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Wednesday, May 13.

President up early and over to EOB at 7:15 where he dictated a ton of memos - mainly to me - plus his recollections of his trip to the Lincoln Memorial Saturday. Rather remarkable document and equally remarkable cover memo.

He came over to Oval Office at 9:30 - went over current trivia with me, then had J. Edgar in to discuss the new procedure for tap material - only to me. Hoover very pleased. He came on like gangbusters regarding public approval of President, etc. He does a great job of self-promotion. Dropped a few goodies about Kent State (later proved to be somewhat inaccurate), and then reviewed the whole conspiracy theory about campuses.

Then President met privately with Moynihan, who said he feels he has to leave. Wants to go July 1, but President got him to stay until August. Will then return to Harvard - on grounds his two years will be up soon and he wants to start the fall semester. President appears more relieved than concerned to have him go, and this timing should work out pretty well because he always said he was only here for two years.

President then met with Rumsfeld, then Roy Wilkins, then over to EOB for the afternoon.

Had Ehrlichman and me over for long discussion - Flanigan in first part about economy (looks pretty bad still). Wants Rumsfeld brought in much more directly as assistant to President. Received plan for Cabinet meeting - decided to have executive session after President leaves, with Ehrlichman and me there, to get into whole Cabinet problem. Wants to make main point of question whether they want to use President's time to win a vote in the Senate or massage a Cabinet officer.

Discussed ways of getting out the Lincoln Memorial memo. Maybe will do a TV half hour with Nancy Dickerman on it. Back on to the FSO dissident problem. Wants to force Rogers to some positive action, so a meeting tomorrow.