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Monday, July 14.

Got into Gerry Van der Heuvel problems at morning meeting and decided to meet in afternoon with Pat Nixon and girls. Result was that all but Pat agree she should be dropped. Pat reluctant to move, at least before trip. So I have to lay the law down to her, regarding trip, and the hope is that it will be tough enough that she'll quit. If not, we'll have to move on her after return.

President felt he had really maneuvered the surtax into a neat spot - but Mansfield left the reservation today, and said no vote until September. Now we'll have to fight the Democratic leadership with Long and Williams. President was misled at noon by a wire story Harlow sent in - and called Mansfield to thank him - then saw the *Star* tonight and discovered he'd been had.

Prouty came out for ABM, which helped a bit.

President really rolling on the new domestic plan with Ehrlichman in command - although Ehrlichman says he was a bit vague at the domestic group meeting today.

Had a session regarding planning overall for Apollo 11. President decided to do his TV from the White House Sunday night, instead of going to Houston or the Cape. Really a much better idea, Rose's. Met with Frank Borman. President all excited about Sunday service - we'll have Borman do Scriptural reading - same as he did from moon. Paul Smith to do sermon. Also all cranked up about playing "Star Spangled Banner" when flag placed on moon. Borman opposed because astronauts would lose three minutes at attention, and possible adverse reaction about over-nationalism. President really intrigued with his participation in the whole thing.

Called me at the office several times after dinner about Senate problems, etc. Knows he's got to work these out, but doesn't have real feel of how to do it.

Now ready to go with Family Security before the trip - pressured by Finch and Shultz. Will lose a lot of impact - overshadowed by moon shot plus trip. Much better to wait until the week we get



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back. Drop it, plus Revenue Sharing, plus Moynihan's ten new cities, and really send Congress home with a bang. Oh well.