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Tuesday, July 27.

President had an extremely heavy appointment schedule today, and I spent very little time with him. Was in for a little while this morning, and he was talking about the need to develop a schedule for radio talks, because he wants to get going on that as one of his activist areas. He had some other odds and ends he wanted me to check up on, regarding follow-up on projects, getting ready for the press conference, etcetera. This afternoon, he raised the point of wanting Connally to go on a national tour to the major power centers in the key states, make some public speeches, do some TV, and so forth. Also, he bought my idea of having Connally go on to announce the dollar revaluation, if we go ahead with that project.

Kissinger got back last night from Paris and filled me in this morning on his meetings there. He had apparently a pretty good negotiating session with the Vietnamese, and they're in agreement now on eight of the nine points. The ninth point there are agre-- is that they insist that we agree to overthrow the Thieu government. Henry will not accept, of course, and told them, therefore, there is probably no need for any further meetings. Le Duc Tho said there definitely was, that they would come back in four weeks with a new proposal for a political solution. Henry said he couldn't wait four weeks, it would have to be in two. They settled on a compromise of three, so he goes back again. He also met with his Chinese contact. And they now are stalling a little bit; want to put off Henry's next trip until late October, because of their early October Independence Day celebrations, their national holiday celebrations, which they'll be preparing for in the latter part of September. It could be a stall, but probably isn't.

End of July 27.