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Monday, June 8.

More people maneuvers. President had Moynihan in at end of full morning schedule, asked if he'd like to be Ambassador to UN. Pat was pleased with offer - and will consider.

After long midday meeting with Ehrlichman, Shultz and Cap - we put heat on Cap and Shultz met again with him in later afternoon and he agreed to come in. Biggest hang-up was whether he could bring his chauffeur with him - we said no. Also long talk with Shultz regarding his office. And some phone talks with Finch on same subject. I'm going to have a tough time getting these guys settled. All want to hang on to their cars, aides, etc.

In review of week, President puts major emphasis on effort to pass Byrd amendment to Cooper-Church. Wants all out push on the senators. Not worried about other amendments if we can get this one passed.

Ehrlichman pushing President to go to Blackmun swearing-in - President very much opposed, but will see him.

Some discussion of whether to do Ohio State commencement. President tempted to try it - but finally decided not to. Potential risk too much greater than gain. Also would really upstage Finch at a tough time.

Also question when and whether and how to do economic speech. President inclined to radio rather than TV. Feels not of enough interest or importance to most people.

With Shultz and Weinberger set, President agrees to Jim Hodgson for Labor - as Shultz recommended - although President originally was in favor of Siciliano. Then into problem of Mayo. I have to tell him - President really concerned that we not just knock him out. Wanted to try to juggle Cabinet around to open a place for him - but Commerce is the only real possibility and that would mean Stans for Treasury, and President won't buy that. Think Mayo will stay on as consultant, then go to private sector. But maybe not.



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President in generally good mood - back to a fairly full schedule. Obviously pleased with new staff developments, and with Gallup, and general simmering down. Will coast along for a bit, then we'll be ready for the next crisis, but better able to cope with it with the new team on tap.

Called me at home, to add key staff to astronaut dinner tomorrow night.

President had his meeting with young staff who had gone out to campuses. Not too successful, on either side.