

Date: February 8, 1972
Time: 3:15 pm - 5:06 pm
Location: Executive Office Building

The President met with John B. Connally, Robert S. McNamara, and Henry A. Kissinger; the White House photographer and members of the press were present at the beginning of the meeting.

Seating

Cartoons

- Russell B. Long
- The President's visit to the Harry S. Truman Library in 1969
- Lyndon B. Johnson Library

Asian subcontinent

- Political problems
 - Pakistan, India, Nepal, Ceylon, Bangladesh
 - Ceylon
 - Sirmavo Bandaranaike
 - International Monetary Fund [IMF] and World Bank
 - Insurgency
 - Relationship with World Bank
 - Performance

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CEYLON

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- Cabinet
 - Communists
- Military operations
- Detention camps
 - Numbers
- Military operations
- Instability
- Nepal

- Stability
 - Dependence on India
- PRC
- Advantages to geographic location
- Economy
 - US aid
 - Bi-lateral
- Rupee situation
- McNamara's talk with [Kirti Nedhi Bista]
 - Chou En-lai
 - India
 - Aid
- Pakistan
 - Zulfikar Ali Bhutto
 - Intelligence
 - University of California, Berkeley
 - Compared to unknown person
 - Ambition
 - Interests
 - US
 - Unrest
 - Student
 - Frontier problems
 - Northwest
 - Territory seized in war with India
 - Repatriation of prisoners
 - Performance in India-Pakistan War
 - Pakistani army
 - 1965 war
 - USSR
 - Amount of aid to India
 - US support
 - Amount for India
 - McNamara's previous conversation with Bhutto
 - Bhutto
 - Political prospects
 - Pakistani army
 - Mujibar Rahman
 - Karachi
 - Recognition of Bangladesh
 - Bulgaria
 - Australia
 - New Zealand
 - Great Britain
 - Political prospects
- Bangladesh
 - Destruction caused by India-Pakistan War
 - McNamara's talk with Mujibar Rahman
 - Deaths

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SOUTH ASIA

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- Emotional content of war
 - Rahman
 - Tone of meeting with McNamara
- Arms shipments to Pakistan
- Attitude toward US
- Aid programs
 - India
 - McNamara's talk with Indira Gandhi
 - The President's forthcoming trip to the PRC
 - Importance
 - US aid to Pakistan
 - Military
 - Airplanes
 - PRC aid to Pakistan
 - Soviet aid
 - US interests
 - Number of USSR arms
 - State of the population
 - Standard of living
 - Bangladesh
 - United Nations [UN] involvement
 - Aid
 - Sources
 - Belgium, Britain
 - Quantity
 - From US
 - Funds
 - Amounts
 - Kissinger's call to unknown person
 - Unknown ambassador
 - Pakistan
 - Rescheduling debt
 - McNamara's talk with Bhutto
 - Allocation of resources

- US steps
 - Humanitarian aid
 - Military-political aid
 - Benefits
 - Raising revenues [?]
 - Economic aid
 - Benefits
 - Probable results
 - Diplomacy
 - Benefits
 - Special contact
 - Emissary
 - Quiet contact
 - Accomplishments of aid
- India
 - Accomplishments of quiet contacts
 - McNamara's advice to Gandhi
 - The President's contacts with Gandhi
 - Congressional problems
 - Presidential power
 - Sub-continent potential
 - Aid program
 - Possible results
 - President's support
 - Political support
 - Diplomacy in India
 - UN
 - Humanitarian aid
 - Refugees
 - Return to Bangladesh
 - Problems
 - Gandhi
 - Lakshmi Kant Jha
 - Kenneth B. Keating
 - Triloki Nath Kaul's relationship with USSR
 - Kissinger's previous and future conversations with Jha [?]
 - Forthcoming world report
 - McNamara contacts
 - Need for quiet diplomacy
 - Bilateral us aid bill
 - Reinstatement
 - British
 - Japanese
 - Quiet aid
 - Consortium for aid
 - US participation
 - Timing
 - Amount of money involved
 - Humanitarian aspect
 - Recommendation of McNamara

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- PRC
 - Attitudes towards Bangladesh
 - Gandhi
 - US participation
 - British
 - Announcement
 - PRC
 - USSR
 - Bangladesh
 - Pragmatism
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- Bangladesh
 - Emissary
 - PRC trip
 - Counsel
 - UN
 - Benefits
 - Identity
 - Qualifications
 - India
 - Aid programs
 - The President's possible involvement
 - Reactions
 - Bangladesh
 - Press conference question
 - Emissary
 - Identity
 - Unknown person
 - Familiarity with area
 - PRC
 - Possible attitude
 - US, India, USSR
 - Possible confrontation between Chou En-lai and Bhutto
 - India
 - Jha
 - Kaul
 - Compared to Egon Bahr
 - Previous US aid
 - Magnitude
 - History of US aid
 - Results
 - US commitment
 - British aid
 - Japanese aid
 - Nature of aid agreement
 - Normalization of relations
 - Role of aid in halting USSR expansion
 - Iran
 - Pakistan, India, Ceylon, Nepal
 - Concerns
 - Nepal

- Chou En-lai
 - Need for a relationship with India
- PRC reaction
 - Relationship with India and the USSR
 - Effect on US-PRC relations
- Geopolitics
- PRC position
 - Attitudes
- USSR position
 - Attitudes
- Chinese qualities
- Indian position
- Goals
 - Bangladesh
 - Context of larger picture
 - Possible scenarios
 - Humanitarianism
 - British
- Need for discussion
- Later discussion

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McNamara and Kissinger left at 4:20 pm.

