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Friday, June 26.

President in pretty early - decided to open the publishers conference instead of just greeting them at lunch. Did a good job of laying the groundwork - then left. Had me in the office a lot of the morning.

Guess the DuBridge problem is settled, as he's decided to resign because wife wants to get back to California. So we don't have to pull the big maneuver. Came just in time.

President wants to build up "forgotten minorities" idea - thinks Agnew could do a speech. Was impressed by Buchanan memo on this - and need to play to our new potential, labor, Catholic, blue collar, etc.

Wants to put major effort in New York, to elect Buckley against Goodell. Also wants to mobilize the Jaycees.

Got all stirred up by Billy Graham phone call saying he should be at 4th of July rally in DC. Felt he had to go - or do something here, i.e., Rose Bowl deal. In later conversation with President and Kissinger, I came up with solution - to bring Bruce and Habib in for consultation. President will announce Bruce as Paris Ambassador on Wednesday night. Solves a lot of problems in one swoop.

Kissinger came up with great Petain quote as we were discussing education problem and students, "They know everything, but unfortunately they don't know anything else."

President talked to Rogers, who suggested he stop in Moscow on way from Tokyo to London, and meet Gromyko at airport. Kissinger and I opposed, mainly because it undermines our plans for Summit in fall - especially because it takes some pressure off the Russians for a conference. Rogers had already discussed this with Dobrynin. Upshot was for President to tell me to call Rogers and tell him to turn it off, on basis this is not the right time for him to have a meeting.