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Friday, September 11.

Morning pretty well filled with GOP leadership followed by bipartisan group regarding highjacking statement President released later in day - regarding armed guards on planes, etc., and another photo session with Senatorial candidates.

Was especially impressed by lady during Congressional half hour who gave him a flag she had made, with 78,000 stitches and "Every stitch represents something good in America."

Very anxious to get moving on action regarding campus unrest. Is fully convinced this is "the" issue this year and we should be on record with positive action - especially to counterbalance Scranton. Also wants to make the issue on our trips, with bad guy demonstrations.

President aghast to learn Chotiner had arranged Israel trips for all the senatorial candidates who have been going. President couldn't understand why so many until found out. Bad use of time and money.

Discussed trip - decided not to go to Paris for cease-fire announcement - instead will have Bruce come to Ireland, then do announcement after return to United States - better for TV because of time difference. Decided to take Moynihan along, called him in late afternoon to tell him - delighted. Also had Rumsfeld in, and said would like him to go, but I (Haldeman) had felt he was needed here. Puts me in nice spot!

I spent good part of afternoon on huge flap with Bob Dole, who was incensed regarding screwup of announcement of our Kansas trip - Governor (Democrat) made it in Kansas, ahead of Dole or the University. After tracking it all back, found it was Dole's fault.

On chopper to Camp David got into reminiscing regarding war days, as he was thinking about inviting his old Pacific group to White House - as we did the Whittier class. Then he started telling tales of the war days, sounded just as bad as anyone else! Wants Hughes to have services make a study of his old buddies, work up a list and get them in. He and Pat Nixon in good mood



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on trip. He's got his Kansas speech to work on, Ray Price up for that - but had a movie and to bed early tonight.