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Monday, June 22.

Back to work - President saw Heard and some good college presidents this morning, plus couple of other appointments. Had afternoon clear for work on Jaycee speech - but he didn't really get to work on it - instead spent the time pondering whether it was worth his trying to write one, or just go with what Keogh wrote. Result, nothing done either way.

Reviewed trip and schedule plans this morning - pretty well set on the whole deal, but wants to hold final decision on TV for one more day. Decided to sign voting rights and veto Hill-Burton today, then probably sign milk bill in next couple of days.

Wants to establish rule with staff and guests that all communication with President is privileged and not for quotation without specific permission. Good idea. Way to get control.

Meeting with college presidents as usual did not produce much of any value - although as a group they were much more constructive and favorable than past ones have been. Problem is they all seem to feel the President or the government should solve the problems they have created by their own lack of leadership.

The Agnew question again. The college men raised it as they always do. An easy scapegoat. President wondering if we are all wrong - is he really polarizing the youth? Really hard to figure whether he does more harm or good. He's certainly not neutral. President then mused again that it's remarkable we have survived. Main reason is that we are in the teapot (of DC) and see only the tempest - country isn't stirred up the way we are.

Long session at EOB, late afternoon. Mainly regarding whether to close down Cooper-Church mini-buster. Harlow reported Scott said our group feels we've gone far enough. President had me check Dole, who said Scott's report not true, they want to go on. Learned a lesson - never take one report as gospel, check it at least once.



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Had a staff dinner with Rogers Morton and top RNC staff for briefing from them on how RNC works. Pretty dull - but probably good thing to have done.