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Saturday, July 18.

Busy day - especially for Saturday. Dentist at 8:00. German Foreign Minister, FIAB, filled morning. Then Prince Charles at 5:00 and dinner at 7:00.

Big flap as Strom Thurmond blasted us yesterday about Southern school IRS decision. President especially concerned because he doesn't agree with decision he's made - and thinks Thurmond is basically right. Had me get Ehrlichman, Harlow and Mitchell working on how to handle - spent most of the morning.

Then had a long 3:00 political confab with Finch, Harlow and Kissinger. Wanted Kissinger to expand his views regarding conservatism - students, strong versus weak position, etc. Lot of talk regarding Agnew. Agree he can't be shrewish, or cute, but must stay strong. President feels youth now a useless subject to talk about, because there's no mileage in it for anybody.

Discussed "When are the ducks." No answer. Will continue to do what is right as President, but must determine also what is right politically. President feels it's quite different from what most of our people say. Cites weakness in poll of Republicans - strength of conservatives. We can't win over our enemies - youth, black, Jew.

Regarding Agnew - agreed President needs someone to his right, and someone to rally our natural friends. Should stop personal attacks - deal with substance.

The basic political tactic is to make the Democrats in the North the Liberal/Socialist Party. Out of tune.

We went to Camp David in late afternoon. President scheduled to stay at White House to give dinner - work tomorrow on press conference. Instead he surprised us at 9:30 by coming up to Camp David. Had to drop our movie in the middle to clear Aspen.