeting with Noel Gayler and Louis W.
Tordella
-Decision

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

[National security]

[Duration: 12 s]

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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

Watergate
-Huston Plan

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- 1970 meetings
 - Tordella
 - Possible testimony
 - Richard M. Helms, Hoover, Gayler and Donald Bennett
 - President's approval
 - Hoover's objections
 - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman's note to Tom C. Huston
 - Hoover's objections
 - Clyde A. Tolson
 - Termination
 - President's meeting with Mitchell or Hoover
 - Suspension of previous approval
 - William C. Sullivan's role
 - Tordella's conversation with Buzhardt
 - Implementation
 - Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]
 - Termination
 - Sullivan's role
 - Defense Intelligence Agency [DIA]
 - Bennett
 - Location
 - Korea
 - Directive
 - Forthcoming call from Buzhardt
- Washington Post* story, May 17
- Plumbers operation
 - E. Howard Hunt, Jr.'s testimony
 - Egil ("Bud") Krogh, Jr.'s affidavit
 - Cubans
- John W. Dean III's documents
 - Possible White House response
 - Sullivan, Robert Mardian and Tordella
 - Vincent P. DePoix
 - DIA
 - CIA

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

[National security]

[Duration: 42 s]

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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 4

Watergate

- Dean's documents
 - Possible White House response
 - Affidavits
 - Tordella and Sullivan
 - Gayler and Bennett
 - Bernie Welles
 - Coordinating committee
- President's meeting with Hoover and Helms
 - Intelligence coordination
- Huston Plan
 - Termination
 - Tordella's notes
 - Taped conversations
 - NSA compared to FBI
 - Hoover
 - Taping conversations
- White House taping system
 - President
 - Use
 - Lyndon B. Johnson and John F. Kennedy
 - President's use

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Watergate

- Dean's documents
 - Possible White House response
- Sullivan
 - Location
 - Possible affidavit
- Huston
 - Location
 - Conversation with Buzhardt
 - Possible memo
- Need for truth
- Huston Plan
 - Termination
 - DIA
 - Gen. Richard G. Stilwell
 - Possible White House response
 - Historical background
 - Termination of plan
 - Implementation of plan
 - Compared with other plans
 - Buzhardt's forthcoming conversation with Schlesinger
 - Role of NSA
- Washington Post* story
 - President's knowledge of White House activities
 - Krogh

Press leaks

- President's house
- President's knowledge
- Defense-related
 - India-Pakistan
 - Buzhardt's report to Melvin R. Laird
 - Investigation
 - Navy yeoman [Charles E. Radford]
 - Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
 - Henry A. Kissinger

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- Chairmen of Joint Chiefs of Staff
- Jack N. Anderson
- Investigation
 - Knowledge
 - Yeoman
 - Anderson
 - Circumstantial evidence
- Laird's knowledge
- Possible effect of release of investigation results
 - National security
 - Moorer
 - Military
 - Industrial complex
 - Anderson
- Lack of evidence

Watergate

- Huston Plan
 - Buzhardt's forthcoming conversations
 - Schlesinger
 - Petersen
 - Dean's documents
 - Schlesinger's knowledge
 - [William] Stuart Symington's possible action
 - Possible public release
 - Impact
 - National security
 - Symington's forthcoming meeting with intelligence leaders
 - Termination of plan
 - Historical background
 - Symington
 - Ronald L. Ziegler's possible statement
 - Buzhardt's role in White House staff response
- Charles W. Colson
 - Possible witness
 - David Shapiro's opinion
 - Activities

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- Grand jury
- FBI interview
- Ervin Committee
- Ervin Committee hearings
 - Ziegler
 - White House staff attendance
 - Witnesses
 - Possible duration
 - Effect
 - Samuel J. Ervin, Jr.
 - John McClellan
 - Interrogators
 - Committee members and counsel
- McClellan
- John C. Stennis
 - Conversation with Buzhardt
- Dean
 - CIA involvement
- Stennis
 - Forthcoming conversation with Buzhardt
- Executive privilege
 - Categories
 - Ehrlichman's possible conversation with Richard G. Kleindienst
 - President's conversations
 - Criminal offenses
 - Walters's memcons
 - National security
- Walters's memcons
 - Status

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6

[National security]

[Duration: 29 s]

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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 6

Watergate

- Walters's memcons
 - Contents
 - Haldeman
 - Possible testimony
 - L[ouis] Patrick Gray's statement concerning President
 - Ziegler's possible press statement
 - President's concern regarding CIA
 - Gray's statement concerning President
 - President's possible conversation with Gray
 - President's motive
 - Richard M. Helms and Walters
- Helms

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 10

[National security]

[Duration: 24 s]

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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 10

Watergate
-Helms
-Conversation with President regarding CIA involvement

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 11

[National security]
[Duration: 4 s.]

