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Wednesday, August 12.

Postal Bill signing at PO Department went pretty well - all past Postmaster Generals were there. President had fairly light schedule, with afternoon clear - used for long sessions with Kissinger and with Ehrlichman and Shultz.

Asked me to try to work out some kind of jobs for Julie and Tricia - both want to go to work full time, and really need something productive to do. They're in a tough spot. Also some problems regarding Pat Nixon news coverage. Guess last night at dinner didn't go too well. Kissinger said President wandered into his office - seemed to have no purpose, said little, but obviously had something on his mind.

Considerable discussion about President's picture. He still doesn't like the official one, so we looked at others. Wants to make a change. Reneged on plan to remove tennis court.

Really mad about Obscenity Commission report regarding White House staff mentioning penises to get reaction to dirty pictures. Wants to repudiate whole commission. Good idea.

Big deal for the day was critical ABM amendment vote in Senate. We won 52-47 - better than we had expected. President made a lot of calls of thanks and to lock up waverers on next go round. Jackson told him the left-wing staff people were really out working to defeat us - lying, etc. He was quite upset apparently, Teddy Kennedy succeeded in week's delay on next vote - Brooke amendment. We wanted it today while we have the votes.