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Wednesday, June 10.

Finally locked up this round of changes. Announced Shultz, Hodgson, Weinberger, Mayo; and Finch fired Allen at last. President really ecstatic about his new key team, and anxious to get rolling with meetings, etc.

He had full day - breakfast with George Meany and Shultz; NSC; report from our Vietnam fact finding group; and pictures at his desk with 150 plus Congressional candidates. Plus the announcement.

Had me over to EOB for a half hour - odds and ends. Has a new plan (based on last night's success) for weekly small dinners - for people who really deserve treatment - in honor of a celebrity of some kind, star, athlete, Ambassador.

Has strong urge to dump Hickel now. Wants Ehrlichman to discuss with Shultz, let him take on as a first task.

Called at home tonight –had had long talk with Shultz and was again enthusiastic over great new team. Made point we are only here for so little time and we have to do the best we can while we're here. Can't waste time keeping people like Hickel.