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Conversation No. 905-1

Date: April 26, 1973
Time: Unknown between 8:04 am and 8:55 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

President's schedule
-Richard A. Moore

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 8:55 am.

Conversation No. 905-2

Date: April 26, 1973
Time: Unknown between 8:04 am and 8:55 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule
-White House secretaries and bosses reception
-Change of time
-President's return from Mississippi
-Troika meeting
-Camp David

Bull left at an unknown time before 8:55 am.

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Conversation No. 905-3

Date: April 26, 1973
Time: Unknown between 8:04 am and 8:55 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

Richard A. Moore

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 8:55 am.

Conversation No. 905-4

Date: April 26, 1973
Time: Unknown between 8:04 am and 8:55 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

Delivery
-[Unknown] committee

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 8:55 am.

Conversation No. 905-5

Date: April 26, 1973
Time: Unknown between 8:04 am and 8:55 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

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Conversation No. 905-5 (cont'd)

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[Personal returnable]

[Duration: 1 m 5s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Woods left at an unknown time before 8:55 am.

Conversation No. 905-6

Date: April 26, 1973

Time: Unknown between 8:04 am and 8:55 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

George P. Schultz

-Memorandum

-Meeting with President

-Timing

-Appearance before committee

Richard A. Moore

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Conversation No. 905-6 (cont'd)

- Location
 - Airplane
 - Boston
 - Wedding

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 8:55 am.

Conversation No. 905-7

Date: April 26, 1973
Time: Unknown between 8:04 am and 8:55 am
Location: Oval Office

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

Haldeman's schedule
-Meeting with President

Conversation No. 905-8

Date: April 26, 1973
Time: 8:55 am - 10:24 am
Location: Oval Office

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

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Conversation No. 905-8 (cont'd)

[Begin transcribed portion]

Haldeman talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 8:55 am and 10:24 am.

[Conversation No. 905-8A]

[Begin telephone conversation]

[End telephone conversation]

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 8:55 am.

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 10:24 am.

An unknown person entered at an unknown time after 8:55 am.

The unknown person left at an unknown time before 10:54 am.

[End transcribed portion]

Henry E. Petersen

[Begin transcribed portion]

[End transcribed portion]

Haldeman left at 10:24 am.

Conversation No. 905-9

Date: April 26, 1973

Time: 10:24 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown person.

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Conversation No. 905-9 (cont'd)

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Refreshments

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

The unknown person left at 10:24 am.

Conversation No. 905-10

Date: April 26, 1973

Time: 10:24 am - 11:20 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with George P. Shultz and John D. Ehrlichman.

Greetings

Shultz's memo

Fiscal policy

- President's position
- Congressional action
- “Top tax rates”
 - Administration's position
 - Congress
 - Effect on capital gains
 - Individual income
 - Earned income
 - Interest and dividend
 - Effect on capital gains

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- Tax shelters
- Reduction proposals
 - Administration's position
 - Congress
- Capital gains tax
 - Internal Revenue Service [IRS] [?]
 - Compromise
 - Increase
 - Congress
- 1969 tax bill
- Estate taxes
 - Charitable deductions
 - President's position
 - “Big government” advocates
 - Wilbur D. Mills [?]
 - “Egalitarian sophistry”
 - Great Britain
- Congress's role
 - Administrations' position
 - Leaks
- 1969 tax bill
 - Treasury Department
- House Ways and Means Committee
- President's position
 - Opposition to estate, capital gains reform
 - Bill signing
 - Treasury Department's role
 - Dealmaking
- Executive sessions with Committee
 - Shultz, William E. Simon
- Simplification
 - Lee H. Henkel, Jr.
 - Forms
 - Elimination of dividend exclusion
 - Reaction of New York Stock Exchange
 - Impact on small investor stock purchases
 - Compared to other deductions

