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Friday, December 9.

The President's at Camp David, I'm at home. He called midday, said they saw "The Candidate" last night. Talked about how they had really jobbed the conservatives. Agreed to see Dole Monday. Wants to be sure we ran the Scali deal through and talked about leaking it to ABC and the *Star* and so on. Said to go all out on young people, ethnics, and so on, in the follow-up posts. Was amused by the Colson/Teamsters story. Apparently he fell yesterday and badly hurt his knee and fractured his toe, so he's semi-laid up. Got into the Julie job again, says she really wants to do it. They're going to get Helene in on it, have COTUS available to do the advance work and all, and Helen Smith to do the press briefings. That we've got to either get David out of the service, or assigned to the White House or in DC. He really should get an early release. Then he'll need a job. Perhaps he could take some writing job at AER or something of that sort.

The President was fascinated with the Democratic National Committee vote not to throw Westwood out. Had me call Connally to get his reaction. He said that must have been just the first vote, to declare the seat vacant, which they didn't pass. We'll now have to wait and see. She says she'll step aside, but she won't step aside for Strauss. So we'll wait until the committee adjournment and see what develops. Many people didn't want to vote to unseat her, but would vote for Strauss as Chairman. John says he's not surprised. He knew it would be close. Said they have it stacked-- and Labor, Governors and the South don't have the strength to overthrow them. Also mentioned he's going to Saudi Arabia the 15th or 16th for four days. Wants me to set that up, per his earlier conversation with the President.

End of December 9.