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GOP leaders this morning, regarding legislative program. Many of them are now ready to take on the Democrats. Got so involved that a second session was set for Friday morning.

Then Holyoake of New Zealand, and that ran over as President enjoyed chat with him. Appointment with DuBridge was carried over from yesterday and then postponed again from 11:00 until 5:00, so President could concentrate on UN speech with Kissinger. Also wanted Kissinger to sit in meeting to avoid DuBridge end-run regarding some planning board. Did finally get him in the late afternoon. President spent almost all afternoon on the speech - apparently he feels it's pretty good, but last shot was to order Kissinger to have it cut 20 percent. He kept thinking of things while he was working, and had me in many times. Some notes from the leader's meeting for follow-up, i.e., he can't endorse Cramer in the Florida Senate primary; talked to Ogilvie regarding new Illinois Senator, pleased it will be Smith not Anderson (who is Percy's man) because feels he'll work better with us (Bryce later learned that Smith is a labor captive and may be bad); got a blast from Tower regarding Administration versus business; wants to get moving on Social Secretary increase of 10 percent (Ehrlichman already ready to go on this tomorrow); insists on replacement of Hershey, etc. Also wants to get astronauts into Poland since Hungary turned them down.

President worked until 7:30, then went over to change for Holyoake dinner. It went pretty well - not a full State Dinner. We tried a new format, with the receiving line at the door to the State Dining Room. I think it works much better than the East Room.