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Monday, November 24.

Busy morning with Fulbright for breakfast, three Congressional Medals of Honor, signing of Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, and a couple of appointments. Afternoon had been kept clear, but we filled it in with an Ambassador, a congressman, meeting with Mayo, and phone calls to the astronauts as they came onto the Hornet. President told them he was promoting all three to Captain.

Mayo session was for President to tell him that he had decided to go with Ash recommendation for a new Office of Executive Management to replace the Budget Bureau - and he wants Mayo to head it, in new level I post. This is recommendation of Council - on basis that no reorganization plan has ever gone through because of people problems and this is the way to get it done - although all agree Mayo is not the right guy for the long haul. But still better to get the plan going now and improve personnel later. Will greatly enhance chances of avoiding Congressional veto. President can apparently do all this through his reorganization authority - so Congress can't amend, only veto.

Mayo will probably still resist - even with the big promotion for him, but we should be able to get him to go along. Problem then will be to get him to perform in the broader role, and really get the office set up right. This will be very tough, I fear, because he just doesn't have the scope.

President took a stab at persuading Wilkinson to head up the new Volunteer Action organization. Great role for him - and gets him out of the White House.

Still rumbling on retribution for the Senators who stabbed President on Haynsworth. Is having all the good guys for social session tomorrow or breakfast Wednesday. Also leaving Scott and Griffin out of CBW briefing tomorrow at breakfast.

Big flap with Connie Stuart and Lucy Winchester. Result is Lucy to go, if we can get Pat Nixon to stand firm. Had to get Rose involved because Pat Nixon plans to discuss with her.



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Also have to plan foreign trip to avoid Julie's graduation because of bad guys. (Like Midway to miss Ohio State graduation last year.)