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Monday, August 10.

Decided to go ahead with Labor Day dinner as a buffet supper - to get in all national union heads, then do military tattoo on lawn after.

Some strong staff objection to going South. Finch on political grounds that it puts integration blame directly on President, Harlow on practical grounds that President will back off too much. Odd because each is opposite of what the guy feels. President decided to go anyway - as Dent, LaRue, most Southerners except Holshouser agreed.

President called Mitchell at ABA and told him to blast the 100 volunteer lawyers going into South to ride herd on integration. Said to call it gratuitous insult, harmful effects, is sending vigilantes, hit on give our citizens committees a chance, don't let Northerners get away with pious hypocritical attitude - say they should clean up their own section first before they point the finger at another.

Wants to go out for a ride with Julie this afternoon, and Ziegler is not to be told - no press to follow. Still mad about fiasco at Yorba Linda and wants to be able to escape now and then.

Some talk with President and Kissinger regarding plans for European trip. Generally decided not to try for Moscow Summit until next summer. Go for mini-Summit in United States at time of UN anniversary. President not happy with Kissinger idea of Camp David so I suggested Key Biscayne which went over very well. Also considered San Clemente, but too far.

For Europe - will consider NATO at the Hague, then Belgrade, Morocco, Naples to see 6th Fleet, Madrid, Pope?, Britain and Ireland. President raised idea of Cairo to resume relations - Kissinger said no. President then said Israel, play it big and let somebody shoot us.

Later, back to idea of Weber as tough guy on personnel. President afraid he won't really have his heart in it politically. Talked about John Gardner's new coalition deal - wants us to plant some people, then have them pull out later with big blast.



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Ruminating regarding college students - surprised how many are with us in spite of professors so strong against. Thinks we can neutralize more of the anti's by neutralizing their issues. They have to have something to raise hell about, so divert the hell-raising to a direction away from us. Dope problem is still the really disturbing one.