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Friday, February 14.

President pushing at staff meeting for plans to get things rolling. Wants weekly program with plan for major event each day - especially now a major legislative proposal every day. Game plan instead of reaction.

More discussion of plan for Presidential action regarding campus disorders. Feels Congress will overreact, and we should get the jump with our own plan. Told me to have Finch and Mitchell develop plan - precisely drawn by Monday. Later, after I talked with them and they urged caution, President changed approach and decided to give a national radio address right after return from Europe. Has Price working on it. Wants to use the "bully pulpit" to give leadership - but now recognizes actual action should be local - not Federal.

Decided to bite the bullet on the Willie May Rogers flap. Will ask her to withdraw - too much criticism to make her role possible - and more to come from Congress. Better to withdraw now as gracefully as possible.

Thinking of Garment for OEO - Moynihan says he's interested. Would be good, except not an administrator.

Made decision to remove Hershey - I've urged ever since election - will have good effect on youth. Problems with Congress and veterans.

President met with Civil Rights Commission and came out all jazzed up - as he did yesterday after National Science Board. Wants to make something of the Commission - and utilize its staff productively. Long talk afterwards with Moynihan. Going to ask Father Hesburgh to take Chairmanship.

Later, family, Julie and David, Tricia and Pat Nixon, all came over to office - President discussed decor, etc. - lots of advice, all conflicting.