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Friday, September 25.

President pretty busy all morning, alone at EOB good part of the afternoon. Decided to see Scranton Commission tomorrow and try to get it all over with fast as possible. Had me over for couple of hours at late afternoon.

Back onto the Kissinger subject. Wants Haig to keep Kissinger from always looking like there's a crisis. Best way to manage a crisis is to look like there isn't one. Keep cool, act very strong in private channels. Kissinger apparently blew one in briefing today by saying Cuba is serious.

Kissinger called at home tonight to say Rogers had called him in a blind rage, yelling at him, regarding the briefing. Said Kissinger had tricked President into hard line about Cuba. Also claims Kissinger indicated there'd be a new peace initiative and that's why Kissinger going to Paris tonight (not true). Said "One of us has got to go" and is going to President. Kissinger then felt he had to stay here to protect himself. Haig and I talked him into going.

Kissinger had his meeting this evening with Dobrynin - told him OK on Summit next summer (Russians are not coming to UN) and will announce next month. Also told him to get the base out of Cuba. Kissinger says he's shaking. Feels Dobrynin is more worried now than ever before – and that we have lucked out on all this in spite of State and internal dissension.

Billy Graham called regarding Ky - thinks his man and Vietnamese Ambassador have convinced him not to do McIntyre rally - need to set up alternate for him to save face.