

Date: February 16, 1972
Time: Unknown between 3:25 pm and 3:44 pm
Location: Oval Office

An unknown man [Secret Service agent?] talked with an unknown person. Conv. No. 673-3 (cont.)

[Previous archivists categorized this section as unintelligible. It has been rereviewed and released 08/25/2022.]

[Unintelligible]
[673-001-w001]
[Duration: 17s]

Date: February 16, 1972
Time: 3:44 pm - 4:14 pm
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

Greetings

Choice of eyeglasses
-Instructions

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

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[673-002-w001]
[Duration: 51s]

END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 1

The President's schedule

- Forthcoming trip to the People's Republic of China [PRC]
 - Well-wishers
 - Calls
 - Prayer groups
 - Unknown people
 - Possible gift
 - Lyndon B. Johnson's letter
 - J. Edgar Hoover
 - Julie Nixon Eisenhower
- Bess (Wallace) Truman
 - The President's birthday message
- Walter H. Annenberg note
 - [David] Kenneth Rush
 - Henry A. Kissinger
 - Martin J. Hillenbrand
 - Possible appointment
 - Peter M. Flanigan
- Ronald W. Reagan and Nancy (Davis) Reagan
 - Anniversary
 - Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon
 - Schedule
 - Lunch
 - San Clemente
 - Letter
- Dictation of letter to Johnson
 - PRC trip
 - Appreciation for wishes
 - Possible briefing

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[673-002-w002]

[Duration: 53s]

The President's schedule

- Working
 - Camp David
 - Sleep interruptions
 - Compared to White House

Letters

- Reading
 - Work involved
- Woods

Alan Brown's call to President

- Return
- Mrs. Nixon
- Alexander P. Butterfield
- Julie Nixon Eisenhower
- Tricia Nixon Cox
 - Return of call
- Woods
 - President's instructions

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The President's schedule

- The President's work
 - Reading
- National Security Council [NSC]
- Domestic policy and problems

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[Personal Returnable]
[673-002-w003]
[Duration: 37s]

The President's schedule

- Suits
 - Arrival
 - People's Republic of China [PRC] trip
 - Lightweight suits

The President's schedule

Typing

- Completion
 - Proofing
 - Book
 - Fastening
 - Labeling
- President's instructions

PRC trip

- People's views

Manolo Sanchez, Zosimo T. Monzon

Woods left and H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman entered at 3:56 pm.

Domestic matters

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[673-002-w004]

[Duration: 1m 54s]

The President's schedule

- 1972 campaign
 - H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman's meeting
 - George P. Shultz
 - Frederic V. Malek
 - Charles W. Colson
 - John D. Ehrlichman
 - Frederic V. Malek
 - Role in President's re-election campaign
 - Working under John N. Mitchell
 - Charles W. Colson
- Meeting
 - George P. Shultz
 - John D. Ehrlichman
 - Richard G. Kleindienst
- 1972 campaign
 - Frederic V. Malek
 - Voter block
 - Citizen organizations
 - Mail
 - Management
 - Staff

Ambassadors

- West Germany
 - Hillenbrand
 - Possible selection
 - 1972 election
 - Kissinger
- Training
 - Rush
 - Relocation

Appointments

- Assistant secretaries
- Chief of Protocol
 - Frederic V. Malek
 - Marion H. Smoak
 - James J. Reynolds
 - Contribution
 - Amount
 - Smoak
 - Strom Thurmond
 - L. Nicholas Ruwe
 - John J. Rhodes
 - John C. Whitaker
 - Patrick J. Buchanan
 - Ruwe
 - Mrs. Nixon
- Ruwe
 - Ambassadorship
 - Portugal
 - [Ridgeway B. Knight]
- Chief of Protocol
 - Description of position
 - Reynolds
 - Trips
 - Trips
 - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
 - Foreign visitors
 - Turk [Nihat Erim]
 - Mexican [Luis Echeverria Alvarez]
 - 1972 campaign
 - Smoak
- Ruwe

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[Duration: 3s]