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- Gas tax
- Retirement income credit
 - Government revenue
 - Social security
 - Reasons
 - Eliminate earnings deduction
 - Eligibility
 - Retirement age
 - Cost increases
 - Social security
 - President's schedule
 - Yawning
 - Coffee
- Forms
- Retirement income credit
 - Cost
 - Social Security
 - Beneficiaries
 - Federal employers
 - Municipal government employers
- Estate and gift taxes
 - Administration's position
 - Testimony
 - Proposals
 - Congress's role
 - Consolidation
 - Controversy
 - Wealth management
 - Compared to capital gains
 - Wealth management
 - Transition rules
 - Lon Scaife
- Unification of rates
- Marital deduction
 - Liberalization
- Generation skipping trusts
 - Proposal

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- Controversy
- Rejection
- Capital gains at death [?]
 - American Bankers Association
 - Proposal
- Congressional relations
 - Shultz's role
 - House Ways and Means Committee
 - Mills
 - Administration's position
 - Opposition
 - Transition
 - Issues
 - Capital gains at death
 - Rates
 - Marital deduction
 - Unification of rates
 - Generation skipping trusts
- Bipartisan Congressional leadership meeting
 - Purpose

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 10:24 am.

- President's schedule
 - Bipartisan leadership meeting
 - Topics
 - Taxes compared to foreign aid

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:20 am.

- Fiscal policy
 - Taxes
 - House Ways and Means Committee
 - Hearings on taxes
 - Mills's calendar
 - Administration's position
 - Timing

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- Executive session
- Administration's position
 - Support for elderly, parochial schools, minimum tax
 - Simplification
 - Christmas tree metaphor
 - Compared to 1969 tax rates
 - Shultz
 - Mills
 - “Open rule” issue
 - Estate and gift taxes

Phase III wage and price controls

- Congress
- Meeting
 - John T. Dunlop, Troika
 - Arthur F. Burns

Fiscal policy

- Tax on interest and dividends paid to foreigners
 - Mills's proposal
 - Possible effects
 - Capital investment
 - Tax treaty negotiations
 - Foreign tax shelters
 - Switzerland
 - Accountability
 - Disparity
 - Administration's position
 - Mills's leadership
- Tax receipts
 - Fiscal years 1973 and 1974 increases over budget estimates
 - Public knowledge
 - Bonkers, underwriters
 - Re-estimate of receipts
 - Methods of publicizing
 - Shultz's testimony
 - President's statement

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- Economic Stabilization Act [Phase III]
 - Congressional action
 - Bill-signing statement
 - Support for program
 - Voluntary support of business, labor
 - Budget deficit
 - Tax receipts

- Shultz's testimony
 - Separate stories
 - Effect on Congress
 - Questions about receipts

US trade balance

- Deficit
- Council of Economic Advisor's [CEA] skepticism

President's oil import program's effects

- New refineries
 - Effect on jobs, supplies, prices

US economy

- Production
- New orders

Investment tax credit

- Schultz's testimony before Congress
- President's view
- Herbert Stein's statement
- Burns's proposal
- Mills's opposition
- Stein's statement
 - Effect on financial markets
 - Schultz's testimony
 - Pierre Rinfret's call to Ehrlichman
- Shultz's testimony

Economic Stabilization Act

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- Congressional action
 - Administration's position
 - Phase III implementation
- Freeze and price rollback
 - Public support
 - Labor
 - Price freeze
 - Business
 - Wage freeze
 - Cost of living freeze
 - Dale DeWitt, Rinfret, and John B. Connally
- Rollback compared to freeze
 - Burns
 - Publicity
 - President's action
- Public relations [PR]
 - Troika meeting
 - President's Advisory Committee on Labor-Management Policy meeting
 - Ehrlichman's view
 - William Baroody, Jr.
 - Campaign
 - Slogans

US economy

- Price increases
 - President's view
 - Wholesale
- Annual rate
 - Consumer Price Index [CPI]
 - Decline
 - Meat
- Phase III
 - Publicity
 - Price controls
 - Effect on consumers
- Labor negotiations
 - Troika bargaining

