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Unfortunately, the President had a large gap in his schedule, and kept me in for about four hours today. I did get all the backlog of scheduling and information items cleared up. As always, we got back on political analysis. He's quite concerned regarding youth, especially because of a new Harris poll that says that in very bad [unclear] 18 to 20 year olds [unclear]. He mused over the reasons and the 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 on in the Senate. He saw Moynihan, and agreed to put him on PSAC and to retain him as a consultant. [Unclear]

We had something of a flap regarding the announcement of Governor Connally to PIAB, especially from John Tower. President was not pleased with this, he wants Connally for '72 in case of a [unclear] run, but we can't tell Tower this.

He was not pleased with the leadership meeting today, mainly because of the lack of any enthusiasm. Bryce thinks there's a White House/Hill schism, the President just blames it on the Congress or on the Congressmen. He wants MacGregor to take the lead in getting them to speak up for the President. He's obviously still very much absorbed in political and PR analysis and not really back on the track regarding basic government matters. He'll probably take a major crisis to revive the focus; the problem is, that that can't come in domestic area and that's where he should be getting involved. It may just come in time. The basic problem is to get him interested and talking to other people on substantive matters.

End.