Appointments

- L. Nicholas Ruwe
 - Thelma C. (Ryan) ("Pat") Nixon

Appointments

- Ruwe

- Ambassadorship
- Portugal
- President's opinion
- Hunting

Malek

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- Responsiveness of government
 - Domestic Council
 - Office of Management and Budget [OMB]
- Charles W. Colson
- John D. Ehrlichman
- Colson
- Malek

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[Personal Returnable]
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 [Duration: 43s]

1972 campaign

- Leonard Garment
 - Campaign role
 - Balance to John N. Mitchell
- John N. Mitchell
 - Resignation
 - Timing

1972 campaign

- Committee to Re-elect the President [CRP]
 - Maurice H. Stans
 - Finance
- Colson
- Malek
 - John N. Mitchell's view

PRC trip

- Woods
- Letters
 - Hoover
 - Johnson
 - Hoover
- Hoover
 - Liberals
 - Conservatives

- Ehrlichman
- Life*
- Princeton University group
- Spiro T. Agnew
- Cameras
 - Leaders
- Possible departure plan
 - Michael J. Mansfield
 - Hugh Scott
 - Airport
 - Gerald R. Ford
 - Possible photograph opportunity
- Spirit of '76*
- Farewell ceremony
 - Mansfield
 - Unknown person

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Haldeman left at 4:14 pm.

Conversation No. 673-3

Date: February 16, 1972
 Time: 4:15 pm - 5:38 pm
 Location: Oval Office

The President met with Henry A. Kissinger.

Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Bangladesh aid

- Humanitarian relief
 - Amount
 - Bureaucracy
 - Joseph J. Sisco

People's Republic of China [PRC] trip

- Haig
- Adm. Thomas H. Moorer
- Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.
 - Vietnam
 - Offensive
 - North Vietnam
 - President's instructions
 - Possible criticism
- Chinese
 - Significance of President's visit
- Kissinger's lunch at San Souci
 - Dr. David K.E. Bruce

- Good wishes for the President
- Phil Potter

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at 4:20 pm.

- Additions
- Bags

Conv. No. 673-3 (cont.)

Butterfield left at 4:22 pm.

- PRC trip
 - Potter
 - Theodore H. ("Teddy") White
 - Call to Kissinger
 - Press
 - Briefings
 - Communist countries
 - The President's and Kissinger's previous trips
 - Nikita S. Khrushchev, 1959
 - Press
 - Exhibition
 - Debates
 - Thelma C. ("Pat") Nixon's schedule
 - Opera
 - Mao Tse-tung
 - Communiqué
 - Language
 - President's suggestion for Kissinger
 - Marshall Green
 - William P. Rogers
 - Taiwan, Republic of China
 - Trade
 - US position
 - Talks
 - Mao Tse-tung
 - Chou En-lai
 - Foreign minister
 - Trade
 - State Department interest
 - Rogers, Green
 - Rogers
 - Kissinger
 - Kissinger's view
 - Communiqué
 - Revolution
 - First draft
 - Taiwan
 - Mao Tse-tung
 - Potential problems with the communiqué

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[National Security]

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People's Republic of China [PRC] trip

- Henry A. Kissinger's view
- Communique
 - Taiwan
 - Mao Tse-tung
 - Potential problems with the communique
 - Intelligence

People's Republic of China [PRC] trip

- Talking points
 - Leaders
 - Domestic matters
 - Plane
 - Arrival in Hawaii
 - Press
 - Ronald L. Ziegler
 - Upcoming conversation with Kissinger
 - Previous discussions with the press
 - Movie
 - Haig
 - Kissinger
 - Plane
 - Press conference
 - Prepared statement
 - President's upcoming meeting with Congressional leaders
 - Ziegler
 - Briefings
 - Communique
- Communique
 - Release
 - Possible timing
 - The President's announcement
 - Peking
 - Shanghai
 - Hangchow
 - Return to Washington, DC
 - The President's statement
- Kissinger
 - Background work
 - Treaty with Taiwan

- Shanghai
 - Release
- October 1971
 - Chou En-Lai
 - Rogers
 - Role
 - State Department
 - Draft
- Rogers
 - Knowledge of parallel communiqué
 - Formosa
 - Agreement
- South Korea
- Japan
 - US defense commitments
- Peking
- Formosa
 - Wording
- Renunciation of forces
 - State Department
 - Pacific
 - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
 - Chinese
 - Self-restraint
 - Pacific
- Issues for agreement and disagreement
 - Rogers
 - Chou En-lai
- Kissinger draft
 - Chou En-lai
- Press
 - October 1971

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Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 4:22 pm.

