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William Mc Vitt

7/17/84



MINUTES OF STAFF MEETING

Saturday - September 21 [1974]



10:30 a. m.

Ron emphasizing that he needed to be ^{informed} told of the decisions ^{each} the ~~Mr.~~ Nessen opened the meeting asking for a one page ~~summary of what~~ ^{staff was making,} ~~job breakdown from each one.~~ ^{assistant}

He said ~~he planned~~ ^{very ready} to bring in an Administrator to handle the administrative aspect of ~~the~~ ^{press office} the job, which is considerable.

Announced that Tom deCair would be his personal assistant and paper should be funnelled through him.

Wanted suggestions on news summary and ideas on if it should be changed or beefed up.

Asked for thoughts on opening up coverage a little more. Perhaps should be more opportunities for photo coverage - should entertain idea of opening up briefing to film coverage. Know that can't be done, but should think of some sort of accommodation.

Jack Hushen given the assignment of handling Saul Pett interview - which will be the President's first -- on way back from San Francisco October 3. The President will then have a series of group interviews with 4 or 5 people in the residence - on the record - after San Francisco. Example would be to have a group of economic reporters in to talk. Need to think how frequently these should be held and where and when. *It was suggested the Grand Rapids Press should be part of the group*

President also considering ~~out of town~~ news conferences. President mentioned he wanted to have a press conference 3 weeks from the last one.

Andrew Falkiewicz was asked to get ^{together} the request for a press conference while in Tokyo, and also to work out ideas of the Japanese media in Washington seeing the President before he leaves for Tokyo.

Ron also asked for ideas on how major White House ~~press~~ ^{figure} could sit down regularly with media -- a format similar to Cocktails with Clawson.

Ron asked Tom to get Jill McAuley on the White House payroll and ^{she} she was getting overtime. Tom should notify Jill of this.

^{the need for} A daily staff meeting was discussed -- a look-ahead planning session for the next day where photo sessions, etc. would be set. It was decided Ron would meet with his staff at 9 a.m. each day.

Tom was asked to get the status of the McLaughlin, Herschenson, Clawson situation. Ron understood Clawson was coming back and has a new office. Phil Ron Jones has requested a list of the Nixon hold-overs, and wants to make sure his operation is in order. Ron asked for the ~~McLaughlin~~ memos ~~between~~ Horst and McLaughlin, .

Ron asked that all staff members read the wires regularly and keep abreast of breaking news stories, as they come out. He wants to see the wires every half hour.

Ron mentioned that the Press Travel pool is unhappy with the van ~~situation~~. ^{used for press in motorcade} There are 11 bodies that need to be accommodated, ~~and~~ including the WHCA man, White House photographer, Press Office man, and Navy film crew. Perhaps 2 ^{could} station wagons could be used so that the pool ~~and~~ ^{rapidly and} leave the vehicle more easily.

The military unwillingness to support the press office operation was discussed, ~~with the military wanting to pull out completely~~. This is due to people like Proxmire wanting to cut the military budget.

Ron asked Jack to get the birth certificate to Parade Magazine on Gene Ford. Lottery wasn't for more than a year and a half after registration. The date is wrong in the biography, and those need to be destroyed and re-written. A press kit is being prepared on the family. We need to work with Eric, as he will be

using this sort of thing on advances.

] It was suggested that the Grand Rapids Press be among the first group of reporters seeing the President.

Ron said that his daily procedure would be:

7 a.m. Arrive at office . Ead for an hour

8 a.m. Staff meeting

9 a.m. Press Office staff meeting . At this meeting each assistant will provide any issue that needs to be raised with the President.

The briefing will be held as close to 11 a.m. as possible each day. ~~Several~~ Several possibilities were discussed, of moving in more chairs, getting rid of the ~~podium, having a more informal atmosphere, and getting rid of~~ podium, having a more informal atmosphere, and ~~getting rid of~~ reducing the adversary relationship appearance. It was decided there are too many people to put in chairs, or to have the bri efer seated, as he coul dn't be seen by the numbers of people.

It was decided to get a podium like the President's for the bri efings, and to have a stand-up mike , with the podium off to the side. This will be instigated starting Tuesday.

Also starting Tuesday the hand-outs will be given out at 11 a.m. so the press can start on them, and the briefing will be held as close to 11 a.m. as possible.

It was decided someone should get the schedule from Terry O'Donnell's office every day to coordinate the receiving with the release of the next day's schedule. We need to get the lower office running smoothly -- with everyone having assignments of what he should do.

It was decided there should be a liaison man with each area of the White House so that getting information won't be duplicated by more than one press office staff assistant. Tom, Jack, and Larry should draw up a proposal for this.

Ron mentioned that Mrs. Ford needs a new Press Secretary and a new Social

Social Secretary. If anyone has names to suggest, he should get in touch with Rick Sardo or Ron Nessen.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 21, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: JACK HUSHEN
ANDREW FALKIEWICZ
BILL ROBERTS
JOHN CARLSON
LARRY SPEAKES
LES JANKA
THYM SMITH

cc: Bob Mead
Eric Rosenberger
Ron Nessen
Connie Gerrard

FROM: TOM DeCAIR

SUBJECT: This morning's staff meeting

In the staff meeting Ron requested the following from everyone:

1. One-page roundup of job--ie. what kinds of things you do.
2. Ideas for the news summary--what it should be doing.
3. Ideas for opening up coverage--ie. film of briefings (keeping in mind the problems inherent in this), sound photo sessions, etc.
4. Ideas on interviews with the President--head-to-head and small groups. Need names, how often, where, times of day. How about starting with group of econ people after summit and before President's major economic address Oct. 5-11. GR Press?
5. Ideas, including liabilities, on out of town press conferences.
6. Ideas on "cocktails with nessen" (under a different name).
7. Stay on top of breaking news--wires, network news shows-- in your areas so we can respond quickly and not have to wait until the next day or just hope the story dies.

In addition, the following assignments were made:

1. Tom will arrange with WHCA to change the podium before Tuesday's Nessen briefing debut.
2. Beginning at 11 a.m. Tuesday, each weekday at 11 we will release, without embargo, all the releases and postings we have for the morning (if some aren't ready yet, we can do them at the briefing or post them in the afternoon). Thym and Larry should work with Tom before Tuesday morning to discuss specific logistics.

If an approximate briefing time is known at 11, it should be announced when the material is made available.

3. Jack will contact Saul Pett.
4. Larry will work with Ollie and Eric on a press kit for Eric's use on the road.
5. Ron's schedule for the morning will be, roughly, in at 7, senior staff meeting at 8 and press office staff meeting at 9. The following should plan to attend the press office staff meeting: (they should be prepared to make input, not just await marching orders) Connie will inform attendees.
Jack Hushen, Bill Roberts, Larry Speakes, John Carlson, Paul Miltich, Jim Holland, Andrew Falkiewicz, Les Janka, Tom DeCair, Bob Mead (when in town), Eric Rosenberger (when in town).
6. Jack, Larry and Bill should work with Tom to develop a reasonable list of divisions of responsibilities--a proposal for Ron to consider. Should include logistical and substantive divisions (ie. who calls which substantive people--other than Carlson and Janka areas).
7. Tom will do a memo on known departing staff members.
8. Tom will check on status of order for more chairs in brfg. rm.
9. Tom will ensure that Jill is on WH rolls.
10. Jack (or Larry or Bill) will discuss press van problem with Steve Todd. Todd's problem is using too many drivers at bad times (when A-listers are going home or coming in). By dropping the van we might have to use three vehicles--one staff car for WHCA, WH photog and Navy crew; plus two wagons for the pool. What is the minimum acceptable pool? Could be AP, UPI, AP Photo, UPI Photo, 3-man net crew, radio engr., and a single pool writer (instead of a paper, mag and broadcaster). Especially true of simple movements where there is coverage at the end of the trip. (This way two wagons could probably accomodate them including the WH photog, Navy reel and WHCA shotgun man).

