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Thursday, June 15.

We had our regular political meeting this morning with Mitchell, Ehrlichman, Colson. It ran considerably longer than usual. This was while the President was doing his briefing of the Congressional leaders and then the Echeverria arrival and meeting. Apparently we're going to get the Teamsters' endorsement right after the Democratic Convention. Then we concluded that the President should stay over in California to receive them right after the endorsement. There seems to be some possibility of Scoop Jackson coming over if we make a deal with him for Secretary of Defense which Harlow was supposed to follow-up on. Colson made a big pitch for going out in support of the Mills Bill with Ehrlichman dragging his feet as usual on this. Colson just wants a Budget Bureau statement saying that the bill-- that we have no objection to the bill. And the problem was raised that food prices of going up big, which is going to hurt us and we have no plan to deal with it. We had some general discussion of what we might do on that.

The President, this afternoon, raised the problem of the documentary film crew. Apparently Tricia did an interview with them, and Spiegel, the producer, said he didn't think that it'd go over in New York, which made Tricia furious and she told the President who, of course, was also upset. He's concerned that we're using a liberal left type producers to do a sophisticated film, instead of something for middle America that will be a Skouris type documentary in '60, that is professional but not way out, has more in the form of the old movie maker's box office rather than the modern stuff. Should be corny, rather than far out, in other words.

The President was also very upset about the DDT decision. Ruckelshaus has announced a ban on it. He thinks we should get this whole environment thing out of Ehrlichman and Whitaker's hands because they believe in it, and you can't have an advocate dismantle something he believes in. He also wanted Malek to check on who Ruckelshaus has on his staff in terms of left-wing libs.



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Kissinger was in this afternoon all delighted because Mathias called in to say he was now on our side on Vietnam and would vote against the Mansfield Amendment this time, which was a direct fallout of Kissinger's doing the testimonial dinner for Mathias.

The President got into some general political stuff. He thinks we should really do some different thinking on the campaign. Maybe we should only do a three week campaign, or something like that, but we shouldn't be thinking in standard terms. He also wants to clearly establish that he will do no Republican events during the campaign.

We talked a little about Ambassadors this afternoon. He wants to be sure we get some really strong ones in the next term. Also a good group of translators in each language. He wants to leave Sweden open for now. Consider putting Rivero in Spain to fill that post for the time being. Then raised the question of Erickson as Deputy Attorney General which was what Kleindienst wants. He's a mediocre guy—that we have no confidence in—but apparently would do what he's told. The President approved the recommendation.

End of June 15.