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Saturday, May 24.

At Camp David. Mel Laird called regarding concern on speech Fulbright will make Tuesday or Wednesday on the arms race and anti-Administration position. Laird felt perhaps he or a senator should release our intelligence knowledge of Soviet SS9 multi-warhead tests, latest one last week. He and Bryce felt this should be done before Fulbright's speech. Went through whole rundown on our current information, says Fulbright is basing his attack on old October stuff.

I talked to Kissinger (in New York) and he felt we should not say anything before Fulbright, because would give him chance to counterattack. Rather should wait until after speech - then have a senator hit him with our information - much more effective. Kissinger also agreed with President's decision not to call Brooke. I had him call Laird and settle plan. Laird leaving tomorrow for Europe for a week.

Left Camp David in mid-afternoon. President invited Bebe, Harlow, Finch, Abplanalp, Hobe Lewis and me to dinner on the Sequoia. Nice cruise - drinks topside in the twilight President came up with great idea for baseball dinner at time of All-Star Game, which is baseball's 100th anniversary. Wish he'd do more of this kind of thing. Had tried to get Ehrlichman, Mitchell and Kissinger, which would have been even better, but they're all out of town.

Went through his whole thesis regarding blacks and their genetic inferiority and the hopelessness of any early change in the situation. Have to wait for in-breeding – in the meantime just take care of them and help the few good ones to rise up. I firmly believe he's right.

Also long discussion of ABM-MIRV, and the clear plan of the establishment to wreck our defense posture. He's determined not to let it happen.

Some more self-pleasure with the whole Chief Justice episode - the selection, announcement, follow-up press conference, etc. Wants *Readers Digest* to do a "poor boy makes good" story on him. He never graduated from high school, and worked his way through law school. Great stuff!