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Wednesday, August 19.

Baker, Bellman and Dole in for early morning appointment - to tell President of problem of White House staff relations with all good guys in the Senate. (Dole says he's never even met Ehrlichman.) President overreacted with all kinds of ideas for curing - along lines of open lines from senators to Ehrlichman, Shultz, me, etc. Had me in, and Kissinger, and later Shultz, to go over this, and had me meet with them after. Trouble is, even the three of them don't agree on either the problem, or the solution. President agreed to Thrus Morton as liaison.

Picked up a few ideas from Dewey at his dinner in New York last night - he thinks VP should charge on, but hone off the edges of his rhetoric. Should instead let the opposition fall for lack of an argument, don't build them up. Also doesn't trust young George Gallup.

Cabinet meeting about politics for fall - went pretty well with Finch in general charge. Then dinner for Cabinet and top staff. Good informal evening - again Finch in charge of organizing the after dinner talks. President especially eloquent in tributes to Lee DuBridge, on his departure from government - and the Cabinet wives. Rose made an ass of herself - with great embarrassment to everyone else - by interrupting and asking President to call on Mrs. Blount. Then said "Dammit, we're all for women's lib...". Not so good!