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**Tape Subject Log**  
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Conversation No. 423-14

Date: March 27, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 10:58 am and 11:07 am  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President [?] met with unknown people.

Inquiry  
-Gratitude

The unknown people left at an unknown time before 11:07 am.

Conversation No. 423-1

Date: March 27, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 10:58 am and 11:07 am  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person.

Request for call from John D. Ehrlichman [?]

Conversation No. 423-2

Date: March 27, 1973  
Time: 11:07 am - 11:08 am  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with John D. Ehrlichman.

[See Conversation No. 44-18]

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Conversation No. 423-3

Date: March 27, 1973

Time: 11:00 am - 1:30 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with John D. Ehrlichman.

Wounded Knee

- Incident status
- Plan for resolution
  - Kenneth R. Cole Jr.'s working group
    - Justice Department
    - Interior Department
- US Marshall
  - Wounds
    - Chances of survival
- Deterioration of situation
  - Indians, Blacks
    - Massive show of force
- Military action
  - Use of army
    - Fears
  - Estimate of losses
  - Public relations [PR] problems
    - Government explanation
  - Preparations
    - US Marshall
      - Wounding
      - Publicity
- Sniping
  - Dale K. ("Kent") Frizzell
    - Assistant Attorney General
    - Interior Department
  - US Marshall
  - Viciousness
- Meeting with Indians
  - Frizzell
- Handling of situation
  - White House staff involvement
    - Handling of PR

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- Advantages
- Long-run disadvantages
- Display of action
  - Ehrlichman's role
  - Leonard Garment
  - Talks with Indians
    - Ultimatum to Indians
    - PR foundation
    - Comparison with action on food prices
- Need for action
  - Risk of deaths
    - Indians, soldiers
  - Possible future armed occupations
    - Blacks, Chicanos

Price controls

- George P. Shultz's support
  - Talks with Labor Management Advisory Board
- Merits
  - Labor demands
  - Shultz
- Plan
  - Formulation
  - Guidelines
    - 90-day price freeze
    - Food
- President's statement
  - Press coverage
    - Vietnam report
  - International monetary situation
  - Phase III

President's accomplishments

- Perception of failure
  - Budget
    - Congress
  - Vietnam
    - November 3, 1969 speech
    - Laos
    - India-Pakistan War

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-*Newsweek, Time*

- Press relations
  - Nicholas P. Thimmesch
- Watergate

Press relations

- Vietnam
  - President's conversation with H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
  - Ronald L. Ziegler
    - Press briefings
  - Prisoners of war [POWs]
    - Release
      - People's Republic of China [PRC]
- President's actions
- Television [TV] news commentary
  - Walter L. Cronkite, Jr.
    - Laos
    - Release of POWs
    - Troop withdrawal

Domestic issues

- President's vetoes
  - Sustaining in Congress
    - Vote count
      - House of Representatives
    - Republican votes
      - Democrats
      - Cal B. Albert
    - Senate action
    - House of Representatives
    - President's speech
- Shultz
- Budget issues
  - Need for restraint
    - Support for Congress by public
    - Taxes
    - Prices
- Energy message from President
  - Arrangements
    - California

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- Fanfare
  - Briefings
    - Congress
    - Press
  - Trade message
  - Tax message
  - TV coverage
  - Charles J. DiBona
    - Work quality
- Tax issue
  - Shultz's testimony
  - Alternative minimum tax
- Trade bill
  - Jobs
  - Congress
  - Publicity
    - Statements
- Tax issue
  - President's announcement
    - Congress
    - Press coverage
  - Shultz's testimony
- Trade bill
  - Congress
  - White House domination of news
- Past tough battles

[A transcript of this conversation appears in RG 460, Box 175, p. 1-84.]

Ronald L. Ziegler entered at 11:30 am.

Sally Inge Buikema entered at an unknown time after 11:30 am.

- Sally Buikema's marriage
  - Manolo Sanchez's comment
    - Fina Sanchez
  - Husband
    - David Buikema
      - Sharp Electronics
- Residence

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-Delay

Mrs. Buikema left at an unknown time before 11:35 am.

[Transcribed portion continues.]

Henry A. Kissinger entered at 11:35 am.

[Transcribed portion ends.]

President's meeting with Corinne Boggs  
-Photograph

Ziegler left at 11:40 am.

Ziegler  
-Quality of work  
-Kissinger

[Transcribed portion continues.]

