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Tuesday, March 31.

Back to work in earnest. Fairly light schedule resulted in my spending hours in Oval Office on all sorts of odds and ends. Regular session with Ehrlichman in morning started with a lot of items about guest lists, etc. Finally got down to work regarding postal negotiations - plan to meet with Quadriad this afternoon; some problems of John's. Including incredible report that VP had ordered GSA to clear all patronage, contracts, etc., in DC, PA, MD, VA, etc., with him. President saw VP later in morning - other matters - mainly about his comment on school desegregation. Got into Peace Corps and Vista with Ehrlichman. Wants both disbanded and combined under National Volunteer Service that would cover all volunteer activity, domestic and abroad, with Rumsfeld as head.

After VP, had me back in on more trivia. Then a baseball presentation. Then back in for long midday harangue. Harry Dent in for part of it, regarding whole political setup. President made Dent's position clear via vis-a-vis Chotiner, who has been outmaneuvering him. Wants complete RNC analysis - thinks they're wasting money and hiring the wrong people -he's right.

Brief lunch break - then back at it again. Really sort of at loose ends - nothing he can do about Post Office until they get a settlement. Carswell is moving along better now that Kleindienst is in command. No real need for President. Fortunately Laird at 3:00, Quadriad at 4:00, postal group at 5:00 and departure for Residence at 6:30 filled the rest of the day.

Moynihan in to see me, disturbed regarding staff leaks designed to screw him - especially via Mollenhoff. Made point he's ruined in Democratic Party because of the "benign neglect" memo. He's really distressed, mainly because he has nowhere left to go. Then DuBridg in with his personnel problems. Can't get an OK on his Deputy Director of NSF. Another Democrat. A session with Harlow on Carswell, etc. They're moving pretty well.

A tough day for me - pages of notes of details for follow-up. Got them all done though. Now have to figure how to keep President busy the rest of the week. Problem is if anything breaks



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he'll be overloaded, i.e., postal, Cambodia, etc. And he may decide to do a press conference of some kind.