Richard G. Kleindienst
-Arrival

John D. Ehrlichman
-Meeting with the President

Memorandum
-Ziegler

- Kissinger
- Press
 - Hawaii
 - PRC
 - Technical matters
 - Questions
 - Movie

Bull left at an unknown time before 4:34 pm..

PRC trip

- Agenda
- Chinese
 - Notes
 - Vietnam
- Vietnam
 - Talking points
 - Possible change in time
- USSR
 - President's future trips
 - Staff
 - Cabinet officers
 - Attendance on future trips
 - Briefing books
 - Rogers
- Calls to Kissinger
 - Unknown investment firm
 - New York
 - Council on Foreign Relations
- Ziegler
- Patrick J. Buchanan [?]

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Kissinger left and John D. Ehrlichman entered at 4:34 pm.

Kleindienst

- Briefing paper
- Confirmation
- Jerris Leonard

Leonard

- [Law Enforcement Assistance Administration [LEAA?]]
- White House

Kleindienst entered at 4:36 pm.

Greetings

PRC trip

Confirmation

Jews

Election

John N. Mitchell

- Praise for Kleindienst

Kleindienst

- Attorney General post
 - Mitchell
 - Relationship with the President

Politics

- Mitchell

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Busing

Kleindienst appointment

- Role as Attorney General
- Staff
 - Morale
- White House
 - Relationship
 - Inter-departmental conflict
- Reputation as a "team player"
- Narcotics
 - President's request
 - John B. Connally
 - Working relationship
 - Call from Kleindienst
 - Connally's location
 - President's remarks
 - Kleindienst's upcoming conversation with Connally
 - Relationship
 - Similar position
- White House
 - Department of Justice [DOJ]
 - Possible problems
 - Connally
 - Housing
 - Busing
 - Ehrlichman
 - Role
 - Edward L. Morgan
 - John W. Dean, III
 - Civil Rights Division
 - David L. Norman
 - Kleindienst
 - Comparisons to Mitchell
 - Civil rights issues
 - PRC
 - Political volatility
 - Ehrlichman
 - News summaries
 - Mitchell
- Deputy Director
 - L[ouis] Patrick Gray, III
 - Praise from Kleindienst
- Housing issue

- Cabinet
 - George W. Romney
- Proposal
- Request from Kleindienst
- Housing
 - Romney
 - Mitchell
 - Ehrlichman
 - DOJ
- Busing
 - Civil Rights Division
 - Office of Legal Counsel
 - Ralph E. Erickson and William H. Rehnquist
 - Office of Legal Council
 - Camp David
 - Erickson
 - Norman's involvement
 - Sensitivity as issue
 - Compared to wage and price controls
 - Housing
 - Forest Hills
 - Jews
 - Airplane
 - Miami
 - John V. Lindsay
- Housing
 - As issue
 - Law, politics
 - Kleindienst's experience
- Confirmation
- Issues
 - Policy papers
 - Morgan
 - Housing
 - Confirmation
 - Questions
 - Briefing
 - The President's intended responses
 - Federal support
 - Communities
 - Chicago Congressmen
 - Long Island
 - Relevance of issues
 - St. Louis
 - Blackjack case
 - Atlanta
 - Congressmen
 - Blackjack case
 - Mitchell
 - Integration
 - Forced

Conv. No. 673-3 (cont.)

