

Date: June 16, 1972
Time: Unknown between 8:07 and 8:37 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Conv. No. 737-9 (cont.)

The President's schedule
-Cabinet meeting
-Photographs

The President and Bull left at 8:37 am.

Conversation No. 737-2

Date: June 16, 1972
Time: 10:18 – unknown time after 11:18 am
Location: Oval Office

The President met with Alexander P. Butterfield, John D. Ehrlichman, and H. R. (“Bob”) Haldeman.

The President's schedule
-James D. Hodgson
-Elliot L. Richardson
-Public ceremony for family of John Paul Vann
-William P. Rogers
-Melvin R. Laird
-Schedule for meeting
-Presentation of Medal of Freedom
-Press
-Photograph
-Joseph W. Alsop

Butterfield left at 10:25 am.

The President's schedule
-Florida
-Grand Bahama Island
-Marine One helicopter
-Charles G. (“Bebe”) Rebozo
-Walker's Cay, Florida
-Weather
-Forecast
-Location
-Helicopter travel

Haldeman left at an unknown time before 10:26 am.

Social Security

- Richardson
- Department of Health, Education, and Welfare [HEW]
- House Resolution [HR] 1
- Abraham A. Ribicoff
 - Compromise
- Jacob K. Javits
- Frank F. Church
- Welfare reform
 - The President's signature
- Richardson
 - Meeting with the President
- Republicans
 - House Ways and Means Committee
- Payroll tax

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The President's schedule

- Haldeman

The President left at an unknown time before 10:26 am.

Hodgson, Richardson, and Caspar W. Weinberger entered at 10:26 am

[General conversation]

Seating arrangements

Busing

- Justice Department opinion
 - Ralph E. Erickson
 - Office of Legal Counsel
- William G. Milliken

Higher Education Bill

- Signing date
- Busing
- Detroit case
 - Robert P. Griffin
- Educational groups
 - Meeting with President
 - Purpose
- HEW
- Political goals

Welfare reform

- Wednesday group letter
- HR 1

The President entered at an unknown time after 10:26 am.

Clark MacGregor, Kenneth R. Cole, Jr., and Thomas C. Korologos entered at 10:26 am.

HR 1

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- Review
- Congress
- Costs
- Merits
- Practical problems
 - Hodgson
 - MacGregor
 - Richardson
- Legal analysis
- Goals of legislation
- Welfare reform legislation
 - Congressional review
 - Work incentives
 - Wage scales
 - Passage through Congress
 - Cost
 - Senate Finance Committee bill
 - Comparison with HR 1
 - Conflicts
 - Russell B. Long provision
 - HR 1 modifications
 - Public service jobs
 - Money to state and local governments
 - Long
 - Ribicoff's amendment
 - Compromise possibilities
 - Restoration of provisions
 - Office of Management and Budget [OMB]
 - Ribicoff amendment
 - Cost-of-living increases
 - Modernization
 - Political acceptability
 - Ribicoff amendment
 - Finance Committee members
 - Griffin
 - Republican Senators
 - Democratic support
 - Korologos
 - Advice on changes
 - Republican unity
 - Move to left
 - Benefits
 - Ribicoff amendment
 - Republicans
 - Support
 - Strategy

- Long provisions
- Ribicoff amendment
- Problems
- William V. Roth, Jr.
- Amendment
- Senate action on welfare provisions
- Supporters
- George S. McGovern's nomination
- Democratic convention
- Timing
- Present opportunities
- Presidential leadership
 - Daniel P. ("Pat") Moynihan
 - Republican votes
- Ribicoff
 - Support
- Need for compromise
- Long provision
 - Work provision
 - Flaws
- Change in attitude
 - Advantages
 - Ribicoff amendment
- Costs
 - Long proposal
 - Ribicoff
 - Compromise
 - Costs
- Support organizations
 - National Association of Manufacturers [NAM]
 - American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations [AFL-CIO]
 - League of Women Voters
- Implementation
 - Fiscal year
 - Richard P. Nathan's view
 - Future costs
 - Compromise
 - Administration's response
 - Likelihood
 - Ribicoff proposal
 - Supporters of legislation
 - Timing
 - Richardson's view
 - Risks
 - Senate
 - Possible changes
 - Political considerations of HR 1
 - Ribicoff
 - Requirements
 - McGovern

Conv. No. 737-9 (cont.)