[Transcribed portion ends.]

Pierre E. Trudeau  
-Call to President  
-Canada's withdrawal from International Commission on Control and Security

[ICCS]

-Announcement of postponement

[Transcribed portion continues.]

Stephen B. Bull left.

[Transcribed portion ends.]

Prime Minister Pierre E. Trudeau talked with the President between 12:05 pm and 12:10 pm.

[See Conversation No. 44-19]

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

[National security]  
[Duration: 4m 49 s]

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[This portion of the conversation was transcribed and entered as part of government exhibit 17 in U.S. v. Mitchell, et al., pp. 00313-00317].

[End transcribed portion.]

President's speech

- Draft
  - Release
  - Veto
- Wage and price controls
  - George P. Shultz
  - Meeting with President
  - Trade
- Budget
  - Amount of discussion
  - Poor
- Cost of living
- President's schedule
- Preparation

Rogers C. B. Morton

- Meeting with Ehrlichman

[Transcribed portion continues.]

[Transcribed portion ends.]

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Stephen B. Bull entered at 1:16 pm.

Vocational Rehabilitation Bill  
-President's statement

Bull left at 1:17 pm.

Budget issue  
-President's action  
-Credit with public  
-President's speech  
-Bureaucrats  
-Congressional relations  
-Conflict over priorities  
-Defense spending

[Transcribed portion continues.]

[Transcribed portion ends.]

Watergate  
-Medals  
-Purple heart  
-Rogers  
-Consultation with Henry A. Kissinger

Ehrlichman and Haldeman left at 1:30 pm.

Conversation No. 423-4

Date: March 27, 1973  
Time: 1:31 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with the White House operator.

[See also Conversation 44-24]



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Conversation No. 423-5

Date: March 27, 1973  
Time: 1:31 pm - 1:32 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with Tricia Nixon Cox.

[See also Conversation No. 44-25]

Conversation No. 423-6

Date: March 27, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 1:32 pm and 2:57 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Refreshment

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

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Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:57 pm..

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Conversation No. 423-7

Date: March 27, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 1:32 pm and 2:57 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President dictated a memorandum for the file.

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[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Dictation  
-Executive Office Building [EOB]  
-Time of day

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

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Conversation No. 423-8

Date: March 27, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 1:32 pm and 2:57 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with Manolo Sanchez.

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[Begin segment reviewed under deed of gift]

Items for private file

[End segment reviewed under deed of gift]

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Conversation No. 423-8 (cont'd)

Sanchez left at an unknown time before 2:57 pm.

Conversation No. 423-9

Date: March 27, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 3:18 pm and 3:27 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with an unknown person.

President's schedule

Conversation No. 423-10

Date: March 27, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 3:18 pm and 3:27 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

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

President's meeting with William P. Rogers  
-Telephone call

Haldeman left at an unknown time before 3:27 pm..

Conversation No. 423-11

Date: March 27, 1973  
Time: Unknown between 3:27 pm and 4:16 pm  
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with William P. Rogers.

Weather

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Work preferences

- Writing
- Seating
- Speech writing
  - Preliminary drafts

President's public statement

- Food prices

National defense

- Rogers's speech draft
  - Press conference
- Post-Vietnam era
  - Resistance
    - Sabotage
  - Dealings with Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
- Rogers's speech
  - Reduction of forces
    - President's accomplishments
- Reduction of arms
  - Danger of war

Watergate

- Handling
  - Pressures
- Ramifications
- Charges of cover-up
- White House staff
  - Haldeman, Ehrlichman, John W. Dean, III
  - Need to clear up charges
    - Possible damage
- Resolution of problem
- Campaign intelligence
  - Legitimate activities
  - Illegal activities
    - Adverse publicity
    - Donald H. Segretti case
      - Haldeman, Dwight L. Chapin
- Public perceptions

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- Protection of President
- Liability
  - Obstruction of justice
- Criminal acts
  - Scope
  - Cover-up
- Resolution
- Independent commission
  - Courts
  - Deficiencies
    - Delays
    - Uniqueness
    - Structure and establishment
  - Rogers's role
  - Ehrlichman
  - Dean
  - Haldeman
  - Richard G. Kleindienst
  - J. Edgar Hoover [?]
- Strategy
  - John J. Sirica
  - Full disclosure of evidence and testimony
  - Special Grand Jury
  - Special prosecutor
  - Waiver of executive prosecutor
- Dean
  - Testimony
    - Guidelines
  - Investigation
    - Release
    - Scope
  - Confidentiality
  - Knowledge of Watergate
- Ervin Committee
  - Attacks on character
  - Availability of raw files from Justice Department
  - Congressional committees
    - Alger Hiss case
    - "5-percenter" case
    - Gen. [first name unknown] Myers

