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Friday, May 16.

President in great mood, coasting through a hectic day of bits and pieces types of appointments.

Session with Mitchell regarding Court, and getting Fortas matter settled. Book closed as far as President concerned, but Justice and Congress to go ahead with full investigation. President feels probably much more than has been revealed.

Walter Thayer regarding his role with Ash Committee. Went way over time as President expanded on importance and need for reorganization. Asked for articles for Thayer to read.

Ross Perot regarding his ideas on student conference this summer, good guys and key government officials to try to find positive answers for a change, and on his buying \$50 million worth of TV time to present our story in prime time. Discussion regarding format - town meeting, telethon, panel, etc. President anxious to do something - not sure what. Perot the same. President pretty reluctant on student idea but said to go ahead - have to try some risks.

President decided in mid-afternoon to have a small dinner on the Patricia - hastily invited a group, of which about half turned down. Hope it worked out.

Thieu declined to come to California, suggested Hawaii. We're countering with meeting June 8 at Midway. Great idea if it works. Will go to Hawaii first, for crowd deal and CINCPAC visit.

President went over to EOB office for lunch and early afternoon. Don't know whether he liked it or not. Still hassling with Mrs. Doyle and Williamsburg.