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Tuesday, November 17.

Busy day for President as we added a bunch of appointments to cover ground we needed to make up. GOP leaders produced nothing - just getting ready for bipartisan leaders tomorrow about Military Assistance Bill. Then ran through Ambassador Bunker with Kissinger; Sidney Marland, the new Commissioner of Education, with Richardson; Hamer Budge who's leaving SEC; Bob Dole to discuss his desire to have an official platform - i.e., leader, or Senate Campaign Chairman, or RNC chairman or anything else we have in mind - just wants to help; Mayor of West Berlin to say hello; Pat Moynihan to discuss his new UN post; then off to Philadelphia to a reception at the Academy of Fine Arts to shake down some contributions for Pat Nixon, for decorating the White House.

Got all screwed up on plans for bipartisan leaders tomorrow as Democrats called caucus for same time as meeting - juggled all around and finally ended up at 3:30.

President agreed to Rumsfeld plan to pull out of OEO this week and replace himself with Carlucci. Decided to try one more stab at Harlow for RNC. (Talked to McElroy last night, who turned him down because Proctor and Gamble afraid to offend Muskie and Democratic majority regarding environment and phosphates. President thoroughly disgusted and told me to have Whitaker screw P & G.)

Had some thoughts on the National Association of Manufacturers speech - wants it to be very positive and uplifting, like Jaycee only slanted to business. Wants Moynihan to take a stab at some ideas for it, as well as Safire who's writing it.

Anxious to get going on people changes. Is afraid, as I am, that delay will mean defeat.

Took a firm position on Congressional deal - will not let Senate Foreign Relations Committee, etc., into bipartisan leaders. Says Rogers has to handle them. Think he'll take a stronger stand with the new Congress.



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Lot of discussion at staff meeting regarding need to establish new basis with Congress. Rumsfeld all for putting out olive branch and I think Finch agrees. I had long talk with MacGregor regarding his taking Congressional liaison, and his views on the needs. All seem to feel we need better personal relationship but should take hard line on issues - and should not overcommit President.