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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 11

Watergate
-Helms
-Use of CIA
-Domestic purposes
-David R. Young's request
-Removal
-Possible testimony
-CIA involvement
-Mistake
-Possible conversation with Symington
-CIA involvement
-Hunt and G. Gordon Liddy

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Conversation No. 921-3 (cont'd)

- Hunt's camera, [recorder]
- Personal direction
- Gen. Robert E. Cushman [?]

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 12
[National security]
[Duration: 20 s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 12

- Watergate
 - Ellsberg
 - Pentagon Papers
 - Helms
 - Forthcoming conversation with Buzhardt
 - Possible testimony
 - Propriety
- Ellsberg
 - J. Strom Thurmond's statement, May 16
 - Edmund S. Muskie

Buzhardt left at 9:36 am.

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Conversation No. 921-4

Date: May 17, 1973
Time: Unknown between 9:36 am and 9:58 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 46-89]

Conversation No. 921-5

Date: May 17, 1973
Time: Unknown between 9:36 am and 9:58 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

Request
 -Xerox
 -George P. Shultz

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 9:58 am.

Conversation No. 921-6

Date: May 17, 1973
Time: 9:58 am - 10:05 am
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with George P. Shultz.

[See Conversation No. 46-90]

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Conversation No. 921-6 (cont'd)

An unknown person entered at an unknown time.

Delivery [?]

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 10:05 am.

Conversation No. 921-7

Date: May 17, 1973

Time: Unknown between 10:05 am and 10:31 am

Location: Oval Office

The President talked with an unknown person.

President's schedule

- Ronald L. Ziegler
- Briefing
- Meeting with President
- George P. Shultz

Conversation No. 921-8

Date: May 17, 1973

Time: 10:31 am - 11:30 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ronald L. Ziegler, Alexander M. Haig, Jr. and J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.

Watergate

- Ziegler's forthcoming press briefing
- Content
- Central Intelligence Agency [CIA]

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Conversation No. 921-8 (cont'd)

- Other news leads
 - CIA
 - Vernon A. Walters and Richard M. Helms
 - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman
 - Walters's and Helms's possible statements
 - President's knowledge of meeting
 - Involvement in Watergate
 - John W. Dean III
 - Helms's conversation with President
 - Walters's conversation with L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III
 - Robert Woodward's story, May 17
 - Daniel Ellsberg break-in
 - Buzhardt's efforts
 - Affidavits
 - White House strategy
 - Ziegler's forthcoming press briefing
 - Woodward's story
 - Dean's documents
 - Ziegler's forthcoming press briefing
 - David R. Young
 - Thomas F. Eagleton's medical file
 - Allegations concerning Ehrlichman
 - Allegations concerning Patrick J. Buchanan
 - Burglary of doctor's office
 - Doctor's letter
 - Press report, May 17
 - Doctor's letter to Haig
 - Possible White House response
 - Forwarding of letter to Henry E. Petersen
 - Ehrlichman
 - Press reports
 - Buchanan
 - Ehrlichman's possible activities
- Dean
 - Lawyer
 - Request for access to Dean's chronological files

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Conversation No. 921-8 (cont'd)