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Vail

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Mexico 100-4 245 -
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Buchanan - c - 6
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Station wagons for pool
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Get memo

Hugh Sidney -
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Larry swimming pool

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New Park Foundation

AP - WPR Book business

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12:30 P.m.

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Oct 11 & 12, 19

Carlson

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Jerry

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Staff meeting

Wed - Sept 25

High Sider at 5:30pm for IT

Private bar

Stom on why reporter look for conspiracy
why not as act of conscience

Adopt policy on picture stories of IT

Guidance from Daig on how much of
IT's time can be allowed.

Cronkite, Wallace, Ward (Fred)

D. S. News

* Guidance com of Ex,
Metcalf said 3 interview per
week of Vice President.

B. G. L. Q & A after speech:

Rustand, Hoopes recommend against it

Robert Kennedy trial - anti-climatic

RN Will recommend against

Thinking of moving staff meeting to
afternoon. Need to keep meetings brief

Like ideas for open news coverage

Jim Holland - stuff after summit meeting

Husker will let Paul Pett know he is
to be on plane - won't break day after

Swimming pool announcement soon.

Sign-up List for Vail - will announce
a survey off-the-record to get names.

away - fur ?

Rev. Ziola - Husker is close friend
of TI. Metick says he is
spiritual advisor.

J.W. said not to call him that.
TI's religion practice own business a
@ anybody.

* Paul can -- will call Jerry Jones

Local news people complaints
Robert will work out @ Eric.

Put locals in pool if possible
Make sure they know their responsibilities
& obligations to others.

Andrew:

Q & A on House vote on Turkey
Mention to TI and charged up to win.

Jerry: Announce Leadership meeting

Godsell - 2:30 Briefing

Roberts - Denier for tonight - entertainment
New Eng. Eastern board
film intro - just very
last very
close.

Jack:

TI went to Awards party
we louted ~~the~~ ^{spokes} off. Then she went
Lenor Sullivan boo-boo

Copy of draft of speech
Inflation speech. Si -
Sat. noon

Proposals:

- 1 - Emergency housing program
- 2 - Increase in exemption for low income
↳ surtax for high income
- 3 - Ceiling on federal spending

~~For~~ Carton:

Myer gift records shipped to State Dept. at 9:30 am. today

Will be opening to public

State Dept prepared for questions

Hydrofoil - Coast guard in Fla.
wonders what to do @ it?

Rockefeller Restraining on Tapes:

Yesterday said agreement could court
full hearing

[action to overthrow tape agreement
Suzhen, Arta to come up there
to H.J.C.

No decision has been made
to request so far -

insurance letter

adequately responds to

Effort to establish
complete record

It intended no disrespect.

Don't want to refer to testimony. Suchen
Legit. precedent if legal advisor goes up.

Letter from TI to Hengate read by Jack.

Senate action of Nixon tapes

Clauson info. from Haig.
McLaughlin

Les- oil speech answer

out of Turkey, vulnerability



Staff Meeting

Thurs Sep. 26

Bob Kelley, handling coverage of Inflation meeting.

RN going to some of meeting.
Roberts will be there all day.

Jack will brief tomorrow. RN doesn't want to brief every day.

Carlson will have by 11am agenda & list of delegate.

Indicated to RN yesterday. 1hr week press interview. week of p.c. will be all.

Fred Ward - starting book project today.
Kennerly is with him.

Steve Bell - letter on Sol Hartman, please
Return to Hartmann @
note let us know when

Locals into local pool.
Not travel pool.

II Greater L.A. Pres. Club. invited.
Need recommendation.

Audy - Not able to play golf @ Seaside

Prepared for opening remarks. Ecker
Summit for briefing.

Left over questions on Clawson

a → c x

d → e x

Answers on S. O. staff situation &
cost? Admin people on Hill said
couldn't answer.

No headway. Ash has to provide
figures to committee. We refer to that.
Carlson will get.

Kraslow query. Heshen. Steiner
consulted.

Hawzgin query - Jerry told him to cost it.
Jaworski consulted
found no ~~thing~~ problem.

- Cycle its Q & A.

Problem of so many Nixon question buffers;
Proceed as follows.

① After routine announcements
extended remarks about a subject
we want to get out 1 to 2 minutes
~~the~~ Domestic or International
issues.

Explanation: Last night had given
or saw in papers, and wanted
to talk about it.

Think: If important enough
to talk, must be important.

② Opening for filming of this and
Q's & A's on the.

Opening remarks 70 minutes or less.
+ Q's & A's

CBS requests every day to film -
Today if request, give to Nessen.
~~will call atten'~~

Don't want to call journal attention.
Reds after briefing

~~Do first, and then~~

Either file whole thing or now.
Think about it.

Nixon stuff:

Might try to have in friendly reports
Explain stuff

Some having prepared figure on
percentage devoted to Nixon

Today:

Warid Bruce Hornin

Chief of Staff Army
Rees

Leadership meeting this morning
show to Lee for approval.
HAK then.

T.V. seals today at 1 pm.

Pr-advance for trip - Council @
election?

Every indication Japan Korea

Swimming Pool announcement
still on hold.

Public Phone Calls -

Volunteer system not working
Will have to hire someone

Lawsone meeting Friday to take it up.
Don set up on meeting

Paul's: Jim's operation get out material
on Summit Economic Conf.

Seidman - Simon briefing Sat afternoon ^{2 pm}

Announces change of organization

After speech

12:45 pm

Speech problem:

Sandbagged

Not out in on information

That going @ proposals.

These things run into too much
trouble. happened yesterday afternoon

Take up with IT:

RN
IT's health

Economic proposals

Tax cut business

Breakfast

RN Buefy - / IT @ Physics

Haig

Senate tape rate

Staff meeting

10 - 8 AM of B -- memo etc.

20 - 8 AM of E, U Qs and As

Position paper on aid to Turkey.

Have NAK people look again.

Som - IT plans dinner for Haig next month?

Headlines - Greater h. D. per club. NO.

Fachinier: How to get foreign correspondents
recognized at press conferences?

Haigiardi coming in as night secretary

Take up @ IT: Cuba

Parson.

Will IT respond to Shurgate

fuel stamps: Shapp proposed.

Black Report come in to see IT?

Staff Meeting

Oct. 1.

Robert suggested buying operation
back from hospital.

* Remind RV to talk to Roberts

Paul Pett interview must be rescheduled

GF - Pres Conf. next week.

Hopefully question on economy
now @ testimony before Hingate
Committee don't know.

If after, questions all on Hingate
Suggested:

Hingate	this week
Economic	Monday
Pres. Conf.	Tuesday.

Mitchell will co-ordinate getting
A's - A's.

Larry has dealt @ Bill Adler
Jack will handle.



Summer Broadcasting

Letters to & from TI

Money to charity

Black press interview

Proposal to Rustad.

Q & A "Rap session"

Probably abt 20 Editors + Publishers.

Substantive Areas:

Reaction to Newgate Temp.

Not many phone calls.

Will walk through today

TI & Cy & M & E

6/21, 11/21, 2/21, 4/21, 6/21

2/21, 4/21, 6/21, 8/21, 10/21

3 weeks

Effect on Watergate trial

Oct 2 -

Staff Matter

Idea for Press Conf: (from Phil Arata)

Reporters raise hands instead of
shout for recognition

Talk over @ Deakin, Helen, O'Rourke.