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- John [last name unknown]
- Hiss case
  - Obstacles
    - Editorials
  - Statute of limitations
  - Perjury charges
    - Justice Department's reluctance to prosecute
- Criminal complaints
  - Court hearings
  - Congressional committees
- Ervin Committee
  - Motives of Ervin
  - Cooperation of White House
  - Delays in hearings
- Grand jury
  - Informal hearings
  - Negotiations
- Public perceptions
  - Presidential cover-up
    - Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]
      - Attorney General
    - Respect of Grand Jury
- Ervin Committee
  - Secret testimony
- White House staff
  - John N. Mitchell
  - President's talks with Haldeman, Ehrlichman and Charles W. Colson during election
    - Mention of Watergate
  - Surprise at break-in
    - Haldeman
    - Ehrlichman
- Break-in
  - Reasons
    - Mitchell
    - G. Gordon Liddy
      - Intelligence
    - Discussion
    - Dean's opposition
    - Implementation

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- Instigator
  - Jeb Stuart Magruder
  - Pressure from White House
- Mitchell
- Democratic National Committee [DNC]
- Mitchell
  - Role in break-in
  - Perjury
- Aftermath
  - Clemency promises
  - Colson
  - Financial help for burglars
  - Cover-up
  - Avoidance
- Grand jury
- Sirica
- Special panel
- Executive session
- Strategy
  - Full disclosure
  - James W. McCord Jr.'s statement
  - Charges
  - Delay
- McCord
  - Charges
- Executive privilege use
  - Criminal charges
- Kleindienst
  - Knowledge of Watergate
- Sirica
  - Harshness of sentences
  - Liddy
  - Purpose
  - Party affiliation
  - Contact with Rogers
- Ehrlichman
- Vietnam
- Charges
- McCord's statement
- Special prosecutor

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- Kleindienst's view
- Kleindienst's cooperation
- Cooperation of White House

Public relations

- Ehrlichman's advice
  - Wounded Knee
  - Use of troops
  - President on television [TV]
- Vietnam settlement
- Distractions
- Underestimation of President
- Vietnam in November 1969
- 1970 Cambodia
- India-Pakistan War of 1971
- May 8, 1972 decision in Vietnam

Economy

- Food prices
- George P. Shultz
  - Inflation rates
    - Great Britain
    - France
    - Germany
    - Japan
  - Vietnam settlement
- President's conversation with Pierre E. Trudeau

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[National security]

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Vietnam War

- Press coverage
  - President's troubles
  - President's unreasonableness

Public relations [PR]

- Economy
- Foreign policy
- Budget
- President's vetoes
- Support in Congress
- Ehrlichman
- President's public appearances
  - Use of TV

Watergate

- Obsession of Washington, DC
- Attitude of rest of nation
- Administration's stance
  - Full disclosure
  - Ronald L. Ziegler
- Grand jury
  - Judge
- Administration's stance
  - Full disclosure
    - Sirica
    - Kleindienst
    - FBI
    - White House staff
  - Use of special prosecutor
- Sirica
  - Harshness of sentences
- Grand jury
  - Ervin Committee hearings
    - Sherman Adams
    - Dean
    - Criminal charges

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-Compared with Lyndon B. Johnson

Robert D. ("Bobby") Baker

-Sherman Adams

-Impact on Dwight D. Eisenhower's health

-President's role in resignation

-Spiro T. Agnew

-Adams' behavior

-Eisenhower's reaction

-Role in White House

-Ehrlichman

-Haldeman

-Henry A. Kissinger [?]

-Dwight L. Chapin

-Dean

-Special panel

-President's opposition

-Ehrlichman's support

-Republicans

Rogers left at 4:16 pm.

Conversation No. 423-12

Date: March 27, 1973

Time: Unknown between 4:16 pm and 4:20 pm

Location: Executive Office Building

The President talked with unknown person.

Instruction [?]