- Haldeman and Ehrlichman
 - Access to files
 - Prosecutors' allegations
 - Buzhardt's response
 - Access to White House files
 - Staff perquisites
 - Departure from White House payroll
 - Transition activities
 - Lawrence M. Higby
 - Move to Old Executive Office Building [EOB]
 - John J. Wilson's statement
- President's conversation with George P. Shultz, May 16
 - John J. ("Jack") Caulfield
 - Allegations against
 - Possible removal
- Higby
- Haldeman and Ehrlichman
 - Removal from White House payroll
- Dean
- Haig's conversation with Barry M. Goldwater
 - Carpenters [?]
 - National support for President
- Public relations [PR]
 - Armed Forces Day
 - President's speech
 - Prisoners of War [POW] Day
 - Television [TV] coverage
 - Visits
 - Tuscon, Arizona
 - Everett M. Dirksen [Center dedication]
 - Goldwater's view
 - POW Day
 - Exploitation
 - Support for President
 - Press coverage

Watergate

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- Dean
 - Press actions
 - Dan Rather
 - Treatment by White House
 - Appearance on TV
- Huston Plan
 - President's call to Ziegler, May 16
 - Sequence of events
 - Haldeman
 - J. Edgar Hoover
 - Clyde A. Tolson
 - Possible meetings
 - John N. Mitchell and President
 - Termination
 - William C. Sullivan
 - Implementation
- Buzhardt's activities
 - Louis W. Tordella
 - Sullivan
- Tom C. Huston
 - Date of departure
 - Files

Ziegler and Buzhardt left at 10:56 am.

- White House response
 - Meetings
 - Public relations
 - Buzhardt compared with Leonard Garment
 - Ziegler's view
 - President's meeting with Buzhardt
 - President's motive concerning CIA
 - National security
 - Possible White Paper
 - President's role
 - Defendant
 - Goldwater's viewpoint

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- Shultz, Connally, Republican leadership
- Dean's documents
 - Buzhardt's possible conversations
 - James R. Schlesinger
 - William D. Ruckelshaus
- White House response

National economy

- Meeting with Shultz
 - Wage and price controls
 - Political effects
 - Economic effects
- Indicators
 - Balanced budget
 - Boom
 - Inflation
 - Poll numbers
- Connally's view
 - Watergate
- President's leadership role
 - Wage and price controls
 - Shultz's view
 - Oil and gas

President's leadership role

- Political effects
- Record
 - Soviet Union
- Initiatives
- Watergate
- Domestic front
 - Professionalism
 - Sound management
 - Confidence

President's schedule

- Congressional leaders' meeting

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- Hugh Scott
- Goldwater
- Robert J. Dole

Watergate

- Dean's documents
 - Schlesinger
 - Conversation with Buzhardt, 5/13
- Shultz's reaction
- Haig's forthcoming calls
 - Elliot L. Richardson
 - Schlesinger
 - William P. Clements, Jr.
- Buzhardt
 - Opinion regarding President

Ronald L. Ziegler entered at 11:08 am.

Watergate

- Ervin Committee hearings
 - Samuel J. Ervin, Jr.
 - Goldwater's opinion
 - Robert C. Odle, Jr.'s testimony
 - Haldeman's and Ehrlichman's forthcoming testimony
 - Ziegler's forthcoming press briefing
 - Helen Thomas

Ziegler left at 11:09 am.

Watergate

- Walters's memoranda of conversation [memcons]
- Possible effect of release

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[National security]
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Watergate

- Walters's memcons
 - National security
- Haldeman and Ehrlichman
 - Removal from White House staff
 - Access to papers
- Dean
 - Request for access to papers
 - President's conversation with Petersen, April 17
 - National security
 - Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] investigation
- Ellsberg case
 - Wiretap
 - Evidence of misconduct
 - Burglary
 - National security
 - Results
- Dean's documents
 - Huston Plan
 - Possible White House response
 - President's role
 - Intelligence community

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- Adm. Noel Gayler, Gen. Bennett Helms, Ruckelshaus and Sullivan
- White Paper
- Statement by President
- Possessors
- Possible reaction by liberals
- Possible White House response
- Possible popular reaction
- Possible White House response
 - President's role
 - Compared to previous administrations
 - President's schedule
- Ziegler's forthcoming press briefing
 - News story
- Huston Plan
 - President's opponents' knowledge
 - Petersen, Ruckelshaus, Schlesinger and Helms
- Helms
 - Possible conversation with Haig
 - Resignation as ambassador
 - Conversation with Buzhardt

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

[National security]

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Watergate

- Philadelphia doctor's letter to Haig
- Allegations regarding burglary
 - Haig's possible conversation with John D. Ehrlichman
 - Burglary of President's doctor's office
 - Haig's possible conversation with Haldeman

Haig left at 11:30 am.

