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Thursday, December 11.

LBJ day. Came for private breakfast, and stayed over two hours. Apparently went pretty well - mainly because we've more or less ironed out his problems regarding pilot project for reviewing his papers and getting the geriatrics home back on track. Then a pretty hectic morning schedule, with Violence Commission, AMA, DuBridge, etc.

President especially distressed with DuBridge appointment, and refused to discuss budget stuff that Lee had on his agenda.

Ehrlichman and I had long session with Cliff Miller, regarding general problem of George Murphy. Then, after a Nixon Foundation dinner, another one with Taft, Schreiber and Len Firestone - same subject. They (representing Asa Call) insist on direct orders from White House before they'll confront Murphy. Problem is his use of Technicolor credit card, and expense payments including apartment, with facts already in hands of Bergholz. No one willing to face George with this - all tangled up in idea of pushing Finch. Real tragedy, because unless they can work out a Murphy withdrawal on a happy basis, we'll probably lose the seat - which all agree Finch could handily win. Not possible, though if there's a Party battle and there will be apparently because Reagan is determined to keep Murphy in, for his own purposes. Very difficult for them - but obviously White House can't possibly become involved, in spite of their insistence. Incredible to me that Murphy wouldn't realize the problem and pull out himself, especially in view of his age of 68. Health and voice are apparently bad, and it all seems so obvious.

Got the basic plot for the Foundation pretty well set, with museum and library to be together, probably in Irvine Ranch, near, but not at, the University. Will go ahead and plan on that basis.

I had meeting with Stans, Dent and Gleason about setting up our own funding for backing the good candidates in hot races. A little tricky to handle outside the RNC, but looks pretty good.