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Tuesday, October 7.

Leadership meeting - with no major developments except President distress over too many staff members in attendance - ordered changed.

Had me in for a session first - wanted to analyze the news summary again, has decided he should have an overall summary on top, and that a lot of the trivia should be eliminated - one more step into concentration on prime areas, which he keeps pushing toward. Also some follow-up on the various reaction projects he's launched over the last couple of weeks.

Another session after the meeting with the usual pockets full of little notes about things the leaders raised - mainly petty operational complaints. They never seem to run out. Apparently no luck in the attempt to dump Bob Wilson even after all the losses in Congressional elections this year.

Souvanna Phouma in for a meeting this morning - ran over, as they all seem to do. Then some miscellaneous appointments. Long meeting with Mayo this afternoon on '71 budget. Going to be a major problem, especially on Defense. Also problem with Mayo regarding Deputy Director, because President does not want him to bring Schlesinger up - he is very strongly in favor of Weinberger, who has already been announced as FTC Chairman.

Had a huge stack of signing, especially a lot of commissions. He's back on the kick of finding ways to get out of it.

Stuart had his session with Pat Nixon, and she's decided to bring in his wife to run her operation. This will be a great step if it works, and a total change there will open broad horizons that are badly needed.

Called me at 11:00 - after the party - regarding latest on Haynsworth, and need for action tomorrow. Also is reconsidering World Series and will probably go.