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Wednesday, July 9.

NSC and Selassie farewell. Wednesday afternoon off didn't work out - as activity built on trip planning and Senate problem. Ended up with a long session in EOB office with Quadriad regarding surtax. They, or some, felt President should go on TV to nation and say must have surtax extension now, or else he will order six billion cut in spending. Harlow also with them. Also they opposed Family Security or any other spending plan until, after surtax settled. Real question is how essential it really is. Bryce sees it as absolutely imperative that President win this as a major test of his strength - and urges pulling out all stops and using full prestige. President seems to feel surtax will eventually pass anyway, and that he can afford to sit out the delay and accept the tax reforms. Does appear now, however, that there is some chance of tax actually being defeated.

While Harlow and I trying to work out appointments for Senators, etc., as a result of the meeting, President called and asked us to go to ball game with him and David and Tricia (Julie in Chicago). We went, and the Senators won for the first time with President there.

Long discussion regarding reorganization procedures and arrangements for State Dinners. He always has a new batch of ideas after each one.

Called me at home after game to discuss the Quadriad meeting and the TV idea. President is opposed because he feels the need is to sell bankers and corporations, not the masses. Therefore should issue major statement. I agree. Point is, the TV doesn't gain any votes in the Senate. Nor does attacking the Democrats. Besides, people will never favor higher taxes.