Conversation No. 921-9

Date: May 17, 1973
 Time: Unknown between 11:30 am and 11:45 am
 Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule

- George P. Shultz
- Bull's conversation with Charles G. ("Bebe") Rebozo
 - Rebozo's schedule
 - Norfolk, Virginia
 - New York
 - Washington, DC

 [Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Leisure activities

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

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Conversation No. 921-9 (cont'd)

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:45 am.

Conversation No. 921-10

Date: May 17, 1973
Time: Unknown between 11:30 am and 11:45 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

President's schedule
-Mustafizur Rahman Siddiqui
-Letter
-Press coverage
-Ralph J. Perk
-Donald D. Clancy
-Photograph of chair presentation

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 11:45 am.

Conversation No. 921-11

Date: May 17, 1973
Time: Unknown between 11:30 am and 11:45 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

President's schedule
-Donald D. Clancy
-Photograph
-Chair [presentation]

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The unknown man left at an unknown time before 11:45 am.

Conversation No. 921-12

Date: May 17, 1973

Time: 11:45 am - 11:57 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Mustafizur Rahman Siddiqui, Hossain Ali, Roger E. Johnson and Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft. The White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

Introductions

US-Bangladesh relations

- Letter from Sheik Mujibur Rahman
- Diplomatic credentials
 - Approval
- Peace in South Asia
 - Youth
- Support for Rahman
- Reduction of tension
 - US role

Bangladesh

- Relations with other nations
 - Pakistan
- Repatriation of Pakistani [people] in Bangladesh
 - Timing
 - India's support [?]
 - Civilians and prisoners of war [POWs]
- Exchange of Bengalis in Pakistan
- Previous proposal
- Pakistan concessions

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- President of Pakistan [Zulfikar Ali Bhutto]
 - Affinity for Bangladesh [?]
 - Desire to visit [?]
 - Pakistani POWs
 - Trials
- POW trials
 - Token number
 - Vengeance
 - Openness
 - Test of humanity and human rights
- Bihari repatriation
 - Timing
 - Pakistan's willingness
 - Exchange of Bengali people
 - Parity
 - Language
- Bengali repatriation
 - Importance to government
 - Number
 - Pakistan's willingness
 - Detention in concentration camp [?]
 - Senior officials
 - Potential trials [?]
- Negotiations with Pakistan
 - Desire for peace
 - Removal of conditions
- Gratitude for US kindness
- Negotiations with Pakistan
 - Bangladesh pre-conditions
 - Removal
 - Return problem [?]
- US role
 - President's relations with Bhutto, Rahman
 - Letter
 - Siddiq's conversations
 - National Security Council [NSC]
 - Scowcraft's role

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- State Department
 - South Asia [Near East Department]
 - Joseph J. Sisen
- Discussions with Pakistan's representatives
 - Bhutto
 - Interference
 - Letter
- Siddiq's delegation
- Role of government
 - Families
 - President's knowledge of unknown man's views

Bangladesh-Pakistan relations

- US role
 - Fairness
 - Settlement
 - Peace in South Asia

Bangladesh

- Size
- Population
- Military expenditures
- Appreciation for US aid

Rahman

- President's greeting

Siddiqui et al. left at 11:57 am.

Conversation No. 921-13

Date: May 17, 1973

Time: 11:57 am - 12:02 pm

Location: Oval Office

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The President met with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Watergate

- Thomas Eagleton
 - Haig's call to H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
 - Washington Post* story regarding John D. Ehrlichman
 - Patrick J. Buchanan
 - Doctor's letter to Haig
 - Possible investigation by Henry E. Petersen
- Haldeman's conversation with Haig
 - Removal of Haldeman and Ehrlichman from White House staff
 - Move of Lawrence M. Higby and Tod Hullin to Old Executive Office Building [EOB]
- Higby
 - Conversation with Haig
- Allegations
 - President's San Clemente property
 - Doctor's letter
 - Psychiatrists
- Huston Plan
 - National security
 - President's possible speech
 - Ervin Committee
- Doctor's letter
 - Haig's forthcoming call to doctor

Haig left at 12:02 pm.

