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Friday, June 12.

Some loose ends this morning as schedule was clear for Key Biscayne. Back on his kick regarding our people's waste of time talking to people, students, etc. Thinks we do too much of this - and don't get the word out so don't get any credit - which is the only real potential benefit. Wants me to talk to Kissinger and Ehrlichman about use of their time - feels some symbolism is good, but don't keep at it.

Lot of agonizing over whether to go to Florida - kept all on standby, and finally left at 2:00. Pat Nixon objects because of too much time off - but I sold it on basis Finch was waiting at the airport.

President pleased with reorganization results. Wants to be sure we get across the difference from Kennedy and Johnson Kitchen Cabinets. We've set up working institution as recommended for years, not just "if-come ad hoc" basis. Feels the procedure and processes vitally important.

On plane was really cranking on plan to make a plus out of Byrd defeat in Senate. Feels we are on the right side and can gain by it if we exploit irresponsible action of Senate. Had a lot of specific ideas. Remarkable how he instantly starts to figure how to turn a loss into a gain. Also wants to mobilize Cabinet, and VP to start banging Congress for inaction. Finch and me to dinner and "Patton" again.