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Tuesday, December 12th. The President had me over to talk about the Julie job thing. Apparently, Julie had talked with him last night, and based on Pat's talk with Ziegler on Connie Stuart, Ron convinced her that she should keep Connie, which is too bad. So the President feels that Julie feels that she can't now take that job, so he wanted me to consider what she could do over here, on the basis that she's good for the President, well organized, thinks up things, and handles a lot of little things. It's good to have her around, good for the President, so he wants to see what she can do at the White House. She could schedule events, getting people to cooperate, and all that.

He went through quite an agony on why he didn't do the Whittier group when they were in yesterday. Apparently they flew back to present a petition or something, and Pat Nixon received them. He feels we really blew it, that it was a highly personal thing, and we should be more aware of those and not drop that sort of thing. That if we were using Julie in the White House, she could do that kind of keeping an eye on things, as well as, the buffering with the East Wing, see important people, review the schedule, and that sort of stuff. She should do something where she handles people, especially her mother, Connie Stuart, and so on; something in an overall scheduling, planning, and so forth, but something specific. I talked to Julie later, and she agreed that the real place for her is in the East Wing job. She talked to Ron and he agreed, too, so we're going to try to get that back on the track.

The President got into the inaugural thing and the American Music concert. He wants to be sure that the program and artists are not picked by Garment and Hanks, and that they get into modern stuff. He wants to be sure it's all his kind of American music; same with Ormandy's program.



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On the personnel side, got concerned that Helms needs to say something about Schlesinger being a good man, and Haig needs to talk to Stennis and get Schlesinger sold unless he's against Schlesinger himself. We need a stronger man to handle Stennis. Also, we need strong man in the Timmons role to back things up. The President met with Strachan in this little farewell meeting there, and talked with him about the bad guys in the various USIA jobs, and then latter with Keogh and Shakespeare, reviewed the USIA situation, spent an hour with them and gave Frank a pretty good buildup. He wants to use Shakespeare on special missions or on a commission; wants to be sure Casey follows Shakespeare's advice that he get out in the field and travel fast to get readings out in the embassies and all, but he should have a talk with Shakespeare first, especially on how to look for the problems. He should concentrate on the major posts, do a few things well, talk to the business community, explore the attitude toward people and all. Shakespeare got into quite a bit on his concern about the danger of euphoria building in the world, vis-à-vis the Soviet Union and China, because of the formalization of relations that we're moving towards. The President got into the point that conviction is believing in something and knowing why you believe. And there was a long discussion and of his whole philosophy of the elite, *Life* magazine, and all that sort of stuff—pretty much the usual material.

I had a call from Billy Graham today, to say he's back from his trip. He wanted to report that everyone in all the countries he visited were elated at the President's election, and the Shah of Iran said that we've saved civilization for at least four more years. He's concerned about the worship idea at the inaugural Sunday service, of having three ministers. He said first, he'd really would prefer a black man instead of himself and suggested Dr. Hill from Los Angeles. Secondly, he's concerned if he gives his convictions on Christ, it might embarrass the Rabbi and the Jews that symbolism is very important to the blacks, and it would be good to have them in there. Then he said on the next thing, if it's part of the inaugural, there's no problem. But if it's separate as a service, he will get criticism, because a worship service is not acceptable to the Evangelicals with three ministers of different faiths, because all three would be compromising. However it's



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printed, if it's printed as part of the inauguration program with the inauguration materials, then it's logical and he can do it. He thinks the Moynihan appointment is the best the President could have made, and that he can save Indian democracy. Graham would like to talk with Pat and give him the background...

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...and share what he was told by the three Christians in Gandhi's cabinet. He thinks there's a good chance India will split apart and the Shah thinks they will.

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That Moynihan going there was an absolute master stroke.

End of December 12th.