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The President had a busy day pretty well loaded with appointments and I had very little time in there, which was great, because I was able to get my own work completely cleared up. He had a leadership meeting this morning and was somewhat distressed before he went in that MacGregor had an agenda that was going to run on for hours. And it turned out it did go for exactly two hours. He made the point afterward that it's got to be recognized that these meetings are solely for the benefit of the Congressmen, not for the President, and that if they need a show and tell opportunity, it's okay with him, but he doesn't want to kid ourselves into thinking it's of any benefit to him.

We had a long discussion about the effect of the demonstration yesterday, the coverage of it last night and activities today. Everything is very low key today with hardly any tie-ups or vandalism this morning. A fairly large crowd did gather this afternoon and march to the Justice Department, where a couple of thousand were arrested, with no apparent violence. There's starting to be a buildup from the Left and the civil liberties types now, about reacting adversely to the arrest procedure, but I think public opinion is basically with us. The President's been very pleased with the job Chief Wilson has done.

He did get into some discussion of [unclear] bringing it to all of our events. For instance, we've got the shipyard contract and he really wants to make a big event of that. Fly some people in from California and really build it up instead of just running these things on a small scale basis. He also wants to put in some major staging [unclear] with Scali handling it so we can get the maximum [unclear]. I'll be at home tonight [unclear] we have the ACLU reaction we're going to be sure [unclear] forcing the Democrats to take the fop line [unclear].

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- Shipyard contract -
- John Scali
- Demonstrations—ACLU
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