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Thursday, November 19.

A loaded one from breakfast with Mansfield to dinner with Ash Council. NSC regarding NATO - apparently very good meeting - President took strong stand about maintaining support. It obviously got to him because his toast at dinner turned into a 20 minute speech regarding need for maintaining the number one position in world strength. Made excellent case regarding problem of being a number two power.

Really blew regarding Pakistan because we've done very little and gotten no credit. All jammed up in red tape. Pat Nixon wants to go over, but Kissinger, etc., all say no. Do have to get something going. The disaster dominated TV last night and we look pretty bad.

Upset about leaks of personnel changes - especially whole rundown out of Keogh backgrounder.

Pleased with fat cat dinner last night. They pledged \$7 million, from Stone, Mulcahy and Scaife for '71, '72, and '73 deficit if any. Had long talk with Kalmbach after and has him lined up for 50 percent of his time, handling super fat cats and special assignments.

Met with Kennedy - failed to get him to leave, but decided after that he has to go. Wants Mitchell to start quiet check on Bob Anderson. Has decided he definitely wants both Bush and MacGregor in White House.

Apparently had a good talk with Milton Friedman, and said after it was nice to have someone say we're doing things right. Friedman urges we stay on present economic course. Says we're in good shape if we stay with it. President still concerned regarding '72. Can't afford to risk a downtrend, no matter how much inflation.