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Transition
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Frances Knight to rmw -----9/10/68

Changing attorneys who came in as Foreign Service Reserve over to Civil Service so they will be folded into State Dept.

Foreign Service officers (219) -- newspaper reports claim they have been removed from their jobs -- they have not -- they are being sent to universities for two years of study - assuming that in two years they will come back into the State Department. These were all political appointees.

They are working on personnel assignments like crazy.

In 1933 President Roosevelt suspended Civil Service and the Foreign Service for a period of six months. He suspended it because he said the country was in a state of emergency. He kicked out all the Hoover people -- particularly in the Department of Commerce and put all of his own people in. Late 1934 and 1935 Democratic National Committee was interviewing people for what said were temporary jobs. I went down there -- took 9 tests.

It was on the basis of an emergency that Civil Service was suspended -- this is the only way he got his people in. State, Defense and Justice are loaded with Kennedy people. On little technicalities their people in the rights spots can throw ~~ix~~ programs out.

There is already a committee set up for this transition.

When I get back from this trip I would like to help out on this.

We can talk about it then and try to stop a lot of things --

I know he cannot talk about it now.

I am up here because I am having meetings with American Express,
--all the top travel agencies in New York -- from each of them
I am meeting with their Vice President in charge of intelligence.
I have come across what I think is a multi-million dollar fraud.
This is payment of at least five different payments to people
who have five ~~different~~ different Social Security cards.

Treasury is upset over fraud in government checks.

Immediately after November 5th get your liason with the government
worked out.

Frances Knight will be gone from October 23 to November 24 -- when
she returns would like to be helpful.