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Things back on a more even keel as Jordan seems to calm down a bit. President did have one meeting at noon with the key group - but no excitement, and no intrusions by Kissinger except for one to show me how State had pulled out two paragraphs of a cable to forward, and omitted one paragraph that they didn't like. President asked me to talk with Haig to say that regardless of their feelings, he and Kissinger must work closely with Sisco and must not be petulant.

President highly amused by Mulcahy and Moore's insistence that he bring King Timahoe to Ireland. Wants to work out a way to do it so he won't have to ride in the hold. Very upset by Klein trip to Europe, feels he should be here at this time. Has decided to read more cables and get a direct reading of reports, instead of strained through Kissinger's operation.

Still pushing on daily action regarding crime and students. At leaders meeting today he announced 1,000 additional FBI agents. Now wants to mail out Hoover's campus letter with his cover. Fascinated by our poll that gives him 64 percent approval, but shows 47 percent think he's not strong enough regarding students. Same poll shows 71 percent think college administrators are too lenient. Did agree to hold up on Defense research funds letter to colleges, on my recommendation (per Flanigan) that it could cause student demonstrators to try to force administrations to reject funds and we'd be blamed for starting it. Instead will wait until something stirs up on a campus and then use this to react to it, so it will be their fault not ours.

President seemed in much less preoccupied mood than yesterday. Not as concerned about Jordan and possible consequences and Kissinger not grinding as hard regarding all the potential disasters. Sure is a difference in the atmosphere in the inner circle from one day to the next.