Difficult to sell.

Bring up at Briefing (plant) for
discussion

Bill Deakin has been thinking about

Network pool

follow up on what we should do.

Roberts will handle.

~~They are to get~~ underground facility,
needs answer

Mini came

Briefing open to TV

Radio engineer on travel pool

Quante film pool on plane

Getting out still photos

Need to get answers

Bob - Delight buying room if doesn't cost

any money

Bob - Exec. Producer of 3 show.

Alsop letter (proposed)

It agreed to see Alsop. Keep in work.
Letter from IT

News conference next week. televised

RD hope for chemistry

Economic speech

News Conference

Hungate.

Melich co-ordinate Q&A book

Comm

→ Requests for interviews up to date
especially those fairly soon.

Pressure for voluntary Inflation fighters

Keep track of lists of money-saving ideas

Don't and keep in touch @ mailroom

Q and A's

Jack: Sunyati

conservation of fuel

Staff Meeting
Oct 3 - Thurs.

Mitchell - IT policy to save money.
P... .. NBC.

Falkenberg - releasing photos - file

Shopping for Vail after meeting

IT Daily Schedule - will quit putting staff
people on schedule. Do it
verbally. Was giving false impression

Jack Marsh - In charge of all matters of
former IT.

Speech - Board office tonight or tomorrow
9 pm - Vets bill

Saul Peck - recycling - long on to

Mead - Video + audio tape holiday message
to every station in county
Maybe RNC do it - NO crowd
labeled a mess

Carlson: Reduce to short Q&A.

Next week:

Joint Session of Cong Tuesday day - Economic
News Cong. Wed 2:30 - Rosewell House

Also letter → where does it stand?

Lawson: Will buy 2 of () M & U.S.
2 station wagons in motorcade

Carlson - Spurling breakfast group - Sat.

Made - basic producer of 3 night show

Some thought - day. return

Stamper - IT made nomination

Jackson - Vaneck bill

John Management - 3:30pm
Keep low-key

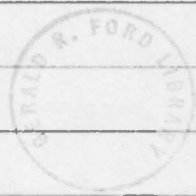
Post story - II pose hypothetical question
question of personnel

We have answer or will get answer
after briefing

Brief in afternoon to get out information
Hartmann interview in N.V.D.N.

Work out @ Dunsford statement about
general philosophy of personnel.

~~Make~~ Make a statement after 3rd question
As these individual philosophies are



Oct 4 - Fri

~~Budget cuts~~

Meeting -

Economy and election

Q&A's on that.

Reaction to Transit bill
Neil Laird on gas rationing.

71 names sent to Montoya.

~~Statement~~

RON - MULTICH PIECES

R.N.

what time of
day [unclear]
in [unclear]



980-4160

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

ADVANCE STAFF MEETING

Saturday, October 5, 1974

PARTICIPANTS

Ron Nessen	Bob Mead	Bill Henkel
Eric Rosenberger	Tom DeCair	

ITEMS DISCUSSED

RN would like Press Office activities divided into: 1) editorial functions, and 2) technical functions. The lower press office staff should be here to deal with press queries, and the advance office should be responsible for taking pools in and out of the Oval Office and moving them around town. Eric will keep in touch with Tom regarding these events.

A POOL IDENTIFICATION TAG will be used to alleviate problems the press are encountering in trying to maintain close proximity to the President on movements. The only members of the press who will wear this special identification tag will be the ten members of the pool for that specific day. (this should be coordinated with the USSS)

Speech on Tuesday conflicting with baseball game -- RN's opinion, and everyone concurred, was that it should not be changed.

Press Conference in Rose Garden -- no sound problems anticipated. Should set up inside in case of inclement weather (as well as in Rose Garden)

TRAVELLING COSTS -- (for camera platform, lights, press tables, etc.) In most cases, the host is responsible for these costs (which sometimes causes problems) Options: 1) Costs be borne locally, 2) Pro-ration -- let the press pay for it, or 3) RNC bear brunt of costs. RN recommended first alternative -- lean on locals...gently. RNC should be second alternative.

RN asked Henkel to provide him with a briefing paper on who pays for what, who handles arrangements, extent of involvement of WH involvement in these functions, etc.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

PRESS OFFICE STAFF MEETING

Saturday, October 5, 1974

PARTICIPANTS

Ron Nessen	Tom DeCair	Eric Rosenberger	Ray Zook
Jack Hushen	Larry Speakes	Bob Mead	Thym Smith
Paul Miltich	Jim Holland	Andrew Falkiewicz	

ITEMS DISCUSSED

Miltich - problem: getting stuff back before it is obsolete. RN said he would be more alert to this problem.

Falkiewicz: will be interpreting for the President during the Gierak visit.

Lawson memo re press support on trips:

- He will furnish the Press Office with two support people until November 15. Ray Zook will hire two additional men for his staff to perform these duties (mimeograph, messengers)
- Lawson will provide four people on overseas trips, two on domestic trips.
- White House Garage will provide two station wagons for in-town movements. Ray Zook is to provide memo re drivers.
- It was decided that if additional personnel is needed on trips, RN will make the specific request on a case-by-case basis.

General Lawson/Ollie Atkins -- Military Office will no longer buy cameras and are pulling military out of the lab. RN will talk to Ollie upon his return from vacation.

Use of third car in motorcade for nets -- Eric will draft memo to USSS under Ron's name explaining why this is needed.

Pool Identification Tag -- should be used in in-town movements also.

Need for additional press advance men:

- Ray Zook suggested we use Bob Manning for two pre-advances
- Bob Passwaters (California) is available for Japan
- Pappy Noel will be hired on temporary basis, to be re-assessed after Japan.

STAFFING ON TRIPS

Vail - 4 men, 4 secretaries (no rotation) Alderson: 2

Japan - 5 men, 5 secretaries (plus 1 advance secretary) Alderson: 4

Liaison with Hill -- RN agreed this should be established in order to get started on set of rules to be followed when the President visits the Hill. Eric will work on. Bob Huff (sp?) should be contacted.

It was agreed that no announcement should be made of in-town drop-bys of the President.

It was suggested that network correspondents carry tape recorders to alleviate problem of additional person (radio correspondent) on Presidential movements.

*Note: Miltich, Holland and Falkiewicz were present for the first 15 minutes of the staff meeting only.

October 7 - Sunday

Economic Briefing

Tuesday -- briefing before speech

Tom delay, but work on this

Want to announce in briefing today

2:00 Press kits handed out (fact sheets etc)

~~2:30~~

Rep news go to EOB for briefing
Carlson will be there with you

T.V. sets in Conf Room

Transcript of Simon briefing

When get plans drafted send
to economic people

Tom - Oct 15 - what TV looks like to be

pre-empted

future farmers -

Statewide
city of
Pitt

News Conf:

Everyone entitled to 1 question
and 1 follow up question

Saul Pett - Oct 16? follow him around
and put him on plane
Tom should contact



Q&A's

Grain deal - John

Congress says Nixon security risk. Shouldn't
be given briefings

Oct 8 - Staff meeting

PIA Q&A book

Some things haven't been cleared properly
New issues by 11 am.

Economic speech problems.

Promised them 1:30 speech + fact sheet 2:30 ^{ca. 2:30}

When got it in bad form

Tom DeCair will do this in future.

News summary

Didn't contain anything on speech

R.N. pulled together comment at

2:15 this morning.

Maybe Phil ^{Ward} should sit in on staff meeting
columns + some stories wrong in
today's papers. More material
needed earlier.

Send out briefing to editors.

Get out new fact sheet soon.

