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Friday, June 5.

Finch day. Ehrlichman and I met with Bob in morning, and I made pitch regarding need for him to move out of HEW now, and into White House. He was obviously ready for it, and went along completely. He felt it should be done as fast as possible - so we went to work on a successor. After considerable discussion with President - with Ehrlichman, Finch, and Kissinger in and out, we decided choice was between Franklin Murphy and Elliot Richardson - with the edge to Richardson because more our man - but then we love him at State, so decided to ask Murphy first. He was in DC for FIAB. So Finch and I met with Franklin. He went through expected spiel, about Judy and her unhappiness with public life. Said he'd have to wait ten days until back from Europe to decide.

That settled it for President - and he had Rogers come over at noon - met with President and me. Agreed immediately to move Richardson. I had feeling he was glad to move him out. Bill talked to Elliot, then he and Elliot came over and talked to President - Ehrlichman and I added for last part. Richardson agreed and after meeting was obviously elated. I called Finch and told him. We set announcement for tomorrow, and worked out all the details.

At last minute President invited Ehrlichman, Kissinger and me to dinner on *Sequoia* with him and Bebe. Good chat regarding all sorts of things, especially people. President really pleased with the shift. Is excited by prospect of Bob's value to White House staff, and using Rumsfeld, Finch, Ehrlichman and me as key staff with whom he can meet and talk. It will be a good set-up and Bob will really help loosen me up, and take on political and PR areas that I'm now stuck with. Also can talk to VIP's and give them a feel of top-level inside contact.

Fortunately schedule was fairly open so President could put in ample time on all this planning, and it really worked out well.



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One interesting problem, Ehrlichman asked Moynihan if he wanted HEW, and he said yes. Now have to turn him off - also Murphy. Also will have to put off Allen firing until next week, but Finch still set to do it.

President had historic meeting this morning with intelligence chiefs: FBI, CIA, NSA, DIA, about internal domestic intelligence. Ordered them to set up a cooperative system - with Tom Huston.