The following tape log was prepared by the National Archives and Records Administration:

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.