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Friday, July 10.

Cabinet meeting all morning. Supposed to be a one subject meeting - on OMB, by Shultz. But President started it off by asking Kissinger to cover foreign policy briefly for 10-15 minutes. An hour and a quarter later Shultz finally got on. President kept adding to Kissinger's points and members had questions. Got pretty funny - especially since Shultz had been filibustered out of his part in the last three Cabinet meetings.

At one point during discussion, President asked Volpe a tough question and Volpe replied by asking if it is all right for a Cabinet officer to say "No comment." President instantly said "It's about time." Broke 'em all up.

After Shultz took an hour on OMB, President started in again - this time on general political instructions for the fall. Made point strongly that we will be OK on foreign politics, but big drag will be the economy. Way to win is like British Conservatives, really organize and concentrate on a few key districts. We'll have a political Cabinet meeting in about a month.

Before Cabinet meeting, President got into a long discussion of Derge poll again. Had analyzed a lot of it and had some further questions to be answered. After Cabinet meeting, President met with VP and Mitchell to sell VP on using Harlow for campaign. He agreed with great enthusiasm. Had me in to firm it up - also give him speech help from Buchanan and Safire. President thinks Safire could be his press man.

Had a lot of follow-up items. Has decided to start wearing a flag. Wants to do a big million dollar California fund-raiser. Did some more poll analyzing. Had to see U Thant in afternoon, and was pacing back and forth ruminating about Thant and UN. Doesn't think much of either one.

Had David Eisenhower, Kevin Phillips, Finch and friend of David's in for late afternoon political discussion. Was good - except President had to do half the talking instead of getting more information from Phillips, who is a remarkable encyclopedia. Concluded Agnew should be



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positive but strong and is an asset. Congressional races will be rough - problem is economy. Thinks student demonstrations help us. Should push labor, Catholics, ethnics. Forget Jews and blacks.

President had UN dinner. Not pleased about that but in a great mood as he left the office.