Conversation No. 921-14

Date: May 17, 1973

Time: 12:03 pm - 12:13 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Mrs. Cleo Noel, Mrs. G. Curtis Moore and Brent G. Scowcroft. The

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White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

Introductions

Arrangements for photographs

US foreign policy

- President's meeting with Mustafizur Siddiqui
 - Bangladesh
- US role
 - Tolerance
 - Soviet Union
 - People's Republic of China [PRC]
 - Salvation
- Power
 - Limitations

Deaths of Cleo A. Noel, Jr. and George Curtis Moore

- Suffering of families
- Terrorism
- Sudanese government action
- Action in United Nations [UN]
 - Terrorism
 - International sanctions
 - Arab block

Calls to President

Terrorism

- Soviet Union
 - US pressure
 - Leonid I. Brezhnev
 - Tactics
 - Effectiveness
- Israel
 - Tactics
 - Effectiveness

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- Lebanon
 - Revolutionaries
 - Black September
 - Effect on Middle East
- Arab-Israel relations
 - Egypt
 - Jordan

US foreign policy

- Middle East
 - Arab-Israel relations
 - Negotiations with Soviet Union
 - Henry A. Kissinger's schedule
 - Le Duc Tho
 - Egypt
 - Hafez Ismail
 - Leaks
 - Press coverage

Deaths of Noel and Moore

- US government assistance to families
 - Accommodations for families
 - Blair House
 - Children
- US foreign policy
 - Peace
 - Sacrifice

Residences of Mrs. Noel and Mrs. Moore

- Washington, DC
- President's former residence
 - Spring Valley
 - Wagshal's Delicatessen

Presentation of gifts by President

- Pens
- Gifts for children

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-Cufflinks

Weather

- President's summer activities
- Washington, DC climate
- Sequoia*

Noel et al. left at 12:13 pm.

Conversation No. 921-15

Date: May 17, 1973

Time: Unknown between 12:13 pm and 12:21 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

Call from Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:21 pm.

Conversation No. 921-16

Date: May 17, 1973

Time: Unknown between 12:13 pm and 12:21 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Watergate

- Doctor's letter to Haig
- Set-up

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Conversation No. 921-17

Date: May 17, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:13 pm and 12:21 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man and an unknown woman.

President's schedule
-Donald D. Clancy

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:21 pm.

Conversation No. 921-18

Date: May 17, 1973
Time: 12:21 pm - 12:25 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Donald D. Clancy, Chester Cornett, Thomas Donovan, Mrs. Thomas Donovan, Danny Donovan, Betsy Donovan, Shawn Donovan and Max L. Friedersdorf. The White House photographer was present at the beginning of the meeting.

Introductions

Arrangements for photo

Chair

-Description

Donavan family

-Indiana

-Chair

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Conversation No. 921-18 (cont'd)

- Log
- Hand carved
- University of Indiana
- University of Cincinnati

Arrangements for photograph

President

- Description of role as Vice President
- Future meetings
- Soviet Union
- People's Republic of China

Clancy et al. left at 12:25 pm.

Conversation No. 921-19

Date: May 17, 1973

Time: 12:25 pm - 12:26 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

President's schedule

- Ralph J. Perk
- Cabinet Room

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:26 pm.

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Conversation No. 921-20 (cont'd)

Conversation No. 921-20

Date: May 17, 1973
Time: 12:26 pm - 12:45 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Ralph J. Perk, George H. W. Bush, Kenneth R. Cole, Jr. and James H. Falk.

Greetings

Arrangements for press photograph

Perk's accomplishments

- Veterans
- Jobs

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Perk's forthcoming election

- President's support
 - Air waves
 - Cleveland, Ohio
- Polls
 - Numbers
 - Perk
 - John J. Gilligan
- Gilligan
 - Taxes
 - Previous year's vote on amendment
 - Vote of confidence

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Conversation No. 921-20 (cont'd)

Watergate

- Washington, DC
- Press coverage
- Popular mood

Members of the press and the White House photographer entered at an unknown time after 12:26 pm.

Press coverage

- Discussion points
- Pleasantries
- Cleveland Browns

Bush

The press and the White House photographer left at an unknown time before 12:45 pm.

