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Thursday, July 9.

Odd day - President had breakfast with Mansfield. Then hit me with a few random notes and some discussion regarding schedule. Then a ceremony for General Wheeler. Then back at me. This time a long spell on schedule. Cleared up most of my pending items. Then a meeting with Win Rockefeller. Then he had Garment and Nancy Hanks in for a review of cultural activities. Then had me back in. Then over to EOB for lunch and the afternoon. A long session with Ehrlichman - including review of poll data I had given him at noon. Our poll shows him down to 53, new Gallup is 55.

Poll of ours shows enormous weakness of Republican Party - and shows disapproval of President on all areas of major concern except Southeast Asia war. President doing a lot of analyzing of this.

In late afternoon had one and a half hour meeting with Mills and Byrnes regarding foreign trade policy. All our people feel we're on brink of major international disaster and wanted President to try to convince House not to go beyond textiles in their quota actions.

Then a cocktail session in the Map Room to celebrate House victory against Cooper-Church. That was the big issue of the day - as our troops rushed a floor vote on motion to table a motion by Riegle to order conferees to support Cooper-Church. We won by 84 votes - were shooting for 100. Took a monumental White House effort - with Finch mobilizing all the Cabinet, etc. Apparently mobilized Romney too well, since a lot of criticism regarding HUD intimidation. But we won anyway. President tonight really cranked up about getting this sold as Administration victory and built up.

Didn't have anything scheduled this afternoon, but it worked out very productively - maybe a good idea to keep more time open to use on ad hoc basis.