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Monday, October 27.

The Kissinger problem came to a head today. President had me in early to review some items, then got into problem of Kissinger versus State, and especially Rogers which we had discussed last week and which Kissinger had churned up some more over the weekend, in phone calls with President. As we were talking, Kissinger and Ziegler came in for morning briefing. Kissinger got going on State, this time saying he had decided not to force Sisco to cancel appointment with Dobrynin, because that would be worse than keeping it, but then went on and on regarding what a terrible mistake it was. Then got into Lebanon problem, Israel jets, etc., etc. Finally President said "well that's all for today, have to get to work" and got up and walked out into little office. Kissinger then said he wanted me in the noon meeting because he had to get into the Rogers problem with President. I took him into my office and tried to point out the fallacy of his technique, regardless of merits of case. I think he saw it a little, at least. President called me in to re-state his concern with this as latest example. Feels Kissinger is impairing his usefulness, and is obsessed beyond reason with this problem. Later President called Mitchell and me in to discuss further, and asked Mitchell to have a talk with Kissinger. Tough one, because there is some real merit to Kissinger's concern regarding Rogers' loyalty.

To add to the fun, I had an envelope on my desk this morning on arrival from Harlow spelling out in three pages his reasons why he should leave, soon, and no later than December 31. Obviously feels the heat of the President's criticism - will be hard to talk him out of it this time. But I have an idea of moving him up and out of operations - which might really work.

President kept us quite awhile at the noon session with Ehrlichman and Harlow, wandering over everything he could think of. Finally quit and went over to EOB after his lunch, worked there all afternoon alone.

Have everyone in my unit working hard at developing game plans for November 3 and November 15, the speech and the next Moratorium. Hard to get ready for the speech because no one knows for sure what the President will say - and so there's no way to build up preparation for



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specific reactions. Also trying to work out details of big domestic staff shifts. Have to get everyone lined up and in agreement.