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Tape Subject Log
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Conversation No. 920-13 (cont'd)

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

-Dinners

-Golf

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- 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.

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

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Conversation No. 920-13 (cont'd)

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
 - Conversation with Buzhardt
 - Plan
 - Implementation

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- Relationships
 - Egil ("Bud") Krogh, Jr.
 - Watergate break-in

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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
 - Memoranda

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- 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
 - Huston
 - NSA

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- 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
 - Implementation
- Dean

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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

-Huston Plan

-Meeting in the President's office

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- 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.

[Previous PRMPA Personal Returnable (G) withdrawal reviewed under deed of gift during chronological review 2007-2013]

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Refreshments

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. 920-13 (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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[National Security]

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Watergate

- Surreptitious entry
 - Targets
 - Operational plans
 - Membership lists

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Conversation No. 920-13 (cont'd)

- Union placement
- Intelligence operations
- Purpose
 - Embassy
 - Foreign involvement

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

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Conversation No. 920-13 (cont'd)

- Possible White House response
 - Umbrella theory
 - [Plumbers]
 - Egil (“Bud”) Krogh
 - 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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- Watergate
 - Huston Plan
 - Surreptitious entry
 - Projected targets
 - Foreign embassies
 - Demonstration

- Watergate
 - Huston Plan
 - Possible White House response
 - Watergate burglars
 - White House response

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- Huston Plan
 - Ervin Committee
 - Buzhardt
 - [William] Stuart Symington
 - Possible leak
 - Attitude towards intelligence agencies
 - 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

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- Surreptitious entry
 - Hoover's activities
 - Weatherman
- Termination
 - Buzhardt's forthcoming conversations
- 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.

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Conversation No. 920-13 (cont'd)

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

The President talked with an unknown person.

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

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

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- Clyde A. Tolson's conversation with Hoover
 - Hoover's subsequent conversations
 - John N. Mitchell and President
- President's role
- Sullivan's notes
- Timing
- Sullivan
 - Role
 - Possible testimony
 - Reaction
- Domestic intelligence

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INTELLIGENCE METHODS

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Watergate

- Domestic intelligence
 - Noel Gayler
 - Hoover
- Huston Plan
 - Approval
 - Termination

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- Tordella's notes
- L[ouis] Patrick Gray
 - Visit to National Security Agency [NSA]
 - Discussion with Tordella
 - Tolson and Hoover
 - Study
- Implementation
- 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

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- Timing
- Content
- Witnesses
 - Tordella
 - Sullivan
 - Gray
 - Carter
 - Gayler
 - Donald V. Bennett

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 8:45 pm.

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

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- Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters's memoranda of conversation [memcons]
- Ehrlichman's tapes
 - Call to Richard G. Kleindienst, March 1973
 - President
 - 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

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- Ervin's possible actions
 - Possible White House response
- Domestic intelligence activities
 - Implementation
 - 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.