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Saturday, November 15.

Mobe Day. The big march turned out to be huge. Official estimate was 250,000. By our photo count, it was 325,000. Anyway, it was really huge. Ehrlichman, Krogh and I went out in helicopter to look it over in the morning, very impressive. Weird around White House because they have a cordon around two block area so no people, cars, or anything.

President had a session with Rogers, Laird, Mitchell and Kissinger in the morning. Had planned budget session with Ehrlichman, Kissinger and Mayo all afternoon. But discovered last night that the Purdue-Ohio State game was on TV, and wouldn't miss it. So they had a forty-five minute start then adjourned for the game. Resumed for a couple of hours in late afternoon. Then President to Residence for dinner and the evening.

More violence in late afternoon as they mobbed Justice. Krogh there - said tear gas bad in Mitchell's office. Also very strange emotional impact as they took down American flag and ran up Viet Cong. Whole business is sort of unreal. They massed at 15th and Pennsylvania after dark, and we went out on North Lawn to see them. No action - all just stood there, facing massive lines of police, jeeps, etc. Most with gas masks and helmets.

President wants Harlow now to take hard line in his dealing with Congress. Let them come to us. Reduce number of leaders meetings, etc. Feels we have coddled them and buckled under too much, and should now move to strong position.

Ehrlichman, Harlow and I had meeting with Joe Califano regarding LBJ problems. Between his geriatric home and his paper declassifying, we have some troubles.

Also I had a session with Jayne Brumley regarding *Newsweek* cover on TV, Agnew reaction, and the hatchet piece on Tricia and Julie. She says *Newsweek* will come around. I doubt it.

President canceled plans to brief Congressional leaders on SALT Monday - and canceled dentist plans, so the day is now clear. Will have to think of something.