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- Rubber industry settlement
- Phase III
 - Public relations
 - President's letter to editors
 - Radio, television [TV]
 - Shultz, Stein
 - Barody
 - “Merchandizing Manager”
 - Advertising Council
 - Phase III enforcement
- Economic Stabilization Act
 - President's signing statement
 - Cost of Living Council [COLC]
 - Treasury Department
 - Congress's rejection
 - Administration's response
 - Price increases
 - Rollback
 - Voluntary control program
 - Business, labor
 - Inflation, budget
 - COLC
 - Funding
 - Dunlop

Harry S. Truman

- Action on rail strike
 - Robert A. Taft, Sr.'s reaction
 - Duration

Economic Stabilization Act

- Congress's rejection
 - President's response
 - Public speech
 - Forum
 - Chamber of Commerce
 - Voluntary control program

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- Collective bargaining
- Political positioning with regard to Congress

Wage and price controls

- Termination
- Possible effects
- Election cycle

President's schedule

- Troika meeting
- Economic Stabilization Act
- PR planning

Request for Dr. [First name unknown] Brennan [?]

Shultz and Ehrlichman left at 11:20 am.

Conversation No. 905-11

Date: April 26, 1973

Time: Unknown between 11:20 am and 11:22 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

President's schedule

- Meeting with Henry A. Kissinger
- Amsterdam [?]

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:22 am.

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Conversation No. 905-12

Date: April 26, 1973
Time: 11:22 am - 12:11 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

Ronald L. Ziegler's location
-Henry A. Kissinger [?]
-Understanding

The unknown man and Ziegler entered at an unknown time after 11:22 am.

Story on Melvin R. Laird

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 11:22 am.

Kissinger's meeting with President
-Ziegler's briefing
-Delay

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:11 pm.

Laird

-Meeting with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
-Possible future role in Congressional relations
-William E. Timmons
-Story concerning replacing Haldeman
-Ziegler's response
-Discussions with President
-Congressional relations
-Vetoes
-National defense budget

Watergate

-John J. Wilson

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Conversation No. 905-12 (cont'd)

- Meeting of President, April 25, 1973
- President's schedule
 - Henry E. Petersen
- Meeting with President, April 25, 1973
 - Reason for meeting
- President's meeting with Petersen, April 25, 1973
- Ziegler's meeting with press
 - President's activities
 - Kissinger
 - Willy Brandt's state visit
 - Georges J. R. Pompidou
 - Kissinger
 - Paris
 - President's trip to Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
 - Announcement
- Ziegler's future briefings of press
 - President's knowledge of Watergate
 - President's veracity
 - Ziegler's veracity
 - Ziegler's March 30, 1973 statement
 - John W. Dean III
 - President's knowledge
- Dean
 - Camp David
 - Report
 - Jeb Stuart Magruder's and James W. McCord's accounts
 - President's conversations with Petersen
 - Possible resignations
 - President's calls on Easter to White House staff
- President's investigation
 - Charges against individuals
 - Possible action by President
- Dean
 - Meetings with President
 - Meetings with U.S. attorney
 - April 9, 1973 meeting with the President
 - Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman

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- President's activities
 - Watergate investigations
 - Domestic economy
 - Foreign policy
 - Individuals involved in Watergate
- Ziegler's forthcoming press briefing
- Jack N. Anderson's April 26, 1973 column
 - President's knowledge
 - Accuracy
- President's investigation
 - Possible actions
 - Corroborative evidence
 - Standards of conduct
- Ziegler's forthcoming press briefing
 - White House staff changes
 - Laird
 - William P. Rogers
 - [David] Kenneth Rush
 - Kenneth R. Cole, Jr.
 - Leonard Garment
- Ziegler's conversation with Petersen
- Individuals involved
 - President's views
- Dirty tricks
 - Infiltration
 - Peace movement
 - [First name unknown] Reece [?]
 - George S. McGovern campaign
 - Standards of judgment
- Dean
 - Haldeman and Ehrlichman
 - Timing of resignation
 - John B. Connally
 - Bryce N. Harlow
- President's activities
 - Conversations with Petersen
 - Grand jury

