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Wednesday, April 23.

A busy morning of appointments, with Volpe and Shultz and Agnew plus McChesney Martin (who reneged on his agreement to resign in summer to permit Burns to become Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board.) Usual Wednesday, afternoon free. Couple of sessions cleaning up pockets full of notes President had accumulated on envelopes, scraps, etc., covering all kinds of things.

Lots of back and forth regarding Long. President had called Kissinger last night and told him to call Long and reoffer him the job, which he did. Long said would decide in the morning. Didn't until afternoon - and then turned it down, but with great appreciation for being asked. Problem now is how to tell DuBridge, who still doesn't know. Kissinger is supposed to handle.

Several discussions about how to handle Cabinet officers. Volpe wants regular monthly appointment (also wanted Secret Service protection) and Agnew wants regular weekly appointment. President says we have to have a Sherman Adams to handle this and keep them away from him - so Ehrlichman and I are it - divided, I take big four, he takes rest. President said he can see why all Presidents want to be left alone. The routine baloney really bores him and annoys him.

Decided Burns should explain to Agnew how the Vice Presidency works.

Agonized over need to meet with National Academy of Science.

In planning schedule for Armed Forces Day, idea was discussed about visiting Veterans hospitals. Ehrlichman suggested seeing ordinary sick troops, not war wounded. President said "No, you have to look at those poor guys with legs shot off and all, you can't just see some character with diarrhea."

Still in odd mood, bored with meetings, unfocused, restless, picking around at trivia, but in good spirits, cheerful, uncritical, etc.