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Friday, November 21.

Sato farewell this morning, and the joint Communique giving Okinawa back to Japan. A few other morning appointments, then Bryce in for last minute discussion about Haynsworth. Clear that it will be lost - estimate 54-46, but might lose one or two more when they know there's no hope. Chapin brought the news in at about 1:30, 55-45. President not at all disturbed because had expected it. Did make the point to Harlow that we had failed to win any of the ones he'd had President really work over.

President feels strongly the whole exercise is proof that we should take a harder line with Congress, not waste so much time with the leaders, and with the ones who are always against us, and really work closely our solid friends. I think Bryce now sees this too - but he sure didn't before. President called Haynsworth, asked him to stay on bench, and says he will.

In analyzing it, President concludes principle fault is Mitchell's. First, for not having all the facts; second, for coasting on assurances from Eastland and Hollings instead of really working (they were assuming we had GOP fully locked); and keeping Harlow out of it until too late, and failing to see Griffin and others. Then at the end he overplayed - with excess pressure on some which backfired, was too heavy-handed. So, we learned something and, politically, probably came out ahead. Made all the points with the South. Other factors were Dirksen's death (three of the four leaders went against us) which not only shook up our leadership structure but also gave labor a couple of extra week s in which to mobilize; and the heavy Jewish opposition, also well mobilized.

President spoke at business conference, did excellent job, agreed finally to let TV cover.

Spent some time laying plans for next week. Will sign NPT Monday - with Rogers and Laird, TV coverage. Then announce the Chemical-Biological Warfare position on Tuesday, with leaders meeting first. Then sign the Draft Reform Bill on Wednesday. No press conference, but will go before press for some of the above.



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Budget session late afternoon, carried over until tomorrow morning.

One Presidential reaction from Haynsworth was to decide to leave Griffin and Scott out of briefing meeting Tuesday about CBW. Will have some big repercussions if he goes through with it. Also wants me to cover Cabinet officers Finch and Rogers, and Ehrlichman the others, regarding don't give anything to the twelve Senators who went against us on both ABM and this one, without White House clearance. Wants to play it very tough - and this I think we should do.

Also a long discussion regarding reorganization of Bryce's operation. President is determined to get Whitaker in there - and Bryce is determined to have BeLieu end up on top, which President will never buy. So I will work on Bryce tomorrow.