Need new communication plan

Announcement of Mexican Visit

Letter to Cabinet members for cutting budget.
Put out tomorrow

Magazine Photographers

Permanent pool tags

AFI pool become protective for entire visit
only pool will fight way into where he is.

Mag photos want to be added to pool
permanently.

Will be given consideration on

to case by case. When legitimate
picture will let in extra photos.

Annual ceremony - again disaster for photos

O.K. going down

Coming back they break, 2 people can
handle.

Π announced himself as speaker Tuesday
in Kansas City.

10:30 E.T. speech

9:30 C.T.

Will try for 7:30 Eastern time

Makeup? Now - even though looks shiny

Bob - get from CBS detailed schedule on
Cronkite for Camp David. Nature

of questions. all detail

Sam Pitt goes to Kansas City for interview
on plane

Jack or Tom - get paper for earlier getting
speeches to prepare. Also stopped
around for input.

[TALK TO RUMSFELD ON ABOVE]

Pres Coy

It start @ a job

Doesn't like abrupt ending

Is going to shake hands, pat backs.

Nensen will be @ ~~the~~ him to make

sure no one asks questions

Agents need to get out of picture

In too close.

Where should Nensen be? ^{stand behind} _{to right}

Nensen wants to go out ~~to~~ to feel

press of new format.

2:20 absolute last deadline for
campaign people out.

Need 2 aisle loudspeaker to hear questions

Staff members should go. Be in back.
about applaud.

Oct 8 - Staff Meeting

Mrs. Ford Going to Japan

Depends on Health

Never announced cancellation

announced at first when trip announced

Public Phone Calls - Sam project

announce news conference for 2:30 tomorrow

Rox Garden

New format @ 1 question + 1 follow up

It will wear button - inflation fighter/energy ^{power}

Economic speech + fact sheet - Sam

New pool system tried last night -

pool bodge

everyone happy

Previous statement

Simmons not interested

Buchan pet project

Sam - who pays for company

John. Why are we in recession?

Tom - draft statement announcing
press conference

Q & A

Brain thing - Butz quotes - modified central

Oct 10 - Staff Meeting

Gene Thompson introduced
Assistant Pres Sec. for Administration
American Enterprise Institute

Wife - 3 yrs. -

Worked @ Janka.

Spoken in Vietnam

Just doing: visit EOB operation.

Metich - Support of economic speech

New Conference

Sax talks - opening talk

2 pages @ specific figure

Rockefeller - compensation - taxable

Change in Mrs. Ford's staff

Will announce today

Energy Act

Join fact sheet

Lynn - system P.M. Judeau has pr
recognizing reports



No TV pool tonight on plane. Not
enough space.

Decision made for TI to make TV speech
10:30 ET 9:30 KC time.

Oct 15 - Tuesday

FFA. Citizen participation.

Buttons -

Julberg said Wt begins first 100,000
Speaks will track

TI said wants 1 more row garden with
conf.

Oct 26 - Cronkite - Camp David -

Next week - Saul Pett

Think about out of town news conference.

October 11 - Friday

Cronkite thing

Security information went to Lawson

RON TO CALL LAWSON
REMINDER

Doeland

First Economic briefing
Tues. & Thursday morn.

1st Lady return

WH staff people welcome her home
1st Lady might want to make
statement to thank people.
Probably at hospital.

CALL NANCY HOWE BEFORE SEE GR

Speech Draft JTT

will try to send around draft
for input from senior staff
Rumsfeld trying to get order with
Spearmaster operation

Transition Money of LBJ - Eisenhower

Marsh doesn't think that comparable

Staff Meeting - Oct. 3

Noomi Noller problem

Dedicate refrigerator - she won't give up
won't let TT alone
Tried to lift pass over

Photo office

Lou should sit down @ Ollie + get problems sorted
out

REMINDD RDN TO TALK TO SHEILA WEIDENFELD

CBS wrote nasty letter to TT - ill temperd request for time
Cronkite interview
CBS requested interview @ TT

arranged interview @ Cronkite - Camp David
said didn't want because too close to election
want to do last of year - no one else before then!

More interviews:

Harry Reasoner - Saturday for broadcast few days before election

NBC - 1st hundred Days

Rest of networks

Finally CBS.

Harry Dinner -

Private

3/4 guest list family + relatives
Put out guest list

Carlson

West Va. textbook people come in.
Get something on it for today.

Fulbright Press Conf. next week
Not here.

Cost of Living Reaction

Didn't come up in road.
Want it again today.

Sawhill

It not happy.
Don't indicate yet it's going to go
It said used to get weekly report on fuel consumption.
Not getting it.
Figures several weeks behind

Questions on 2 speeches yesterday

Not saying all blames screwing up ~~of~~ foreign policy.
Problems @ continuing resolution + sharp cut-back in
foreign aid prompted it.

Praised Kennedy leadership.

No comparison with Nixon 1970 speeches.

"Difference between night and day"

Who are extremists? They know who they are.

HAK backgrounding people in press conference
at Subac.

"I'm not paranoid. People are persecuting me."

as of Oct 21 RN in Press Secretary job longer than anyone in Ford administration.

Rockefeller

Cost of Living

~~Butt~~ Henry Ruth
Looks good

Jacovoski interviews

Says he is still having problems getting tapes.
Some problems as @ other TT.
RN thought giving tapes even without subpoena.
Were giving in response to letter request

Cattle

Bullman said beef cattle import
TT said dairy cattle

Possible Veto

Commodity Future Trading ?

Yesterday veto Wildlife Refuge

Wright Patman

Called for Butz's resignation.
TT thinks Butz doing good job



Need to stop answering questions that need to be answered elsewhere. Need to stop giving people a U.S. podium. Example: Jackson briefing in Soviet union.

II Reaction to small crowds

Going to Japan in light of demonstrations?

Rumpled trying to get Palm Springs, but back here before Japan.

Staff Meeting

Oct. 15

Major problem: K.C. speech. Networks
don't want to carry ~~it~~ it.

Sent draft to networks.

If they won't give ~~me~~ time, we should
request, according to some Sr staff.

When we request time they can turn us down
will let anti TV media know if turned
down.

Tell Jordan as requested, then
announce in briefing have requested.

Lighting state dining room.

Lou deal with it.

Opposed to buying lights.

Rent sound good.

Tom will arrange phone at audience
so TI can call NAIC tomorrow night.

Anniversary lunch for Mrs Ford:

Lunch on patio off Rose Garden.

still allow full coverage but roped.
Staff can watch Summer Ford.

Will give T-shirts to 10 press traveling
@ him on 25th anniversary, and
also acknowledge they gave him 25
silver quarters.

Noon voting to override veto.

Chris giving 2 statements - 1 if do,
1 if don't

Bill signing in East Room at 4pm

Demonstration in K.C. by Vietnam veterans
peaceful - sit down

Sen. Mass go on trip to talk to-

2:30 Burch will have pollster who took
poll on economic speech.
Will send memo.
Carlson will go.

Hinkle called in to say lights in Sioux Falls
will cost \$600, Bill sent to RNC
Coven. that will make TV shows.

~~Lochy book~~

~~Benny report~~

Rochefeller question at briefing

Latest that compared to Watergate

It received anything of value from Rockefeller?

It concerned about effect on Cong. attitude
toward nomination?

Share Sen. Baker's that last VP picks
she was? (Repeal 25th Amend.)

Revelation about gulfwinds coming out

Campaign Reform

Freedom of Information

It should sign

ford w. d. looking into pyramid for Nixon?

Oct 18. Friday

Schedule today:

10 am Jackson
10:30 Briefing by Jackson
11:00 Lynn briefing

Statement on Continuity Procedures
Emergency statement

Sidman paper on drop in G.N.P.
all before noon.

