

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.