Cleveland

- Possible action by administration
- Budget
- Unemployment
- Compared with Detroit
- Federal revenue-sharing
- President's message
- Bureaucracy
- Defense by Perk

Emergency Employment Act [EEA]

- President's support
- Funding
- Extension
- Manpower
- Federal revenue-sharing
- Flexibility
- Timing of announcement

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Cleveland

- City Council
 - Political make-up
- Unemployment
 - Funds from administration
 - Timing of announcement
 - City Council
 - Mayor
 - Board of Education
 - Polls
 - Bush

Perk's possible statement regarding meeting with the President

- Watergate

- Administration's activities
 - Embarrassment
 - Foreign policy
 - Peace
 - World War II
 - Soviet Summit
 - Europe
 - Domestic programs
 - Inflation
 - Federal budget
- Administration's attitude
 - 1972 election mandate
 - Peace
 - Prosperity
 - War
 - Inflation

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

1972 campaign

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- Tricia Nixon Cox
- Julie Nixon Eisenhower's visit

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Watergate

- Administration's activities
- Bush's recent trip
 - Lincoln, Nebraska
 - Tuscon, Arizona
- President's message
 - Public reaction
- Cabinet meeting
 - Revenue-sharing

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Republican Party

- Political success
 - Mayorship
 - Annapolis, Maryland
 - Black vote
 - Oakland, California
 - [First name unknown] Reading [?]
 - Alexandria, Virginia
- Administration's handling of Watergate

Perk's forthcoming election

- Cleveland Press*
- Cleveland Plain Dealer*
 - Thomas V. H. Vail
- Cleveland Press*
 - Roy Howard

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- Scripps-Howard Company
 - New York
- Perk's opponent
 - Finances
- Message from President
- Vail
- Herbert G. Klein's possible calls
 - Jack Howard
 - Thomas L. Boardman
 - Cleveland Press*
 - Proximity to President

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Presentation of gifts by President

- Golf balls
- Seal
- Cufflinks

Bush

President's schedule

- Jozsef Cardinal Mindszenty
 - Visit to Cleveland
- Joseph Cardinal Slipyj-Kobernickyj-Dyckowsky
- Hungarian, Ukrainian voters
- New Majority
- National Security Council [NSC]

Perk et al. left at 12:45 pm.

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Conversation No. 921-21 (cont'd)

Conversation No. 921-21

Date: May 17, 1973
Time: 12:45 pm - 1:25 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

Instruction

Stephen B. Bull entered at 12:45 p.m.

President's schedule
-Charles G. "Bebe" Rebozo's schedule
-Norfolk, Virginia trip

Ronald L. Ziegler's press briefing
-Length
-Meeting with President
-Oval Office
-Length

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:58 pm.

President's schedule
-Camp David
-Rebozo
-Hagerstown, Maryland
-Remarks for President
-Executive Office Building [EOB]

Alexander M. Haig, Jr. entered at an unknown time after 12:45 pm.

Norfolk speech
-Length
-Southeast Asia
-EOB

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Bull left at an unknown time before 12:58 pm.

Watergate

- Special Prosecutor
 - Haig's conversation with Elliot L. Richardson
 - Warren M. Christopher
 - Charter
- Richardson
 - John B. Connally's opinion
- H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman
 - Replacement by Haig
 - Access to records
- Doctor's letter to Haig
 - Reaction of Haldeman and Ehrlichman

1972 campaign

- Patrick J. Buchanan's knowledge of Thomas F. Eagleton
 - George S. McGovern
- Eagleton
 - Administration's reaction to revelations

Watergate

- Doctor's letter to Haig
 - Daniel Ellsberg
 - Allegations of burglary
 - Eagleton's psychiatrist
 - J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.'s reaction
 - Eagleton's medical history
 - Buchanan's knowledge
 - Compared with story regarding President's San Clemente property
- John W. Dean III
 - Activities
- Charles W. Colson
- Doctor's letter to Haig
- Haig's conversation with Richardson
- Claude S. Brinegar

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- Possible calls to Haig
- Conversation with Haig after Cabinet meeting
- George P. Shultz
 - John J. ("Jack") Caulfield
- Caulfield
 - Connally's opinion
 - Connally's conversation with Shultz
 - Clemency offer
 - Chappaquiddick
 - Colson
 - Possible removal
- White House staff
 - Connally's view
 - Lawrence M. Higby and Tod R. Hullin
 - Alexander P. Butterfield and John C. Whittaker
 - Haig's view

Brinegar

- Resignation

Watergate

- Higby
 - Possible removal
 - Move to EOB
- Haldeman and Ehrlichman
 - Removal from White House staff
- Haig's conversation with Richardson

Ronald L. Ziegler entered at 12:58 pm.

