

719-12 NARA Tape Log

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Conversation No. 719-12

Date: May 4, 1972

Time: 12:03 pm - 12:22 pm

Location: Oval Office

The President met with Mr. and Mrs. L[ouis] Patrick Gray III.

J. Edgar Hoover

- Eulogy by the President
- Gray's view

Mrs. Gray

- Greetings

Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]

- Gray's nomination
 - John D. Ehrlichman's efforts
 - Announcement
 - Press coverage
 - President's support
 - Permanent nomination

The White House photographer entered at an unknown time after 12:03 pm.

- Statement for press
 - Mrs. Gray's statements

The photographer left at an unknown time before 12:22 pm.

- Gray's meeting with FBI officials
 - Location
 - Gray's remarks
 - Intentions
 - Hoover legacy
 - W. Mark Felt's report
- Gray's nomination
 - Timing
 - Forthcoming presidential election
 - Press questions
 - Political connections with the President
 - Response

- Friendship between the President and Gray
- Response
- President's relationship with Hoover
- Gray's admiration of President
- Gray's work with the President
 - National Security Council [NSC]
 - Adm. Arthur W. Radford
 - Relationship with the President
 - Contrast with Hoover
- President's relationship with Hoover
 - Closeness
 - Comparison with Gray
 - Professional relationship
 - NSC
 - Justice Department
 - Contrast with Hoover friendship
 - William P. Rogers
 - Compared with the President's relationship with Dwight D. Eisenhower
 - First-name basis
 - Statements for press
 - Press
 - Attitude toward Hoover
 - Hoover's attitude
 - Richard E. Berlin
 - President's advice for Gray
 - Proper attitude
 - Allen S. Drury
 - James Keogh
 - Edith Efron
 - Hoover's relations
 - Dealings with detractors
 - Judgment
 - Gray's relationship
 - Directorship
 - Proper management style
 - The President's view
 - Confirmation hearings issues
 - Civil rights
 - Law and order
 - Repression
 - Hoover
 - Communism
 - Directorship
 - Clyde A. Tolson
 - Resignation
 - First steps

- Press tour
- Meetings with special agents
 - President's appearance
 - Time
 - Stephen B. Bull, Dwight L. Chapin
- Tour of FBI offices
 - Purpose
 - Time
- Meeting with police officer

Press

- The President's view
- President's relationship with
 - Conflicts
- Attitude
 - Allusion in President's eulogy
- Gray
 - Ronald L. Ziegler
 - Dan Rather
 - Questions regarding Gray's speech
 - The President's view
- Hoover's attitude toward Columbia Broadcasting System [CBS]
 - John W. Chancellor
 - The President's view
 - Dan Rather
 - The President's view
 - Dealings with CBS
 - American Broadcasting Company [ABC]
 - Howard K. Smith
 - CBS, Rather
 - Gray's dealings
- Gray's public appearances
 - Television appearances
 - The President's advice
 - Ziegler's advice
 - Speeches
 - Dealings with press
 - Press conferences
 - Advice from Ziegler, Ehrlichman, H. R. ("Bob") Haldeman
- Hoover attitude toward CBS
- Time-Life, Newsweek*
 - Gray's dealings
 - The President's advice
 - Hugh S. Sidey
 - Dislike of FBI
- New York Times*

- Pentagon Papers
- President's advice
- Mrs. Gray
 - Interview with Bonnie Angelo
 - Sidey
 - Political work
 - Separation of FBI from politics
 - The President's view
 - Hoover

Gray's appreciation

Mr. and Mrs. Gray left at 12:22 pm.