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Monday, October 13.

Big play today is Lodge meeting this afternoon. Also a stir on the letter to Georgetown student, but it was focused on him instead of letter's contents. Long meeting at noon with Harlow and Ehrlichman about plan for leaders meeting tomorrow - which expanded into general policy discussion as usual.

Toying with idea of meeting press in the office to cover Haynsworth, or as general Q&A.

Upset because he spent an hour this morning with Kissinger and Ziegler working out the line for Ziegler's briefing. Asked me to set up system to avoid this - which I did - on basis Ehrlichman and Kissinger must each meet with Ziegler and review their areas so Ziegler only has President approve lines already developed. Should work, if they'll stay with it.

Lot of concern about plans for Moratorium Day as it nears and heat builds. May want President to participate in some way, generally by going to church. His firm view is to avoid any involvement and to maintain a normal routine on other activities.

Pushing again on getting the pool ready for the press. Really wants to keep the heat on.

Another long introspective talk at the end of the day. I sense a growing intolerance of Kissinger's attitudes and habits. He overreacts and this bothers the President. Tendency now more and more to keep him out - and Kissinger senses this, which builds up the frustration and accelerates the overreacting. Also Kissinger is getting heat for his staff inefficiency, which is really just his bottlenecking. Maybe my prime contribution for a while will be to get this straightened out - because he is extremely valuable and effective and any deterioration would be damaging to the overall operation. Ehrlichman, Harlow, et al., seem to be in pretty good shape - and Rose has had a great attitude, although she's never in to see President, except with old-friend type guests, i.e., Adele Rogers.



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I had to give Gerry Van der Heuvel the news that she is out. Went pretty well, she was not totally surprised I don't think. Says she'll take another government job, and cooperate. Hope she will.