- Ziegler's previous press briefing
 - Huston Plan
 - Central Intelligence Agency [CIA] involvement
 - President's role
 - National security concerns

Press relations

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- Ziegler's previous press briefing
- President's activities
- Topics
 - Trade, energy
 - Head of state visits
 - Iceland
 - [Georges J. R. Pompidou]
 - Cambodia
 - Henry A. Kissinger
 - President's cables
 - France

President's schedule

- Cabinet meeting
- Staff reporting

Ziegler's press briefing

- Grand jury

Press relations

- Ziegler's role as press secretary
 - Credibility
 - Lies
- Perceptions concerning White House actions
 - Lies
 - Previous statements
 - Dean report

- Ziegler's role
- Murray M. Chotiner's note regarding Herbert G. Klein and Ziegler
 - Public relations [PR]
- Role of press secretary
 - Leonard Garment
- Change of press secretary
 - Perception of press

Watergate

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- Doctor's letter to Haig
 - Buzhardt's reaction
 - Eagleton's medical history
 - New York
 - Missouri
 - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
 - Mayo Clinic
 - Petersen
- Ervin Committee
- Investigation
- Story regarding President's San Clemente property
 - Ziegler's previous press briefing
 - Santa Ana Register*
- Eagleton
 - Ziegler's previous press briefing
 - Dean
 - Ehrlichman and Haldeman
 - President
 - Buchanan's knowledge
- CIA involvement
 - Possible White House reaction
- Dean's documents
 - Huston Plan
 - Possible White House reaction
 - Haig's conversation with J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr.
 - Affidavits
 - Louis W. Tordella
 - Richard M. Helms
 - Tom C. Huston
 - Termination of plan

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[Statute]

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Conversation No. 921-21 (cont'd)

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

- Possible White House response
 - National security
 - Implementation
- Relationship between Egil Krogh's operation and Watergate break-in
- May 8, 1971 riots
- Huston
 - Document of termination

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

[Statute]

[Duration: 16 s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3

Watergate

- Huston
 - Rescension order
- Buzhardt's affidavits
- Helms
 - Forthcoming conversation with Haig
 - Conversation with Buzhardt, May 13
 - Resignation
 - Daniel Ellsberg
 - Psychiatric study
- Possible White House response

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Conversation No. 921-21 (cont'd)

President's schedule

- Cabinet
- Meeting with Donald D. Clancy
 - Photograph and press coverage

Watergate

- Dean
 - Forthcoming testimony
 - Ehrlichman
 - Possible attacks on President
 - Motive
 - Immunity
 - Relationship to Robert C. Odle, Jr.
 - Possible testimony
 - Contacts with President
 - President's statement on immunity
 - Possible testimony regarding President
 - Access to Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] reports and interviews
- Ervin Committee hearings
 - Possible witnesses
 - Colson, Haldeman and Ehrlichman
 - Effect on Dean
 - Possible effect of Grand Jury indictments
 - Donald H. Segretti
 - White House strategy

Press briefings

- Length

Manolo Sanchez entered at 1:25 pm.

Instruction

The President *et al.* left at 1:25 pm.

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Conversation No. 921-22

Date: May 17, 1973
Time: Unknown between 1:25 pm and 11:59 pm
Location: Oval Office

Unknown men met.

Message [?]

Test [?]

The unknown men left at an unknown time after 1:25 pm.

Conversation No. 921-23

Date: May 17, 1973
Time: Unknown between 1:25 pm and 11:59 pm
Location: Oval Office

Unknown men met.

Schedule [?]

The unknown men left at an unknown time after 1:25 pm.