Mr Crookite at Camp David Oct 26.

Abbreviated preparation - Q&A book

Rumsfeld wants run through staff
system.

Q&A books 48 hours before.

In this case night of 23rd.

Late news - by night of 25th

Rumsfeld trying to impose system to run through staff
Good system.

Ollie Athin will stay on to run Photo Office.

Nessen sent memo to Keenerly stating
policy. RN read to staff meeting.

Re: Distribution of pictures

Next photo project probably Day In The Life
of the TT - for US News & World Report.

RW going to see Marsh/Buchanan at 9:15 for
follow up to yesterday's hearings.

Generally wait answers then. TT testified.
Can't add more to it.

Holtzman on Today Show.

New York Magazine on Nixon - HRW
Get copies

TT says he'd be happy to give tapes to subcommittee
they aren't his. - Jack will do Q's and A's.

Killing of cattle - Carlson

October 25 - Friday -

Brief at 11:15 Today

TT wants to be very, very firm Rockefeller is his choice.
Not slightest hint any change.

TT decided against calling former TT in hospital.

Saul Pett interview will run tonight. Be in
Sunday newspapers.

will announce Roy Price resignation today.
Letters to be in briefing book.

Sioux City - addition to campaign stops.
Can we announce today?

? Amendments and letters of freedom of Information bill
sent to Congress. Has been sent to 250 biggest
in country. Should be sent to all journalistic
publications & organizations.

Mullich is to make 3 copies of TT's briefing book in future.

Jack Anderson - Sunday will start Chase report
on how bad VA Hospitals are.

Judy Petty thing indicates means no endorsement.
Get copy of telegram from Dean Burch

make sure briefing papers in book - Jack

Tom - check on absence list of π

Milage

π never wants to get in numbers or people in company.
Stay away from people.

- October 30 - Wednesday

Sheila Weidungel introduced.

Will sit in on staff meetings for awhile to co-ordinate better.

Jack & Ron need an hour to go through memos.

Mrs. Ford not going to Japan. Need to say something low-key.

Adding meetings @ cattlemen in Oregon. —

Adding meeting @ cattlemen today. If anything to announce will do so in Boise City.

Send packet of referrals today.

Jim - get stuff out on bills & signing. Not getting enough out on these favorable.

Donk Aaron phone call last night. In buying Jordan.

New procedure for photos.

when release to one publication.

on day of publication will announce how it available to whoever wants it.

Sydney Allister - Dec. 14 -

Frank Vander Linden wants to write definitive book
on Jimmy Ford. He would be residency here.
See all papers. Interview TT once a month.
Need to talk

National Religious Broadcasters - Rustand
said TT would go. Several hundred.

oval office re-decorated. Looks for much
like Nixon.

Worshiping Mills Parker - Episcopal Church magazine.
Requested interviews.

Most questions today on Nixon health.

Questions re: Nixon. Think philosophy that
we have nothing to say on medical questions.
Luback feels for ethical medical narrow.
Nieren feels for political narrow.
will have something on visit by Humphrey.

TT sent flowers Sunday.

Humphrey - Ziegler - series of phone calls.
Will TT call Mrs. Nixon?

How did Tricia & Julie get out there?

check with Marsh on whether he can use
transition money to pay hospital bill.

Press Conference successful.

TT loved it.

almost ran out of questions.

Don will ~~look~~^{find out} about bill.
Perhaps questions on veto.

On former II why hasn't Lushak been kept up to
date. Longren hasn't initiated any calls.

Communications on Far East trip.
Eric & Bob will handle.

October 31 - Thursday

Introduced Ed Savage as new staff member.
Will deal with foreign press.

π will not pay dues in Natl Press Club. \$286
in keeping with anti-inflation.

ABC will broadcast interview Nov 16 they had
at Camp David. Bob Meade should call and
let ABC- π talking about upcoming election
will make π look stupid. Unfair to look at
after election. Larry has transcript to check.
ABC didn't have courtesy to call W.N. and
tell.

Dr. Lubosh statement saying no evidence of
residual cancer. Can't be absolutely certain
Kemo therapy. Jack will put out press plan.
Normal treatment radiation. This is Lubosh's
theory. Little tablet. Start Monday. Don't know
how long will last.

π thinking of doing something Monday. Perhaps
informal chat @ reporter. RN doesn't like idea.
Maybe get out a vsti fatherly chat on TV
@ no mention of Republicans.

Election night. π will stay here + watch T.V.
Hartmann trying to get π to go to Capital
Hill Club. Burch + Humphreys say no.
Wake-drag him down.
will put out statement at 10:30 or 11 pm
May have Rhodes.

Foul-ups in advance work on trips.
Press buses staying behind at events. Not able
to get to cover π .

Helicopter costs. \$80,000 for 2 in Mexico.
Sures - LAPD giving problems. W.H.C.A. Deakin should
appeal. RN will talk to Deakin.

Sigma Delta Chi - Phoenix.

π 's statement on amending 25th
amendment. +10 min + Rest Q+A

Jerry will be there for part of it.
Paul + Jerry should put packet on
Judgment of Information out over π 's name
for it. Take from meeting of Editors
& Publishers.

π touched on 3 pts. Geoff Shephard
took notes - should get + put out.

1st 100 days - Graham. N.B.C. 1 hr. show
will run same weekend as ABC. Reardon.

for future:

Televised roundtable

@ 6:30 start with James McKelvey Burns

(2)

to bat philosophical ideas around.

Maybe privately let someone sit down @ TT

to talk about future.

Melick: Should work on that a bit.

Follow-up question on SALT

Suggestion that TT brief Cong. leaders right before speech.
That way couldn't talk. Critics couldn't get material
to TV commentators for after speech commentary.

Frank Zark to be announced today

Marsh → had soured up Cong. relations there.
Will announce all W.H. changes in one sweep.

Will have a post-mortem on trip.

Staff Meeting - Nov 4. Monday

Announce re-organization of Press office today.
Need to get title for Jerry Warner in next couple of hours.
Larry Speaks + Bob Kelley assistants
Larry will stay ^{in the office} until qualified woman found.
Lou - assist press sec for admin.
Paul Melick ^{will be} working directly on things for IT
statements, buying books, correspondence
Lesing Holland, Jakiewicz

Proposals for today for election
Campaign in Maryland
Purchase time on TV for tonight
Something @ reporters ^{at White House} not to purchase time

Coal strike

Question ~~pressure~~ ^{and speculation} of strike immunities.
Bill usery negotiating @ them
Negotiations have not broken down.

Talks at very delicate stage.

(Arnold not in firm control of union.
Don't want to do anything that he couldn't
get through union)

Deer-hunting season. Mines would like to hunt for 2 weeks
^{so might strike}

Hartmann finds offensive pit of IT and Al Hay by mess.
Should be taken down. John will suggest to allie

Sheila Weidenfeld

Having first informal session @ press this morning.
Mrs. Ford starting treatment today.
Doesn't want to give out any details

Steve arrived early Sunday morning.

Met Rumsfeld or Cheney for guidance on who will
pay for Steve's passage.

Is Gail Ford pregnant? Nancy Howe claims
she's not.

Brad Patterson job - Will say job was
finished - only temporary. Exchange of
letters

Carlson

Resignation has not been accepted.

Has 3 more days. Lou will find out

Questions on political travel costs

Carlson - Unemployment recursion

P.H.D. - Shah of Iran

Announce Las Vegas - Phoenix

Advance - Eric has worked out schedule

World Food Conference - What kind of guidance
did it give Butz?