- Democratic convention
- Democrats
- Long
 - Senate bill
 - Introduction
- Democratic platform
 - Administration's response
- HR 1
 - McGovern
 - Issue
- Democrats
 - Democratic platform
 - Hearings
 - Wilbur D. Mills
 - Ribicoff
 - McGovern
 - Moynihan
 - McGovern
 - Hubert H. Humphrey's criticism
 - Ribicoff
 - Moynihan
 - Distinction with Administration
- Convention
- Provisions of current bill
 - Possible administration actions
 - Negotiations with Congress
- Possible compromises
 - Food stamps
 - Cost of living increases
 - Social Security taxes
 - Work incentives
 - Scope
 - Minimum wage protection
 - Support for states
 - Workfare programs
 - Long
 - Wallace F. Bennett

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The President's schedule

- Luis Echeverria Alvarez

Welfare

- Basis of decision
- HR 1
- McGovern

Stephen B. Bull entered and Ehrlichman, et al. left at 11:18 am

The President's schedule

- Forthcoming telephone call
- Forthcoming meeting with Echeverria

Bull left at an unknown time after 11:18 am.

Conv. No. 737-9 (cont.)
Conversation No. 737-3

Date: June 16, 1972

Time: Unknown between 11:18 and 11:22 am

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

The President's schedule

- Emilio Rabasa Mishkin
- William P. Rogers
- Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
- Ronald L. Ziegler
 - Possible photograph
 - South lawn
- Luis Echeverria Alvarez
- Photographs

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

Conversation No. 737-4

Date: June 16, 1972

Time: 11:22 am-12:26 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Luis Echeverria Alvarez, Emilio Rabasa Mishkin, Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Jr., and Donald F. Barnes.

Greetings

Introduction

Echeverria's schedule

- National Press Club appearance

Agenda for meeting

- US Latin American policies
- Soviet Union leaders
 - The President's observations

US-Mexican relations

- Press statements
 - US-Latin American relationship
 - Latin America
 - People's Republic of China [PRC]
 - Soviet Union
 - Echeverria's comments
 - National Press Club
 - Statement by Echeverria
 - US relations with PRC and Soviet Union
 - US relations with Mexico and Latin America
 - Echeverria's meetings with the President
 - New approach to Latin America
 - Echeverria's comments
 - US policy
 - Other Latin American governments
 - The President's meetings with Echeverria
- World attention on US and its policies
 - Peking trip
 - Moscow trip
 - Third World
 - US policies
 - Timing of Echeverria's visit
 - Importance
 - US-Mexican relations
 - Latin America
- US Congress
 - Address by Echeverria
- Relations between Mexico and the US
 - The President's view
 - Differences
 - Nature
- Echeverria's schedule
 - National Press Club
 - Organization of American States [OAS]
 - Mexican-American Chamber of Commerce in New York
 - Nelson A. Rockefeller's home
 - Chicago
 - San Antonio
 - Los Angeles
 - Report of meeting with the President
 - Talks with PRC and Soviet Leaders
 - Need for substance
 - Talks with other Latin American leaders
- Diplomatic slogans
 - PRC, Soviet Union visits
 - Latin America
 - US policies
 - The President's view
 - Echeverria's travels
 - New York, Chicago, San Antonio, Los Angeles
 - Mexico

- Latin America
- Solutions to problems
- Water salinity issue
 - Agreement on language
 - Press statements
 - Timing
 - Henry A. Kissinger
 - William J. Jordan
 - Ronald L. Ziegler's statement
 - References to salinity
- The President's relations with Mexican Presidents
 - Gustavo Diaz Ordaz
- The President's commitment on salinity
 - Settlement of issue
 - The President's view
 - Timing
 - Comparison to the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT]
 - The President's meetings with Leonid I. Brezhnev
- The President's trip to Soviet Union
 - Arms control
 - The President's view
 - Defensive weapons
 - Offensive weapons
 - New talks
 - Nuclear weapons
 - Conventional weapons
 - Agreements
 - Trade Commission
 - Joint cooperation in space
 - Environment
 - Health
 - Philosophical differences
 - Brezhnev, Aleksei N. Kosygin
 - The President's political philosophy

Conv. No. 737-9 (cont.)

Haig left at 11:58 am.

