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Tuesday, April 7.

Leaders meeting. President really charged into them - after Blount and Shultz rather dully presented details of postal situation. President hit Congress hard for total unresponsibility - said they can't just cry around. Have to get up and take credit for Administration's monumental achievements, have to establish the principle that we will not negotiate until men are at work; took great risk in moving troops in, could have very easily had a general stake in sympathy - but had to establish strong leadership. If left to Congress would have been a government-wide pay increase, a greater postal increase, and no postal reform, no "pay as you go" in any way. We held to 6 percent, and got reorganization.

Too much open time in schedule, plus Ehrlichman gone through Wednesday, plus setbacks in polls, etc. - resulted in my getting caught for hours of conversation and analysis. Very cranked up about final stages of Carswell battle - feels staff is not adequate. Lack of leadership in the leadership meeting strengthened this feeling.

Then a lot of talk about lack of enthusiasm, in the Administration and especially in White House staff. No one takes the offensive, all just lie down (except Garment and Moynihan - who aren't really on our side). Don't radiate enthusiasm - because really don't feel it. Said I should see movie "Patton". He inspired people, charged them up - Chief of Staff has to do this. Pointed! Said everyone works long and hard and all comes out blah - no fire except after November 3, and then didn't follow up. Thinks we rely too much on President for all this, wants to see some leadership in others.

Wants a complete analysis of all Presidential activity and TV coverage and its effect on polls this year - to prove his point that doing stuff doesn't help. Recognizes he, too, had to do more to mobilize people, especially Cabinet.

Planning a deal to move Yost out of UN, get our man in there, or use as a way to eliminate Humphrey. Then decided to decommission the *Patricia* and the *Julie* to dramatize economy.



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Wants big ceremony and PR push. Then got intrigued with idea of using the *Sequoia* more extensively himself, overnight, etc., instead of Camp David. Fairly busy afternoon. Concluded with view that we've learned a lot in the first year - and now know how to do things; but need to get the zest for battle, get the troops fired up, enjoy it.