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Monday, October 6.

The weeklies really blasted us today - *Newsweek* cover "Nixon in Trouble"; *Time* lead story "Nixon's Worst Week"; *US News* lead story "Nixon Staff in Disarray". A real load of negative stories, following the lead of the Sunday *New York Times* yesterday and last week. So far President hasn't seen them.

Busy day today - with nothing very significant. Several sessions with individual Senators and one group, regarding Haynsworth. Big blow came this afternoon in letter from Bobby Griffin saying he could not support the appointment. Odd position for the Whip. I told the President just before his meeting with the group of Senators - he was quite startled since Harlow had assured him earlier of Griffin's support. First reaction was to query what we had done to keep him covered over the weekend. Then started trying to figure what we could do. Had Ehrlichman, Harlow and me join him at EOB at 6:45 for one and a half hour discussion of the whole thing - result was to have Harlow talk to Romney and try to get him to return the letter to Griffin and shape him up. He'll try. Also talked a lot about general handling of Senators, etc. President really disturbed - will destroy Griffin as Whip.

Some good news too - Hershey is ready to retire, and to announce it this week. Will help with campuses.

Earlier had session at noon with Harlow, Kissinger, Ehrlichman regarding plan for leaders meeting tomorrow, and general game plan for week. President inclined to buy Harlow idea of meeting with Democratic leaders, Senate and House separately - to urge action on programs - but won't go up to their offices on Hill, instead will have White House breakfasts Friday and Monday - release our overall message over the weekend, so get four day ride. Also agreed to bipartisan leaders meeting with DC police chief to urge crime action.



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Lot of juggling of week's schedule to provide maximum news and TV coverage - spread things out. Will hit GOP leaders tomorrow on Congressional failure to move ahead. Really need to get some appearance of domestic action - which all this should do.

Didn't get home until 8:45, then President called and wanted a research project about problems other Supreme Court justices had in getting confirmed. Plans to use it somehow tomorrow.