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Big flap about story in *Post* sport section that President delayed the game last night. He didn't - and is mad at charges he did. Also worried about Attorney General's press conference yesterday when he backed down from tough role. President feels he'll destroy himself by trying to be goody-goody. Has to be strong tough crime fighter. Then disturbed to find he had a meeting with black insurance company men - but they're good guys, so he did it.

In the afternoon, which had been clear, he added a session with the economic group to discuss things in general and then a meeting with the property group to discuss policy regarding disposition of Federal property in Hawaii. They think this is a big issue.

Kissinger is building up a new head of steam regarding Rogers. Bill has made some startling statements regarding Cambodia as a non-success, encouragement of Chinese, harm done to his Middle East efforts by White House comments, etc. Kissinger still feels this is all part of a plan to do him in and to take over foreign policy by State from White House. Talked to me several times. Trouble is he's almost psycho about it - and keeps repeating his charges and complaints but has no real alternative except to fire Rogers, which isn't very likely. I agreed to try to get Haig in with President to discuss the whole problem.

Then tonight Haig called - President had called Kissinger at a party to say he'd called Rogers to congratulate him on his press conference today. Kissinger really distressed by this, because Rogers apparently made things even worse at the press conference. So we have to try to simmer it all down again.

Mayo in today to tell me he'll resign tomorrow to take Presidency of Chicago Federal Reserve Bank. Good move for us and him. He'll tell President tomorrow.

Flanigan in to discuss his future - especially about Under Secretary of State which he'd obviously like.