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Tuesday, December 1.

Unfortunately, President had a large gap in his schedule - and kept me in for about four hours today. I did get all the backlog of schedule and information items cleared up. As always, got back on political analysis. He's quite concerned regarding youth, especially because of a new Harris poll. Mused over reasons and cures for the problem. Wants our own poll, and a program to handle it.

He saw Brooke and offered him the UN post, but Ed wants to stay in the Senate. He saw Moynihan, and agreed to put him on PSAC and retain as a consultant.

We had something of a flap regarding the announcement of Governor Connally to FIAB, especially from John Tower. President was not pleased - he wants Connally for '72 and can't tell Tower this.

Not pleased with the leadership meeting, mainly because of the lack of any enthusiasm. Bryce thinks there's a White House/Hill schism - President just blames it on the Congressmen. Wants MacGregor to take the lead in getting them to speak up for President.

He's obviously still very much absorbed in political and PR analysis - and not really back on track regarding basic governmental matters. Will probably take major crisis to revive the focus - problem is that can't come in domestic area - and that's where he should be getting involved. May just come in time. Basic problem is to get him interested and talking to other people on substantive matters.