

Date: October 8, 1971  
Time: 10:58 am - 12:12 pm  
Location: Oval Office

The President met with John D. Ehrlichman.

- Central Intelligence Agency [CIA] classified documents
  - Ehrlichman's previous meeting with Richard M. Helms
    - Ngo Dinh Diem
  - Helms's relationship with Presidents
    - Desire for meeting with the President
  - Ehrlichman's request for documents
    - Helms response
      - Cables and summaries
      - John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson
      - Democrats
      - Helms view
  - Declassification possibilities
    - Charles w. Colson
    - William H. Rehnquist
    - Ehrlichman
    - CIA responsibility
    - The President's view
    - CIA responsibility
  - Bay of Pigs invasion
    - CIA position
    - Problems
  - Helms
    - Possible replacements
      - Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters
  - Reason for the president's desire for documents
    - Declassification
    - Ehrlichman's rationale to helms
      - Forthcoming negotiations
        - Cuban missile crisis
          - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [USSR]
  - Diem
    - Questions at press conferences
    - Desire for facts
    - Life* magazine
      - E. Howard Hunt, Jr.
      - Helms
    - Edward M. Kennedy
    - Colson
  - CIA

Helms entered at 11:06 am.

Law enforcement

- John n. Mitchell
  - J. Edgar Hoover
    - John B. Connally
    - justice department
    - Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]
    - CIA
    - Defense department
    - Cooperation
      - Theodore S. (“Ted”) Williams
    - FBI

#### CIA classified documents

- Purpose for the President receiving documents
- Cuban situation
  - USSR
    - Negotiations
    - Ellsworth F. Bunker
- "Dirty tricks"
  - The President’s knowledge and support
  - Iran
  - Guatemala
  - Bay of Pigs
    - Dwight D. Eisenhower
      - Planning
    - John F. Kennedy
      - CIA
        - Allen W. Dulles
        - Plan
          - The President’s view
          - Fidel Castro
- Purpose
- Pentagon papers
  - Significance of leak
  - Lyndon B. Johnson
  - Chilean election
- The President's reasons of wanting documents
  - Ehrlichman and Helms
  - Pentagon papers
    - Vietnam
      - Diem
        - Questions
        - Eisenhower
        - Lyndon Johnson
        - John Kennedy
        - Nixon
- The President's intention to protect intelligence gathering
  - Protection for predecessor presidents
    - CIA directors
      - FBI
        - Hoover

- The President's assurances
- CIA
  - Operations
    - The President's view
- The President's need to be fully informed
  - People's Republic of China [PRC]
  - USSR
    - Berlin
  - Henry A. Kissinger
  - Importance
  - State department
  - Soviets
  - Chinese
- Chile
  - Funds
    - Need to be fully informed
- Need to be fully informed
  - The President's knowledge
    - CIA
    - Pentagon Papers
      - Lyndon Johnson
      - John Kennedy
    - Relationship between the President and the Director of CIA
- Diem
  - The President's knowledge
  - Henry Cabot lodge
  - Vietnam
  - The President's need for information
    - Ehrlichman
      - Domestic council
      - Hoover
    - Vietnam, Laos, Kent State, Cambodia
    - John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, Eisenhower
- The President's regard for the institution of the Presidency
- The President's need for information
  - Purpose
  - Pentagon Papers
    - Effect of the President
  - John Kennedy
  - Lyndon Johnson
- Developments
  - Chile
- Political implications
  - Republicans
  - Democrats
    - Hubert h. Humphrey
    - Edward Kennedy
      - Prisoners of War [POW] comments
    - Humphrey
    - George Meany

- Edward Kennedy forces
- Lyndon Johnson
- Situation
  - Ehrlichman
  - Diem
    - John A. McCone
      - Helms position
      - Marshall S. Carter
    - Helms's review of documents
    - Types of documents
      - McCone's documents
        - Secretary of State
        - Defense department
        - John Kennedy
- The President's need for information
  - “Dirty tricks”
  - Vietnam War
  - The President's view
    - Press conference
  - John Kennedy
    - Bay of Pigs
- Declassification problem
  - Lyndon Johnson
- The President's decision regarding Nguyen Van Thieu

Stephen B. Bull entered at an unknown time after 11:06 am.

The president's schedule

Bull left at an unknown time before 11:34 am.

- Diem
- Thieu
- Bay of Pigs
- The President's schedule
  - Connally
  - Herbert Stein
  - George P. Shultz
  - Paul W. McCracken
  - Connally
  - [Unintelligible name]
  - Spiro T. Agnew

Ehrlichman and Helms left at 11:34 am.