Conversation No. 423-13

Date: March 27, 1973

Time: 4:20 pm – 5:20 pm

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Conversation No. 423-13 (cont'd)

Location: Executive Office Building

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

Weather

Watergate

- Richard G. Kleindienst
  - Meeting with John D. Ehrlichman
  - Postponement
- John W. Dean, III
- John N. Mitchell
  - Talk with Haldeman
  - Lawrence F. O'Brien
    - Jeb Stuart Magruder's testimony
  - Talked with Dean
    - Dean's testimony before grand jury
  - Appearance before grand jury
- John J. Sirica
  - Call
  - William P. Rogers
  - Dean
- Independent commission
  - Advantages
  - Problem
    - Exaggeration of case
  - President's discussion with Rogers
  - Ehrlichman
- Importance of case
  - Other stories
    - Ronald L. Ziegler
    - Prisoners of war [POWs] release
    - News reports

POWs

- Patriotism

Watergate

- Rogers's advice
- Ehrlichman

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- Statement by President
- Value
  - Washington Post*
- Public statement by President
  - Impact
- Lyndon B. Johnson
  - Walter Jenkins
    - Homosexuality
  - Robert D. ("Bobby") Baker
  - Abe Fortas
- Sirica
- Independent commission
  - Mitchell's opinion
    - Dean appearance before grand jury
- Dean
  - Testimony to grand jury
- Magruder's testimony
- Ehrlichman
  - Dealings with L. Patrick Gray, III

Ehrlichman

- Vacation
- Return to Washington

Haldeman talked with Dean at an unknown time between 4:20 pm and 4:57 pm.

[Conversation No. 423-13A.]

[See Conversation No. 44-27]

[End of telephone conversation]

Watergate

- Grand jury
  - Dean's plans
    - Written statements
  - Report from Henry E. Peterson
- Mitchell
  - Call from F. Lee Bailey
    - Representation of James W. McCord, Jr.

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- Bernard Fensterwald
  - Meeting with McCord and Sirica
  - Gerald Alch
  - President as target of case
- Fensterwald
  - Edward M. ("Ted") Kennedy
  - Senator Committee
  - Russell B. Long
- McCord
  - Naming of White House staff in Watergate
  - Magruder and Dean
  - Revelations
  - Disclosure
  - Investigation of Kennedy
  - Involvement
- Kennedy
  - Investigation
- Magruder
  - Legitimate intelligence activities
  - Washington Post* stories
- Dramatic steps by President
  - Necessity
  - Dean's advice
  - Ehrlichman's advice
- McCord
- Howard H. Baker, Jr.
  - Criticism of Commission counsel's conduct
  - News reports
- Fensterwald
- McCord
  - Source of funds
- Mitchell
  - Magruder
- Independence commission
  - Rogers's opposition
- President's public statement
  - Comments on Mitchell
  - Charles W. Colson's advice
  - Executive privilege
- Executive privilege

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- Uses
  - Pre-June 17, 1972
- Testimony to Congress
- Criminal case
  - Justice Department's jurisdiction
- Mitchell's interpretation
- Kleindienst
  - Call to Sirica
    - Special counsel
    - Sirica's plans
    - Cooperation of White House staff

The President talked with Julie Nixon Eisenhower between 4:57 pm and 4:58 pm.

[Conversation No. 423-13-B]

[See Conversation No. 44-28]

[End of telephone conversation]

Watergate

- White House staff
  - Cooperation with courts
- Clemency
  - President's opposition
- Dean's investigation
- Ziegler's statement
  - Grand jury appearances
  - Sirica's agreement
- Ervin Committee
  - William P. Rogers
  - Jurisdiction over criminal cases
- Colson
  - Advice on issue
- Ervin Committee
  - Need to neutralize

Haldeman talked with Colson at an unknown time between 4:48 pm and 5:20 pm.

[Conversation No. 423-13C]

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[See Conversation No. 44-30]

[End of telephone conversation]

Watergate

- Special prosecutor
  - Colson's opposition
- James W. McCord Jr.'s charges
  - Substance
  - Administration overreaction

Haldeman talked with an unknown person at an unknown time between 4:57 pm and 5:20 pm.

[Conversation No. 423-13D]

Haldeman's schedule

[End of telephone conversation]

Watergate

- White House
  - Cooperation with investigators
  - Compared with Warren Commission
- Colson
- Mitchell
- Dean
  - Role in Watergate
  - Comment about McCord
    - Implication of Mitchell, Magruder
- Magruder
  - Former White House job
  - Herbert G. Klein
- Colson
- Mitchell

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