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Friday, April 11.

Lot of little appointments - some general discussions in between.

Meeting with DuBridge. We settled the Long problem just in the nick of time, by lining up some potent Senatorial opposition and making the point that in view of ABM battle we couldn't run the risk. Lee finally bought this via phone call from Harlow late last night, and talked to Long today, who has agreed to withdraw (although Kissinger later reports that Long is saying DuBridge told him he had to make public endorsement of ABM in order to get appointment). Having a meeting with DuBridge and Flanigan and Harlow tomorrow to try to set up ways and means of avoiding this in the future.

Ehrlichman overlap and confusion problem persists as John goes on his merry way, ignoring the staff system completely. But it'll all work out as he sees his need for the system.

Considerable staff concern regarding the budget - because the political and PR implications have not been thoroughly thought through. Need a lot of work on this. Klein is supposed to work with Bureau, but not much happens.

Settled the Pacific air route cases with a real shaft to Continental. President signed but has some obvious internal misgivings.

He's still really preoccupied. Stayed at the office until about 7:30 - with an 8:00 black tie NATO dinner, same as last night.

Dinner worked out pretty well. He had several guests speak, as he did last night at Bliss dinner. Dean Acheson and Dean Rusk both most cordial toward President, and complimentary.