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NSC all morning - long session regarding SALT talks. No great developments. Main flap of the morning was problem of decision regarding Director of NSF. Had to accept latest DuBridge recommendation because it had been leaked on the Hill. He's a Democrat and will be another problem - President not very happy - said to go ahead, but not discuss it with him anymore. He won't swear him in, etc.

I spent a lot of time on reorganizing my operation. Will bring Larry back as Administrative Assistant, and juggle Cole and Chapin assignments to give them more help from Bull and Brown - try to build a better and more high level team. Will use the three key guys plus Alex as my prime unit instead of the group of four young guys. Better approach.

Ehrlichman and I went up to Hill at Rogers Morton request for "brief meeting" with House leaders regarding Congressional Campaign Committee. Lasted two hours. Harlow and Dent there, Morton, Arends, Bob Wilson, Ford. They refused to follow President desire to get rid of Lee Potter - but agonized on and on about it. Then got into long harangue regarding political relations with the White House. We just haven't laid the groundwork right. Whole problem of patronage and consultation. Needs a lot of work still - but Dent well on the way.

Discovered from Rumsfeld that there's a dormant OEO Advisory Council with potential funding of \$800,000. This can be the solution to our White House staff problems if we spin off all poverty-related personnel, etc., to the Council, and can absorb a lot of our operational staff. Need to find a few more like this to soak up Bud Wilkinson and other odds and ends. Also should be able to spin off Klein group and maybe Garment.

Dinner with Chapin to review reorganization of his department. Has to add a man to handle Presidential appearances, etc., at White House. President called twice during dinner about items of information he wanted for press conference preparation. Trying to decide what position to take regarding Marchi in New York Mayor race.