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- Survivability
 - Press's view
 - Spiro T. Agnew
 - Press's view
- President's campaigns
 - 1968, 1960
 - 1962
 - Democrats for Nixon
 - Ad in San Francisco
 - 1972
 - Clark MacGregor
 - McGovern and violence
 - Campaign ads
 - Patrick J. Buchanan
- President's conversation with Haldeman
- Dean
 - Blackmail of President
 - Request for meeting with the President
 - Credibility
 - Conversations with President
 - Conversations with Ziegler
 - Conversations with President, March 21, 1973
 - President's motives
 - Concealment of facts
 - Conversation with John N. Mitchell and Magruder
 - Conversation with G. Gordon Liddy
 - President's conversation with Petersen
 - Daniel Ellsberg break-in
 - Information furnished to judge
 - President's instructions to Richard G. Kleindienst
 - Dean's possible testimony
 - Ehrlichman's conversation with President
 - Ehrlichman's involvement
 - Press coverage
- President's forthcoming action
- Postcards sent to station WTTG
 - Postcards sent to President

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- President's knowledge
- Effect of news stories
- Ziegler and President's conversations in Florida
- Effect of President's forthcoming action
- Dean's conversation with President, March 21, 1973
 - William O. Bittman's threats
 - Dean's possible statement
 - Possible tape recording by Dean
 - President's response
 - Dean's possible statement
 - President's motives
- Dean
 - Threat to President
 - Credibility
 - Haldeman's involvement
 - Contrast with Haldeman's and Ehrlichman's credibility
 - Conversations with President
 - Executive privilege
 - Leaks to press
 - National security discussions
 - Hypothetical scenarios
 - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
 - Attack on Moscow
 - Attack on People's Republic of China [PRC]
 - US retaliation
 - Effect on Henry A. Kissinger
- President's motives
- Rogers's call to Ziegler
 - Offer to President
- Support for President
 - John B. Connally
- President's schedule
 - New Majority dinner
 - Congress
- Haldeman and Ehrlichman

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- Possible resignations
- Congressional demands
- Petersen's opinion
- Effect of possible charges

Ziegler left at 12:11 pm.

Conversation No. 905-13

Date: April 26, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:11 pm and 12:16 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 45-1]

Conversation No. 905-14

Date: April 26, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:11 pm and 12:16 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 45-2]

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Conversation No. 905-15

Date: April 26, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:11 pm and 12:16 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown man.

[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Food

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 12:16 am.

Conversation No. 905-16

Date: April 26, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:11 pm and 12:16 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

President's schedule
-Executive Office Building [EOB]
-Telephone call

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 12:16 pm.

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Conversation No. 905-17

Date: April 26, 1973
Time: 12:16 pm - 12:21 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Richard G. Kleindienst.

[See Conversation No. 45-3]

Conversation No. 905-18

Date: April 26, 1973
Time: Unknown between 12:21 pm and 12:23 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See Conversation No. 45-4]

Conversation No. 905-19

Date: April 26, 1973
Time: 12:23 pm - 12:32 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President talked with Richard G. Kleindienst.

[See Conversation No. 45-5]

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Conversation No. 905-20

Date: April 26, 1973

Time: Unknown between 12:32 pm on April 26, 1973 and 7:32 am on April 27, 1973

Location: Oval Office

Unknown United States Secret Service [USSS] agents met.

Assignment [?]

An unknown USSS talked with an unknown person at an unknown time before 7:32 am on April 27, 1973.

[The recording was cut off at an unknown time before 7:32 am on April 27, 1973.]