- Government
 - President's view
- Busing
 - Race issue
 - Reverse racism
 - Political volatility
- Confirmation
 - White House
 - Working relationship with Ehrlichman
 - Deniability for the President
- Anti-trust
 - Unknown person
 - Rehnquist
 - Politics
 - Moratorium
 - Unknown person
 - Politics
- International Business Machines [IBM]
 - Peter M. Flanigan
 - S. Stephen Karalekas
 - Meeting with Kleindienst
 - Timing
 - Bureaucrats
 - Karalekas
 - Richard W. McLaren
 - Purpose of meetings
 - DOJ
- The President's re-election
- Activism of Administration
- Busing
 - Howard H. Baker, Jr.
 - Constitutional amendment
 - Court action
 - Kleindienst
 - Meeting
 - William E. Brock, III
 - Robert P. Griffin
 - Mitchell
 - Timing
 - DOJ
 - Support of amendment
 - DOJ
 - Possible intervention
 - Earl Warren Court
 - "Nixon Court"

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Richard G. Kleindienst appointment

-Busing

-Howard H. Baker, Jr.

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-Constitutional amendment

-Edmund S. Muskie

-Potential Democratic presidential nominee

-Position

-George S. McGovern

-John V. Lindsay and Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson

-Edmund S. Muskie

-Approach towards issue in Florida

Richard G. Kleindienst appointment

-Busing

-Howard H. Baker, Jr.

-White House staff

-Blacks

-Forthcoming meeting

-Statement

-Brief

-*Brown vs. Board of Education*

-Alexander M. Bickel

-Supreme Court

-Constitution interpretation

-Education

-Constitutional amendment

-Lawyers

-Amendments

-The President's view on busing

-Michael J. Mansfield

-Hugh Scott

-William Raspberry

-*Washington Post*

-Education

-Race

-Symbolism

-Black leadership

-Potential criticism of Edmund S. Muskie

-Opposition to amendment

-Percentage

-Vote in 1968

-Elliot Richardson

-*Swann vs. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education*

-School districts

- Richardson
 - Possible busing lawsuits
 - Romney
 - Paper
 - Education
 - National television address
 - Constitutional amendment
 - Paper
 - Ehrlichman
 - Camp David
 - George P. Shultz
 - Cabinet committee
 - Chairman
 - Role
 - California
 - Weather
 - Florida
 - Camp David
 - Aspen Lodge
 - Erickson
 - Guidance
 - The President
 - Ehrlichman
 - Dual school system
 - Clauses
 - Draft
 - Simplicity
 - Attorney General
 - Congress
 - Amendment
 - President's view
 - Muskie
 - Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
 - Today* show
 - Appearance
 - Agnew's opinion on the Constitutional amendment
 - Timing
 - The President's press conference, February 10, 1972
- Women
 - Supreme Court
 - President's view
 - Mitchell
 - Chief Justice [Warren E. Burger]
 - Preparation for position
 - Ku Klux Klan [KKK]
 - Number qualified
 - Council of Economic Advisors [CEA]
 - [Marina Von N. Whitman]
 - Law school attendance
 - Number of women

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- The President's experience
- Kleindienst
 - Meetings with Ehrlichman
 - Timing
 - Work relationship
 - Meetings with the President
 - Mitchell
 - Bureaucrats
 - White House
 - Cooperation

Conv. No. 673-3 (cont.)

Salary of Cabinet officers

- Amount
- Confirmation
- Swearing-in

Shultz entered at 5:08 pm.

Shultz

- Busing
 - Cabinet committee
 - Chairman
 - Ehrlichman
 - Conference
 - Camp David
- Kleindienst

Busing

- Lawyers
- Paper
 - Compared to brief in *Brown vs. Board of Education*
 - Quality education
 - Administration goal
 - Amendment
 - Possible end to busing
 - Inferior education
- Speech by the President
 - Television
- Integrated education
 - Potential results
- Equal education for all children
- Freedom of choice
 - Example
- Amendment
- Liberals
 - Principle
 - Consequence
 - Racial strife
- Level of education
 - Quality and quality
 - Kleindienst's confirmation

- Shultz
 - Cabinet committee
 - Meeting
 - Timing
 - Ehrlichman
 - Agnew's statement
 - Press conference
 - Cabinet committee
 - Timing of meeting
 - Attorney General
 - Richardson
 - Shultz
 - Ehrlichman
 - Kleindienst
 - Blacks
 - Opinions
 - The President's schedule

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Kleindienst left at 5:14 pm.