November 7 - Staff Meeting

Ray Ash agreed to give dissertation on budget. Jerry Warren will set up ~~it~~ in response to Mort Kondrache question in yesterday's briefing. Perhaps Monday or Tu. Friday

Larry suggests photo coverage of budget meetings. One a day - also of first 1 1/2 hr. a day meeting with Ash on the 26th.

Coal talks making progress.

Answer on Mrs. Lynch: Nomination going up. Sarah Mc London setting up campaign for her to go up.

Gov. Meskill nomination for Circuit Judge of Connecticut in trouble.

Pocket veto. Arata has provided some sketchy guidance. Need more.

Frank Vander Linden back on IT

Should set broad policy for books. Everyone should adhere. Would ~~be~~ be seen as puff piece.

Airplane to Japan. Ray Zook proposal. Jack + Tom will look at.

Warren Rustand.

Telephone call recommendations due in Friday at noon.

Ed Knap wanted to write story on it.

π hadn't made many money to sports figure
form to use.

Staff will bring suggestions to Friday
morning staff meeting

Phil Warden should have input on
good news story. Paul will handle
Publisher also.

Melich has pulled together π ial travel.

Sheila Weidenfeld:

Can we do away @ photo of boat & do
something more creative? Foreigners like ~~best~~ photo.
Alternatives maybe

Need to have photo to go with substance in story.
If can think of more interesting views without
disruption O.K.

60 Minutes doing story on Catto. Wants let for
Krishny dinner. Bill Roberts will handle.

Mrs Ford schedule released on Monday. Would like to
do it previous Friday. Only problem is if someone
@ joint π activities West side hasn't announced

Larry Speaks will be behind on Japan trip. Also Lou
Thompson.

Budget -

#345 billion output

#330 billion revenue.

Don't think can balance 75 budget.

Goal different from commitment.

Congress will be held accountable.

Sid James quote - check to see if he is getting that out
to prepare the way. Talked about 76 budget.
In NYT this morning

Political questions: Diminished ability to govern with
Congress structured the way it is.

PLO - Intention not to make Israelis happy.

Staff Meeting
Tuesday, November 5

HAR will make good speech in Rome today.
We should get Q's + A's from Bill Eberle.

Coal strike - refer questions to users.
Economic analysis made of effect. Not happy.
IT still hopes to settle.
Some hope Miller may come back to talks.
Psychological effect of short (2 week) strike bad.
Economically not good.

Frank Vander Linden book:

Harris submitted written proposal

Too favorable perhaps.

Dealing directly @ Hartmann. If turned off
needs to be raw @ Rumsfeld.

RN will talk to Rumsfeld about it.

Leonard Kilpatrick sit in @ IT tonight while
watching returns.

Margie Hunter - wants list of phone calls tonight
No on Walter Cronkite guesses tomorrow night.

Nellie Thomas go to Camp David this weekend
for interview. Briefing book from Mitchell by noon Friday.

Next Newspapers - S.L.C. needs speaker Nov 14.
Been working through Baroody.
Wanted IT on Cabinet member.

John Guthrie should get one for them -

Sigma Delta Chi briefing book for Nov. 14. Need
briefing book Nov 13 evening -

Shila Weidenfeld briefing: went very well.

Talked about staff - nothing specific on Nixon hold-overs.

RN will handle things like Camp David trips.

Dog trainer - last day yesterday - unless dog needs
more training.

Photo Releases: Policy reiterated to Shila Weidenfeld.
Jack or Ron release.

Might have to have requesting organization
pay for pictures.

Allie has list of people he will take request from
(26 organizations).

Foreign publications claim discrimination.

Don't want to have them compete @ access.

Tonight:

A couple of girls - 1/2 staff - Ron, Roberts, Jack, Tom
2 girls downstairs, 1 upstairs

Henry Petersen resignation announced today

He will pay rent differential in Vail between his
home + Bars' house.

Staff Meeting - Nov. 6

No-one sunk into great gloom last night.

Not much need to go through details.

Dean Burch will get together @ Nansen for fact + detail.

It not gloomy. Made calls, had family with him
Wasn't unexpected.

Many questions asked about factual i.e. will this
death of Republican party; admit it repudiates it?
might form out to people in building:

Ann Armstrong, Dean Burch, Bill Jennings,
Marsh. They will answer call.

Move ahead. Don't change central issue:
to get something done on economy. It want
to expect to co-operate @ Congress.

It has had ~~many~~ meetings to prepare for Nov. 18 message
to Congress listing things to get done.

3 hr. budget cutting meeting yesterday. Department
will be notified today to prepare papers. When list,
will be leaked to press. It sat for all 3 hr.

It also set up timetable for '76 budget.

When get back from Japan will spend 1 1/2 hr
each day on '76 budget. Also with Ken Cole,
several hours on state of the union.

Jerry W. said important not reputation of IT, Veto-proof
Congress term first used by Democrats - AFL-CIO.

Jack Stybl ⁱⁿ Washington Straight Talk - Channel 26.

Janice Cook - wants to do article on IT as Father of the Year.
Asked Sheila what she thought on it. Larry said F. C.
has highest circulation.

Freeburg - Nov. 11 briefing should be in New E. O. B. instead
of 450 E. O. B.

IT's travel - Thielich will get former travel.
Ed Savage will contact State legislative
affairs. Also might try House Clerk Tjoe.

Helen Thomas interview at C. D. set for this weekend.

Coal strike - Negotiating again. Strike probably 1 week.

November 8 - Staff Meeting

Shula

Cancer Institute gave name of drug Mrs. Ford takes

Calf sent to Mrs Ford

Being sent by Texas cattlemen because Mrs Ford said they're eating more cancerous.

Should be on the record or background?

Lots of people send in foodstuffs. Sometimes are able to give it to others.

Will be destroyed when arrives at U.S.

Gibson

Interview in N.Y.T. Gibson says "bastards" referring to Arabs.

Someone should go through last 3 briefings and pull out questions.

Lilen

Japanese Law ^{prohibit} bodyguards from carrying guns.
Agreement @ S.S. that if

November 11 - Monday

Helen Thomas interview cancelled because RN felt she would hammer for an hour about Gibson.

Helen Collins → staff assistant to Bob Mead.
Were looking at Susan Hoover for Al Snyder's job.

Rumsfeld thinks we should prepare Q or 8 most commonly asked questions in briefing that we haven't answered.
Keep coming back. Then will get answers from TI.
Tom will collect

Briefing for travelling press going to Japan. Regular HAK news conference at end of week. If don't limit to upcoming trip, will get all questions on HAK past trips.

Sohyo Press Club. TI address only. No O's and A's.

Oliver Atkins wants to charge for photos. Lou will write him letter about it.

Ash performative - shameful questions.

John Callahan memo on Japan given to Lou.

Neville, Jenks, Savage will spend time this week.

Sheila Weidenfeld is getting briefing box. Jerry Jones O.K'd.

Helen Thomas called Sheila demanding to know if Gail is pregnant.

transportation costs - East wing press office shouldn't
have to collect. Lou will help Sheila find out
why she has to be bill collector.

Sovets will only let 1 press plane in to Vladivostok.
Fly press in for one day.

Meeting in sanitorium 60 miles from Vladivostok.
Not landing at Vladivostok airport.

Sheila setting up number to answer queries on
schedule - last-min information.

Rumor over anchored Mansfield asked if not to go
to Japan since no v.p. We should get bi-partisan
pronouncement working it well, realizing dangers etc.

1970-1973 Fund for Advancement. Now

November 12 - Staff Meeting

US News & World Report transcript coming in today.

Need to make changes

Need 10	}	Hartmann	Cole
persons:		Rumsfeld	NSC
		Seidman	Nissen

Need to distribute and get back by 5 pm.

