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Tuesday, June 17.

Uneventful routine day. Lots of sessions regarding odds and ends. Schedule with Chapin, plans for Massena, etc. Long session with Attorney General after leaders meeting, regarding Voting Rights. Problem with our troops and John's position, but he's firm. Will try to postpone and work it out. Still hanging on surtax and it's jeopardized by Mitchell's stand. Reviewed again the Harlow problems, especially the fact he fails to program the leaders before the meeting.

Short session with Yorty. President felt this a good move. Had Ziegler a little disturbed - bad press reaction.

President stayed at Residence after dinner and worked on press conference briefing for Thursday night. Called Pat Nixon in California on her tour, then got me at mess about not enough attention to TV. Writing press playing up demonstrators - TV would show them up.

President called me at midnight to give instructions regarding congratulations wire to Lindsay. Then said first I should check to be sure he won. I woke Ziegler up, he checked AP, found NBC had given election to Marchi at 10:00 by 54 percent. I called President back, he was amazed – and, I think, pleased. Said we wouldn't do anything more tonight.