PRC trip

- Shultz
- Ehrlichman
- Haig
- Agnew
 - Role
 - Cabinet meeting
 - Domestic Council
 - Cabinet meeting
 - Rogers
 - Domestic Council

Economy

- Administration action
 - Compared to appearance
- Controls
 - Donald H. Rumsfeld
 - Wage and price controls
 - Dr. Jackson ("Dan") Grayson, Jr.
 - [George H. Boldt]
- Policy
 - White House
 - Connally
 - Cost of Living Council [COLC]
 - International spokesman
 - Connally's work schedule
 - Allocation of time
 - Staff
 - Wage and price board
 - Rumsfeld
 - Ehrlichman

- Shultz, Ehrlichman
- Narcotics
- Possible meeting
- Timing
- Rumsfeld

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Labor disputes

- Teamsters Union
- Dock strike
 - Wage board
 - Activity
- Teamsters
 - Public support
 - Connally
 - Rumsfeld
- Dock strike
 - Possible damage to the economy
 - Wage board
 - Shultz's possible work with Arnold R. Weber
 - Docks
 - Productivity gains
 - Contract
 - Cost of living clause absence
 - Wage Board
 - Shultz talk with Connally
 - Congress
 - Possible injunction
 - Possible scenario
- British
 - Coal settlement
 - Criticism
 - Camp David
 - Bill
 - Signing
 - 10-day period
 - Executive Board
 - Contract
 - Approval
 - Voting structure
 - Process
 - Possible results
 - Law
 - Signing
 - PRC
 - Raymond K. Price, Jr.
 - Cable
 - Haldeman
 - PRC
 - Teamsters
 - Chicago local
 - General contract

- Frank E. Fitzsimmons
- Pay Board
 - Press
 - Criticism
- Members
 - Aerospace industry
 - Dock workers
 - Attitude

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Economy

- Controls
- Price Commission
 - Staff
 - Increase
- Controls
 - Public view
 - Poll
 - Rumsfeld
 - Wall Street Journal*
 - Public view
 - Harvard University Club
 - Meeting
 - Liberals
 - Unions
 - New York
 - Conservatives
 - Liberals
 - Age
 - Alumni
 - Child development
 - Liberals
 - Conservatives
 - Wages
 - Prices
 - Unions
 - Arthur F. Burns meeting
 - Shultz
 - Ehrlichman
 - Convertibility
 - Money supply
 - Budget
 - Value-added tax [VAT]
 - Spending for January 1972
 - Defense
 - Assistant secretaries, comptroller
 - Meetings
 - Connally
 - Shultz's meeting
 - Possible return to convertibility
 - The President's view
 - Burns

- Talk with Ehrlichman
- Shultz's letter
 - Possible signature
 - President's instructions to Butterfield
- Cabinet Room meeting
- Wage and price controls
 - Rumsfeld
 - As political issue
 - Caspar W. ("Cap") Weinberger
 - Memorandum
 - VAT
 - Meat prices
 - Possible Administration response
 - Decision paper
 - Imports
 - Expansion
 - John C. Whitaker
 - Proposed figure
 - Cattle growers
 - Earl L. Butz
 - Housewives
 - Support
 - Ehrlichman
 - Butz
 - Connally
 - Mitchell
 - Bargaining
- Farm prices
- Butz
 - Television appearance
 - Cost
 - Middleman
 - Wage cost
 - Processing
- Food prices
 - Meat
 - Fish
 - Consumption
 - Types of fish
 - Consumerism
 - Environmentalism
 - Maurice H. Stans
 - Saccharin

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PRC trip

Shultz's and Ehrlichman's schedule

- Camp David

The President's schedule

Economy

- Connally
- Shultz's responsibilities
 - Rumsfeld
- Rumsfeld
 - Talk with the President
 - Schedule
- Connally
 - Schedule
 - Texas
 - Rumsfeld
 - Meeting
 - Cattle growers
 - Food prices
 - Whitaker
 - Unions

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Labor

- Unions
 - Construction
 - Meeting with the President
- Votes
 - President's view
- George Meany
 - Budget briefing
 - Response
 - Stephen D. Bechtel
 - Ideas

PRC trip

The President's schedule

- Barber

Ehrlichman and Shultz left at 5:38 pm.