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Tuesday, November 18.

No major action today. President in fairly late - busy schedule of minor appointments. Long midday session with me. NSC in the afternoon - cleaned up some minor things and left for the day.

Main area of attention was Haynsworth. Vote now set for Friday. As we go into the stretch, it all of a sudden appears he might have an outside chance. Even without John Williams, who dropped today. In the meantime, has picked up Aiken, Boggs and a few other remote possibilities. Would still be a minor miracle, but it could happen. President is all set for a loss - and actually at this point that might well be preferable. Wouldn't lose much, and if he gets in he'll be a continuing problem. Especially would work out OK if President can find a good clean conservative Southerner to put in.

The debate on Agnew rages on, with President fully convinced he's right and that majority will agree. I talked to Stan Blair and told him to tell VP for President to keep up the offensive, and to keep speaking - now is major figure in his own right. President wants him to get maximum exposure right away.

President pondering ways to do year-end talks to the people, and need for press conference soon. Finally have holiday plans set - Key Biscayne for Thanksgiving; California for after Christmas; Key Biscayne for Lincoln recess. Good plan. Will stay in California about ten days. Also have White House holiday entertainment program worked out. Should be good gay season.

Slight lull after crashing action of last two weeks. Problem to keep up full head of steam forever. President agrees this week that it should be business as usual. Tomorrow is moon landing and exploration. Haynsworth vote, moon splashdown, Thanksgiving - and our draft bill passage will be the main thrust, then we have to crank it up all out for first three weeks of December. Then can slow down for holidays. Must get good strong year-end wrap up, and big uplift as we go into the 70's.