- US relations with PRC
 - Chou En-Lai, Mao Tse-Tung
 - Political philosophy
 - Basis for agreement
 - Comparison with Soviet Union
- Future foreign policy
 - PRC and Soviet Union
 - Foreign policies
 - The President's view
- PRC
 - Population
- Soviet Union
 - Military strength
 - Nuclear power

- PRC relations with US
 - Motives
- Soviet Union relations with US
 - Motives
- Communism
 - The President's view
- US role
 - US role in world affairs
 - International relations
 - Soviet Union
 - Brezhnev
 - PRC
 - Chou En-lai
 - Middle East
 - Latin America
- Communism
 - The President's view

Conv. No. 737-9 (cont.)

Haig entered at 12:05 pm.

- Communiqués
 - Peking, Moscow
 - Contents
 - Goals
 - Value
 - Brezhnev and Chou En-Lai
- Soviet foreign policy
 - Western Hemisphere
 - US response
- Vietnam War
 - Possible questions for Echeverria
 - The President's goal
 - Soviet Union role
 - North Vietnam
 - South Vietnam
 - Mexico's policy
 - Nonalignment
 - North Vietnamese invasion of South Vietnam
 - Soviet Union role
 - Ramifications
 - American credibility
 - US response
 - Soviet response to invasion
 - North Vietnamese motives for invasion
 - American resistance
 - Risks
- Reason for the President's trips
 - PRC
 - Soviet Union
 - US objectives
 - Korean War

- Vietnam War
- The President's initiatives with Soviet Union and PRC
- Soviet and Chinese responses

Echeverria's forthcoming appearance at the National Press Club

Mexican immigrants

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Gifts

- Emil ("Bus") Mosbacher, Jr.

Press

- Photographs
- South lawn

The President, et al. left at 12:26 pm.

Conversation No. 737-5

Date: June 16, 1972

Time: 12:33 - 2:38 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull and Vernon C. Coffey, Jr.

The President's schedule

- Ceremony for John Paul Vann
 - The President's remarks
 - Vann's wife
 - John A. Vann
- Press
- The President's remarks
- Arrangements
 - Family
 - Melvin R. Laird
 - William P. Rogers
 - Joseph W. Alsop
- Presentation
- Press

Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft entered at 12:33 pm.

Vann's funeral

- Press
- The President's remarks
 - Presentation of medal
- Vann's son
 - Draft card

- Presentation
 - Press coverage
 - Ronald L. Ziegler
 - Family reaction
 - The President's view

Bull, Coffey and Scowcroft left at 12:38 pm.

Conv. No. 737-9 (cont.)

Conversation No. 737-6

Date: June 16, 1972

Time: Unknown between 12:38 and 12:44 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull.

Funeral for John Paul Vann

- Draft card presentation
 - John A. Vann
- Arrangements
 - Photograph

Coffey left at an unknown time before 12:44 pm.

Conversation No. 737-7

Date: June 16, 1972

Time: 12:44-12:53 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Stephen B. Bull, John A. Vann, Justus Vann, Thomas Vann, Peter Vann, Frank Vann, Eugene Vann, Dorothy Vann Cadorette, Mary Jane Vann, William P. Rogers, Melvin R. Laird, Ronald L. Ziegler, Gen. Brent G. Scowcroft, Vernon C. Coffey, Jr., John K. Andrews, Jr., and Joseph W. Alsop.

Greetings

Introductions

- Family size

Medal of Freedom presentation

- John Paul Vann
 - Previous meeting with the President
 - Oval Office
 - Vietnam

- Alsop
- The President's view
- Personal qualities
- Death
 - The President's reaction
 - Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
- Congressional Medal of Honor
- Vietnam
 - South Vietnamese
 - Objectives of war
 - Marquis de Lafayette
- Press coverage

Conv. No. 737-9 (cont.)

Members of the press entered at an unknown time after 12:44 pm.

Presentation

- Introductions
 - Rogers
 - Laird
- Vietnam
 - War
- John Paul Vann
 - Meeting with the President
 - Personal qualities
 - Citation statement

Farewells

Members of the press and John A. Vann, et al., left at 12:53 pm.

Ceremony for Vann family

- Vann's son
 - Attitudes
 - Sources

The President's schedule

- Meeting with John D. Ehrlichman

Bull left at 12:53 pm

Conversation No. 737-8

Date: June 16, 1972

Time: Unknown between 12:53 and 12:56 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with an unknown person at an unknown time after 12:53 pm

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Request

-Consommé

Unknown person left at an unknown time before 12:56 pm.

Conversation No. 737-9

Date: June 16, 1972

Time: 12:56-1:35 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Rose Mary Woods.