Need to take out personnel changes that will appear everywhere in White House - very first by Rumsfeld.

It said he is going to run in 1976 yesterday to US News.

Signia Delta Chi: alternate 1 SDC and 1 W.N. question.

Post sign up list for those wanting to ask question.

Put in order on sheet and pass out to help order.

Will announce in briefing.

35 minutes.

8 most commonly asked questions. Still needs to come from staffers.

Kash of Ottawa - picture of It.

Shula:

Thought press coverage of guests ^{arrival} for Kreisky dinner.

Excellent guest list

Press preview early for ~~press~~ look around.

Standard coverage on toasts

Vicky Carr - after dinner entertainers

Drop for Gibson answer today.

Question on recession. It will meet @ Sen. Scott to talk about recession.

Purpose of Rockefeller meeting today
(to get him to withdraw his nomination for V.P. and take FEA job)

Meeting @ Carl Albert

(To ~~get~~^{brief} him ~~to~~ on what happens if something happens to GF in Japan!)

Winn Thomas

30-30 Club -- we are not paying transportation
Vail - permit over arrow

Governors of coastal states tomorrow night 5-6:30 will leave through NW Gate

Staff Meeting Nov. 13

Miesick preparing briefing book for tonight for TT.

Rumsfeld wonders who is giving input.

Carlson and Janke.

Rumsfeld would like input from

Marsh, Sudman, Simon - other senior staff.

Buchan, Simmons

Is there process for resolving conflict?

Procedure should be worked out to reconcile.

Rumsfeld thinks book should be kept up to date

weekly. Gessen would have permanent one.

Even when no press activity scheduled.

TT could have quickie press conference.

Sigma Delta chi

May be question on Shield Law. Let's get good answer.

Simon came in late with U.S. News. changes. Jacki will look over.

Press office re-organization to be announced today.
Lou will double check.

HAK will do Friday news conference in E.O.B.

3 p.m. if doesn't conflict @ Cabinet meeting.

CBS 60 Minutes - Catto story -

News asked for anything through letter.
Verbal request on item at firm.

Yesterday ran ~~with~~ wild @ building

Marion Golden told Roberts Nissen OK'd
everything. He had turned down everything.

RN will write to Hewitt to complain.

Policy will be handled in writing from
now on. Have to have orderly system.

1st Hundred Days - Melnick

Last minute revision from Paul Theris today.
Will be incorporated and put out.

Garet Ford -

Elementary schools in Michigan made WWI posters.

Needs to get nation-wide attention.

Shula Widenfeld will handle.

~~He~~ Head of JCS really said wrong thing.
Will rebuke him mildly. (General Brown)

Arfat visit - refer security to State Dept.

Military helicopters transporting them.

Reston press - TI should stay home.

Based on Luchessa - what Reston

told TI - not what TI told Reston.

TI determined to go.

Sorry off @ no V.P.

Gulman and Johnson did it.

Not it's fault - is Congress. Sorry Congress
has put country in this.

World Food Conference

Bound to center in RN area on problem
between Butz and HAK.

Butz forced to sign statement by
3 senators.

Legina Delta Chi

13 signed sign up list.

More probably today.

W.N.C.A. might cheer - Deakin?

Want to look over list.

- Staff Meeting = Nov. 15

60 minutes crew -

Shirley Temple Black photo @ TT.

Newly film crew only shoots for White House.
Roberts will turn them down on a copy of film.

Roberts will take care of O.S. News request for
shots of Vail before it gets there. Will turn them
down.

Pool report correction was issued yesterday.
Correcting Nansen saying didn't know how
foreign policy made.

Good press conference last night.

No mention on Rockefeller - 25th Amendment.
Carlson will check to see if we should back off.

In paper today said TT wanted Gibson because
he is a good Administrator. FEO has never had
good Administrator.

EN needs good stuff on NAR speech last night.

Sheila:

Christmas party for press

1,000 people. Ball and Carol Sing.

Opera singer. Sheila will look into

Announcement on ~~■~~ IT running.
Sheila thinks makes it too political. Everything looks
like political build-up to then.
If concluded not going to run, would make low duck status.
Party needs leadership.

Speaks running Press office while we're in Japan.
If going to Japan to 2 million demonstrators still
worth getting away from networks.

IT said on plane thought cable had gone to World Food
delegation. Anne Armstrong said on TV we won't
do it because of inflationary pressures.
Cable went saying IT stood on HAK position.
1,000,000 tons less.

Schedule problem

Legislation Message Review - 10 am - Jade

Cabinet Meeting - 11 am - Roz

RM use 10-11 am. to get briefed on Q's & A's.

- Staff Meeting -
Nov 26. Wed

Newsweek wants to do cover on IT this week.
Want interview before Friday night by Donald Elliott.
Don't know when to fit it in.
Jerry think good idea - worthwhile.
Might be good time to slap things down.

News conference - Friday. Meritt having briefing book by 5 p.m.
50 most likely questions - new form.
Maybe supplementary book on foreign issues.
RN think he has enough background to be up to date.

IT give numbers of missiles to Congress at 9.15 am. meeting.
Will say confidential - but will leak soon.
Don't know how to get out of special members.
No plans to buy Jackson. He isn't chairman of
any committee so won't be at meeting.

Press Conference format
Should be televised because - first after trip.
Maybe in 450 E.O.B.?
~~Will be covered in N.Y. story~~

Pierre Salinger wants to interview IT before Martinego.
Is supposed to get ~~the~~ RN questions today.
L'Esper.
Can't do it in person. Would be in writing.
Inclined to say no.

Would be first foreign interview -

Jury set for 1pm. briefings on budget
Background material - good shape
It has to work up a message.
Melich will get out mailing

Man Traut - 10:45 - Brueger

Simon - gas tax

Man RN 15 minute lecture why needed

It disagrees - as did @ Sawhill, Morton, now Simon
Simon committed gas tax by Feb.

Get answer to not open door wide.

Parade Magazine article on AFI pilot O.K.

30-30 Brunch - coverage - Thanksgiving.

Fairly large pool in.

Bill Roberts will handle.

for 8 most commonly asked questions - no one got together

O's & A's

Staff Meeting
Wed - Nov. 27

Parent Magazine: 800-1,000 word essay by IT on importance of physical fitness. Paul Mulick will do.

Turned down Pierre Salinger interview. Made policy not to give foreign journalists interview before foreign trips. IT might get trapped.

IT will do short interview with Newsweek today for cover story on him. Also want pictures.

Dick Coaratt ~~sent~~ sent cable protesting wolf coat for IT, because endangered species. Is in lower 48 states, but not Alaska. Jery Warren & John Carlson will find out from Interior and get letter written to Times to get on the record.

RN had meeting with bunch of reporters last night. Confessed overseas trip didn't run too smoothly. Learned alot. ~~But~~ Will put together guidebook for future. Vladivostok - put out of hotel on 1/2 hr. notice made them angry. Complained of rip-offs in hotel in Kyoto & Vlad. RN told them writers would be on advance. Not good time for filming adequately.

Didn't agree on significance of short-~~trip~~ pants story. Said didn't have adequate pre-trip briefing. HAK turned it into general press conference. Also they want logistics briefing before trip.

Talked about general press relations.

Defused grammar antagonists.

Bonnie Angelo said they would cancel story on

RN for media.

Learn for Martinique.

Press Release from U of Mich. News Service. Say it's papers
new there.

Howard Kerr leaving as Marsh's assistant.

Room 450 EOB for Friday press conference.

Will run longer than 1/2 hr.

7:30 probably best time.

Mead will have something by 10:15 am when RN sees TT.

TT got letter from Chairman of Board of Public
Broadcasting urging 8 new members.

