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Thursday, November 9.

The President had me over to the house at 11:30 this morning for a couple hours, pretty much a random general discussion, he did review all the election statistics, and data. Makes the point that the election was decided when McGovern was nominated-- on the issues. It wasn't Eagleton and so on, and we must not blame McGovern the man. He then got into sort of a rambling discussion of personnel and structure and plans for the second term, but I tried to put most of the talk of that off until we had a chance to work on specifics. He does keep coming to specific Cabinet people and has pretty much the same views that he had earlier about who should stay and go.

This evening, Ehrlichman and I had dinner with Kissinger, having spent a good part of the day working on the reorganization stuff, and we went through the whole question of State, Defense and foreign policy with Henry. It comes down to his general agreement that we should go ahead with Rush at the State Department, because you have to get a man that will basically function according to the orders he gets, and as the President's man, rather than an independent Secretary of State. Henry definitely doesn't want Rockefeller there, although he would accept him in Defense. He agreed with my suggestion that Richardson would be better than Rockefeller, however, in that slot. He thought that the idea of Bill Casey for ACTA is good, and loved the idea of Walter Washington for the UN, which is another one I suggested to Ehrlichman earlier, and in general Henry agreed with our approach to structure and planning. He likes the suggestion-- he came up actually with the suggestion of Schlesinger from the AEC moving over to head CIA. So we've got a pretty good start on the general area there and have Henry pretty much in line, which is what we wanted to accomplish tonight.

End of November 9.