Qualifications of McNamara

McNamara evaluation

- Objectivity
- John Petty
- Paul A. Volcker
- Humanitarian angle
- Trade
- Aid
 - Expenditure of resources
 - Amount
 - President's upcoming trip to PRC
 - Possible meeting with Antonio Ortiz Mena
- President's instructions
 - Connally's role
 - Connally's upcoming conversation with Ortiz Mena
 - Latin America

Chile situation

- Pressure
- Arguments
 - Foreign minister
- Economy
 - Expropriations
- US aid
 - Effect
 - Subsidizing communization of Chile

- USSR aid
 - USSR economy
 - USSR requests for credits from US
 - Developing resources
 - Amount
- Extent of Chile's needs
- Desire for support
- Chilean elections
 - Salvador Allende Gossens
 - Effect of US aid
 - Potential problems
 - Paris
- Argentina
 - Gen. Juan Domingo Péron
 - The President's talk with Lt. Gen. Alejandro A. Lanusse, February 7, 1972
 - Connally's schedule
 - Upcoming meeting with Finance Minister
 - Alternatives to aid
 - World Bank
 - International Monetary Fund [IMF]
 - American business in Argentina
 - Unknown US company
 - Benefits to Argentina
 - Pérons
 - Qualifications
 - European influence
 - Economy
 - Compared to Italy before World War II
- Uruguay
 - Meat imports
- Latin American capability
 - Effect of subsidization

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Congressional strategy

- Trade bill
 - Timing
- Japan and European community
 - Status
- Communiqué from Kissinger
 - Georges J.R. Pompidou
- Trade negotiations
 - France
 - Potential problems
 - European community
 - PRC
 - Canada
 - US position
 - End of negotiations
 - Canadian elections
 - Timing

- Offers
 - Canadian initiatives
 - Discussions with State Department, Kissinger, Peter M. Flanigan, Department of Commerce
 - Maurice H. Stans's opinion
 - Previous conversation with Connally
 - Canadian strategy
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- Bill presentation
 - Status of negotiations
 - Connally view
 - William P. Rogers
 - Committee-Administration relations
 - Canada talks
 - Melvin R. Laird
 - Connally's upcoming conversation with Laird
 - Timing
 - Defense agreements with Canada
 - Status
 - McNamara
 - Canadian surplus
 - Laird
 - Canadian desires
 - Connally comparisons
 - Connally's opinion
 - Future of US power
 - Military compared to economic power
 - Particular time in US history
 - Economy
 - Basis for future decisions
 - France
 - Arthur F. Burns
 - Dollar drop
 - Convertibility of the dollar
 - Wage and price controls
 - US economic strength
 - Defense of the dollar
 - Possible effectiveness
 - French desires
 - Gen. Charles A.J.M. de Gaulle
 - Feelings toward currency policy
 - Bill presentation
 - Explanation of problems
 - The President's credibility
 - Quality of package
 - Canada
 - Congressional opinions
 - Japan
 - Administration strategy
 - Canada
 - Europe

- Slight setbacks for the Administration
- Prospects of success in talks
- Administration goals
 - Seeking progress
- State department opinion
 - Diplomacy
 - Continuation of fair treatment
 - Progress
 - Canada
 - Rogers's opinion
 - Connally's opinion

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Ronald L. Ziegler entered at 4:40 pm.

- President's schedule
 - Announcements
 - Foreign policy report
 - Timing
 - Upcoming briefing
 - Gerald L. Warren

Ziegler left at 4:42 pm.

Connally's schedule

Rogers's schedule

- President's schedule
 - Volunteers dinner
 - Timing

BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 2

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- Connally's schedule
 - George Washington's birthday celebration in Laredo
 - Proximity to Mexico
 - Golf
 - Acapulco
 - Houston

- Connally's upcoming speeches to mortgage bankers' convention and the Santa Gertrudis Association
- Stock show
- Attendance

The President's schedule
-William F. ("Billy") Graham

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 3
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- The President's schedule
- Length of stay
 - Connally's schedule
 - Abilene Christian University
 - Past visit
 - Crowds

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BEGIN WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5
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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 5

- The President's schedule
 - Abilene
 - Location
 - Religious community
 - Benefits
 - California

- Connally's schedule
 - Press event
 - John W. Chancellor
 - Headliners*
 - Eva Gabor
 - Miss World
 - Houston
 - Colorado
 - Boston
 - Crowd reception

- The President's schedule
 - California
 - Need to maintain contacts
 - Difficulties

- Connally's schedule
 - Reception in Fort Worth, Texas
 - Chief Justice of Texas Supreme Court

-Connally's upcoming speech to the Santa Gertrudis Association
-Houston

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END WITHDRAWN ITEM NO. 9

Santa Gertrudis cattle

- Origin of name
 - Creek
 - King Ranch
- Mexican tradition

Value added tax [VAT] memorandum

- John D. Ehrlichman
- Receipt by President
- Property tax
 - Benefits
- Tax strategy
 - Edmund S. Muskie
- Tone of memorandum
 - Ehrlichman
 - New York Times*
- Ways and Means Committee
 - George P. Shultz
- Loopholes
- Administration strategy
 - Tax bill
- Connally's talk with the President at San Clemente

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The President and Connally left at 5:06 pm.