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Friday, June 19.

No schedule, so I spent most of the day with President as he had various people in.

Harlow, Ehrlichman and Timmons regarding Voting Rights and plan for vetoes on school milk and Hilt-Burton. Ehrlichman talked him into veto messages with reasons, instead of one sentence. After long discussion decided he has to sign Voting Rights. Feels veto would be better politics, but runs real danger of exploding the blacks. Doesn't feel we'll gain any votes with blacks or young - but will hurt with our basic constituency - but still have to do it, against will of leaders.

Flap about Bob Taft refusal to attend Agnew dinner in Cleveland tomorrow. Built through the day, as Harlow maneuvered to get pressure put on Taft. Ended with Taft calling Harlow and refusing to go - really stupid. President really furious about his attitude, and says he won't help him in campaign.

Then into question of content of VP's speech. President decided he couldn't take on Congress, at least until after ABM vote. So had Harlow work on new version, and then talk to VP. Didn't sell that one, but did get another one worked out.

Ehrlichman came in, in afternoon, with reopening of Penn Central problem. Key points are: Defense Department opposition to using device of Defense loan to save railroad - and the involvement of Guthrie, from Nixon law firm - plus fact Kennedy, Flanigan, Stans all have interests in concerned banks. President called Stans in first, then Kennedy. Finally decided to drop plan and let Penn Central shift for itself on open market. Feels market has already discounted the problem and danger of major adverse effect is much less than it was when decision first made. President did agonize quite a bit before deciding - and, surprisingly, also quite a bit after the decision - unusual.

Juggled a bit with problem of Julie and David trip to Japan, but got it back on track, in shortened version.



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President and Pat Nixon and Bebe to Camp David for the weekend. A little peace and quiet.