Documents

-Files

John D. Ehrlichman entered at 12:57 pm.

Photographs

-Quality

Julie Nixon Eisenhower

Dinner for Luis Echeverria Alvarez

-After-dinner guests

-Time of invitation

-Don [Surname unknown], F. Donald Nixon [?]

Head of State Dinners

-Number of guests

-Invitations

-Value

-The President's view

-Woods's view

-Dinner for Echeverria

-White House staff

-Effect

- Woods's view
- Echeverria
- Receiving line
 - Length
- Don [Surname unknown]
- Lucy A. Winchester
 - Time of arrival of guests
- Guests in the White House
 - Arrangements
- Don [Surname unknown]
 - Previous visits to White House
- Presidential dinners
 - Receiving line
 - Seating arrangements
 - Conversations
- Handshaking
- Introductions
 - The President
- Guests
 - Rank
 - Charles W. Colson
 - Handshakes
- Difficulties
 - Don [Surname unknown]
- The President's view
- Guests
 - Conversation
 - Woods's view
 - Reception lines
 - Instructions
- Entertainment

Conv. No. 737-9 (cont.)

Woods left at 1:05 pm.

Busing

- Michigan
 - Detroit Free Press*
 - Headlines
 - President's position
 - Possible amendment
 - Robert P. Griffin
 - William G. Milliken
 - Statements to press
 - Constitutional amendments
 - Legislation
 - Wording
 - Stephen J. Roth
 - Pupil assignments
 - Griffin
 - Meeting with the President
 - Cabinet meeting

- Eliot L. Richardson
- Echeverria

Richardson

- Qualities
 - Caspar W. Weinberger

Conv. No. 737-9 (cont.)

Welfare reform

- The President's view
- Cabinet meeting
 - John J. Rhodes [?]
- Administration position

Richardson

- Dwight D. Eisenhower's administration
 - Assistant Secretary for Legislation
- Department of Health, Education, and Welfare [HEW]
 - Accomplishments
- Plans
 - Attorney General
 - Qualifications
 - Massachusetts
 - Supreme Court
 - Ehrlichman's view
 - Warren E. Burger
 - Jewish appointment
 - John Marshall Harlan
 - Hugo L. Black
 - Influence on court
- Pressures
 - Daniel P. ("Pat") Moynihan
 - Abraham A. Ribicoff
 - James D. Hodgson
- Welfare reform
 - George S. McGovern
 - Democratic convention
 - Timing

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1972 campaign

- Welfare
 - Democratic convention
 - Democratic Party platform

- Delegates
- Republican Party platform
 - Patrick J. Buchanan
 - William L. Safire
 - Draft proposals
 - Review
 - Controversy
 - Publicity
 - Hearings
- Democratic convention
 - Platform
 - Problems
 - Delegates
 - Welfare
 - Hearings
 - National Welfare Rights Organization
 - Amnesty issue

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Amnesty issue

- H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- Carl Sandburg
 - Abraham Lincoln
 - Policy
 - Terms
- Vietnam
- Conscientious objection
 - Alternate service
 - Terms
 - Community service

Welfare reform

- Richardson
 - Meeting with Ehrlichman
 - Statements
- Senate Finance Committee action
 - House Resolution [HR] 1
 - Senate Finance Committee staff
 - Ribicoff proposals
 - Administration action
- Ehrlichman's conversation with Richardson
 - Cabinet positions
 - Henry A. Kissinger
 - Secretary of State position
 - Defense Department

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1972 campaign

-Democrats

-George S. McGovern

-Nomination

-Mills E. Godwin

-Respect among other Governors

-Dan Martin

-John F. Kennedy Administration

-Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson

-Undersecretary of Transportation

-Democrats for Nixon

-Governor of Washington

-Southern California

-Previous conversation with John D. Ehrlichman

-Pepperdine University Board of Trustees

-Support for the President

-Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson

-Edmund S. Muskie

-Hubert H. Humphrey

-The President's opinion

-Delegates

-Democratic convention

-Inexperienced

-Political concerns

Alexander P. Butterfield entered at 1:25 pm.

The President's forthcoming flight

Haldeman entered at 1:26 pm.

Documents to sign

John B. Connally

-Telephone call to the President

George P. Shultz

-Review of material

-Price freeze

-C. Jackson Grayson, Jr.

-Alternatives

Irving Kristol's book

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Amount of money [?]
-Wire transfer [?]

-Secretary

The President, et al., left at 1:32 pm.