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Thursday, June 11.

Jordan crisis. We were supposed to go to Key Biscayne at 5:00 - but crisis in Amman, with possible need to send in Marines to rescue Americans, precluded it. We waited until last minute in hopes problem would be worked out, but it still wasn't at 6:30, so we canceled. May still go tomorrow. But President says not. He needs time off. And he can't use Camp David.

Started out as bad morning, as we screwed up one schedule item after another. Poor Chapin.

President went into detail about need to get Finch and Shultz programmed regarding press contact. Will be hard to do, and President realizes it - to point of saying don't even try with Shultz. But will pose huge problem if he goes on talking to *Times* and *Post* when we're trying to maintain a freeze. Came up with idea of Warren Knowles as Secretary of Interior (still wants to get Hickel out) and Governor Shafer for FTC. Then topped it by saying he wants to give Stassen an important post that no one wants – even though he's a pluperfect fool.

Gave a good talk on crime to United States Attorneys, and wants it fully merchandised. Then decided to speak to Congressional Candidate School - but crisis intervened, so he didn't. Does want a basic domestic speech done for them - feels we are failing completely to sell our program. Right.

Decided he does not want Rogers' choice for Under Secretary of State - Peterson of Bell and Howell. Too close to Percy.

Sweated out Senate vote on Byrd amendment. Our guys really blew the count - thought we had even chance, but lost 52-47. President then very anxious to have game plan and PR plan worked. Met with Harlow in late afternoon and agreed they should continue the filibuster - with idea of letting Senate make itself look ridiculous and obstructionist. Wants Agnew to take Congress on. Maybe Senate directly.



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Reviewed again the key Senate races as he dreams of gaining three seats so we can win a vote without sweating it out to the last second. Also could then overthrow Scott and maybe get some leadership. The present situation really frustrates him. Understandable.

Called me at home to say had lost an inlay and has to see dentist in morning. Wants to go with no press notice, etc. So I set it up with Tkach.