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Thursday, August 6.

Loaded day - Deputy Prime Minister of Australia, Cabot Lodge back from Vatican, Governor of Guam, Senator Prouty, DDE stamp, Georgia integration committee, Posthumous Medal of Honor, Foreign Minister of Spain, capped by two hours with group of Southerners in to bitch about Administration shift to the left. Plus several meetings with staff, couple with me, then dinner on *Sequoia* with VP, Finch, Harlow, Mitchell, Rogers Morton and me regarding politics.

Got into East Wing problems, first time in months. Pat Nixon complaining about Connie Stuart and press handling, Rose likewise. A few specifics. Wants me to step in and handle.

Discussed trip schedule. Looks like a definite trip to Europe in September - including Yugoslavia, unless we get a Moscow Summit. Also Heath here in San Clemente in August or September, plus Mexico. Lots of activity.

Back on the speechwriter kick - still looking for the guy.

Back on veto question - wants more staff work to try to arrive at a conclusion as to recommendation specifically. Then President will meet again with group tomorrow.

Came out of Southern group meeting all cranked up regarding need to get rid of bad guys in Departments. They obviously gave him book, chapter and verse on all the horrors. So he reacts by issuing orders to withdraw HUD letter regarding "open communities", get a good new head of Office of Education, get rid of State Department sabbaticals, get Hampton and Civil Service to bust up the locked-in Liberals, fire all the Departmental demonstrators, etc.

I had a tiff with Kissinger today regarding my involvement with Bill Rogers in his desire to stop some adverse (to State) actions about AID and international economic policy. He'd called me to see President, and I was in the middle of checking it out. Kissinger upset, but we talked it out satisfactorily. He's just obsessed with conviction Rogers is out to get him and to sabotage all our systems and our foreign policy.