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Thursday, July 23.

Loaded schedule on last day before trip. Main event was Kekkonen arrival and State Dinner tonight. That filled the morning, then lunch at *Washington Star*, then really full afternoon - including session with Tower and Scoop Jackson, and Laird, regarding ABM.

President still disturbed about Dent's memo on problems with South. Wants me to tell all staff President is a conservative - does not believe in integration, will carry out the law, nothing more - does not want Federal jerks running around. Wants Mitchell to stomp on Leonard. Won't do the Watts visit because won't win any Negroes and could alienate whites.

Delighted with new Gallup poll, to come out next week that will show President at 61 percent approval - up six points from last month.

Back on campaign. Wants to be sure no money to any candidate until later - to force use for media not staff. Still wants to push "conservative" and "new leadership in Congress." Wants to go South soon.

Bill Rogers called me to relay to President his meeting with Dobrynin was very satisfactory. Now just have to get Israel to accept. He was really pleased, has finally accomplished something.

President again pushing on economy. Called Shultz in this morning to put heat on him to knock down recession talk. Opposition has really flared up today on this issue. It was all ours for last couple weeks, and now they're reacting but with no real substance. Problem is we have to be sure to fight back. President wants to hit them as trying to talk the country into a recession - exactly what they are doing. It's almost funny to see the orchestration - a Joe Kraft column and three different statements all break today, after two weeks of nothing. Unfortunately for them, the market went up a big chunk today.