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Saturday, August 15.

No schedule. President had me in from 9:00-1:00, with Kissinger in for quite a while at the start, then out for a meeting with Rabin regarding Middle East. (Mrs. Meir is in desperate straits and wants to come over to see President. President refused – but said he would see Rabin and listen to his report) - then back in to report.

President anxious to follow up on New Orleans story - had Finch in and gave him the line. Bob really worked it, with AP, the *Star*, CBS and *Time*. Good use of him. Built main line that this was all President's idea and was done over advice of most of staff.

Discussion with Kissinger about Soviet-China probabilities; Kissinger agrees that something big is stirring and expects Soviets to use nuclear force to knock out China's missiles. President rather surprised to hear this. Kissinger feels Soviet divisions on the border are for defensive purposes – because of fear of Chinese retaliation by attempted invasion on the ground.

Big plan for trip to New York next Tuesday - to visit *Daily News* and have dinner, etc. Mainly to shaft the *Times*, plus Pat Nixon is going up anyway for shopping.

President talked to Moynihan, who was ecstatic regarding New Orleans and on strength of that agreed to take UN post in January.

President planned to spend night on *Sequoia* with Bebe and Hobe - then added Rogers, then shifted to Camp David - so we all went up there, including Ehrlichman and Finch. Quiet night.