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Friday, September 19.

Draft cut day. Started with GOP leaders breakfast - continuation of Tuesday morning meeting about general plan for legislative action for the rest of the session. Then appointment with Governor Ogilvie and the new Senator Smith. Very late, because leaders meeting ran way overtime. Then preparation, and meeting with Laird regarding draft announcement, which President made and then left Laird to answer questions. Worked out very well, and got enormous play. Completely dominated the news. Shows what we can do if we plan things right.

Lot of appointments, Governor Ferre of Puerto Rico; Roger Blough; Cartoonists Association; McCracken; CCEP meeting; then off to Camp David with Kissinger and me (family drove up). Wanted Kissinger and me for dinner but I begged off, Kissinger went.

Pat Nixon showed her second floor and Oval Office decorating to the press ladies this afternoon, and it was apparently pretty successful, at least she felt so. Now at least we can leave the office door open again since it's been unveiled.