This thing will fall into Bud Walker's shop unless
Communication have input.

Announce Ava Armstrong's resignation today.

N.Y.T. letter on world food - given to Rumpfeld.

Ed Savage will check USC on it.

Ash did us in in briefing saying wouldn't have
effect on inflation.

Jerry would like someone on Meet the Press Sunday
to talk about economy. Ash doesn't want to.
We don't have anyone in senior economic meetings to know
what going on.

Wont be Seidman, unhappy with his giving so many
interviews.

Not Simon - with 7% unemployment statement.

Key is how TT will handle Friday night.

Maybe Greenspan (having lunch with Robert Evan Friday)

3 Schedules

1- Secret

3- What are put out

2- Regular

Ron will talk to Rumsfeld about getting copy
of Secret Schedule.

Q&A's

Morning paper full of bushy traps.

Humphrey says UN aids all behind bill

Korea

Restrict CIA activities

Staff Meeting - Nov. 29 - Friday

Lou will arrange for 1 day off for everyone to do Christmas shopping.

Dexing to Sox Clements must be stopped. Nothing else to go unless RN approves it.

Savage memo draft to Hartmann re: talking to foreign correspondents should be discouraged more strongly.

Charles Goodell will buy at 1 p.m. in Briefing Room, after TI signs pardon - will buy.

Sheila - going to Vail
Still not resolved. RN will get back to her by end of the day.

Larry Speake will stay in this office by popular demand. Jerry Warren will have to look for someone else.

Spurling wants Rumfeld on Dec. 11 for breakfast group. Jerry Warren recommends.

Dec. 4 - college group in Room 160. Jerry ~~will~~ suggests RN attend.

Press Conference. If USSR stuff gets here today, press conf. will be tonight.

National
Press club wants Lumsfeld, Hartman, Marsh, Niedeman
for January or 1st week in February.
Metcik will send a note to each without recommen-
dation.

Shila said Mark Spitz wants to give the TT tips on
summing Shila thinks O.K. RN and all the staff
against it.

Q & A.

Butz - Pope. Carlson will get some things

Savage - Any kind of briefings @ bureau leaders on
USSR stuff (like to brief Mary)

USSR - by end of what year for limits?

Oil consumption figures -

Deputed Congressmen jobs - will looking for good ones.
If some happen to be deputed Congressmen - fine.

10:30 am announcement - sensitive.

Monday - December 2

Flash about staff list to Martineau
Canny thinks taking 32 people.
People will carry on press plan
Tom, Lou will get together with Ron today to go over

News Conference

Buffery back open til noon
~~Headlines~~ Judy O'Neill will handle clearance
All stations will carry live -
Opening statement on S.A.L.T. will say take question on for policy
15 min. through wire service reports will say time for economic
TT will read statement on economy, take economic
question

Alan Bush announcement today.

Rumor Roy Morton coming over to take over from Interior

Jackson - Agnew's Show

Letter sent from Jackson saying took responsibility

Length of press conference - 30 minutes of questioning
+ 5 min. for each TT statement.

R.N. will run over logistics in room right before
goes on air.

Type up buffery paper for TT so they know format

allocate telephone over there or close them off?

Will close off and make everyone come over here.

RN will announce at briefing.

If nothing new on economy - 5 min too long.

It should be transition instead of question transposing it

Maybe mention in opening statement, will talk on
SALT, then on economy.

Letter from Russians here. Everyone will want to
know numbers.

Nothing new on economy or energy

- Tuesday - December 5

News Conference last night
Format worked well

Next problem to ~~define~~ tackle is problem of recognition
of reporters

Liked Indian Treaty Room
chart didn't come off well. Not enough color

Senate & House will try to override Veterans Bill.

TT will send tomorrow supplemental appropriation
to pay for it since they want it (if they vote him today).

ABC wants TT to appear on Inaugural program of
AM America.

Inaugural shows worse to appear on. Problems not
~~worked~~ worked out.

ABC had interview with TT already
Ed Morgan here to lunch

Frank Vander Linden looks

Keeps pressing

wants to interview TT once a month

Ill Hartmann think someone else could do
job better

Som - collector of Vail material. All will get rundown

Melich will do paper on budget cutting. Got lost
in shuffle.

HAK ^{background} Briefing for State Dept. correspondent today at the
Wants to do a lot of them
If have names to propose, submit them.
Ed Savage will get list for press you to look at.

Midweek dinner - Wednesday.

Working dinner

When sit down for dinner 2 or 3 minutes of film
Pipe remarks into Press Room.

Bill Roberts for questions on logistics

Q & A

Iran Levin wanted to know Bill Walker's salary.

Have given levels before - 22-28,000.

RN will get guidance from Rumsfeld

Salent bank? Still have computer. Jack will do Q & A

Russian communication - not signed. Gov't to gov't

Unemployment will go to at least 7% according to Simon

Rockefeller coming in at 4 pm.

Stennis at noon.

Husker will find out information for them.

Rockefeller might be made Chairman of Domestic Council.

Simon's resignation announced today and
Sunderdyk as replacement.

What about Mark as super-head of com. Relation and
Public Liaison. Today too?

Hartmann - politics and speech writing

What about Howlitz & Crisworth & James Moore

Wednesday - Dec. 4

Supplemental sent up to pay for Vet Bill
Material from Ash. Carlson will get.

Criticism of TT for not paying enough time to domestic matters.
Suggestions in Senior Staff Meeting:

Picture of every domestic & economic meeting
on TT's schedule instead of just occasionally.
Friday to recap of TT's week in detail.

Example: 10 hours budget detail
15 hours listening to HAK
3 hours sports event

Jerry Warren suggested someone in his forum talking
about preparation for State of the Union. Keyman
would be Ken Cole. He holds over.

Will wait to see if philosophical or practical approach.

Maybe Cheskin piece come off well on gifts this morning
in Post.

Larry would like to come out on policy of gifts. Can't
get lawyers to agree.

Wall Street Journal editorial on economy. RV impression
most of their suggestions coincide @ TT's plan & program.
Women will study & maybe drop up Op. led. piece
paying does coincide @ TT's program.

TT's speech on Trade last night may raise questions
today. What does he mean by certain things.

Savage will take & get answers for Root.

Greenspan speech - not in English.

HAK backgrounder yesterday on SALT. Has agreed to do one Friday here. Jack will get list together. Maybe in Jerry Warren's room, around a table. RN will talk to McCloskey.

Must on Sunday Full Show. Scheininger having press conf. tomorrow - HAK on Monday.

Greenspan - not good for attack
Simon - on 2 weeks ago. Maybe again

TI called Kathryn Graham from AFI to congratulate on Ad. Council award. Good idea.

Christmas part - Dec. 19 7-9 pm.
535 with husbands, wives, escort

3 Christmas parties

W.N. Ball

Diplomatic Mtg

Congressional
Pbr

No kids at press party is problem
No W.N. Staff party problem.

Morton due to brief today on wilderness.
Won't ask questions on wilderness
Ask on reorganization.

With proper preparation - calling people for wilderness publication. Could be success.

Room 450 - Simon Buefy

Next Wed. TT going to Mayflower to Bus. Council.
Off-the-record? ~~to~~ Traditional,
President should break tradition and not go
off the record.

Q & A's

Will TT sign bill on having Govt keep Nixon tapes
Lamy will get

cutback in food stamp program.

British defense cuts -

Gerhard said - Dec. 10 6 days away. Eoghan.

Does TT have deal with HHH? Ron will talk to TT

Ed will give mad-out on Tuesday meeting.

2 bills: Strip Mining & Water. Not take position yet.

Drake Bill.

Thursday - Dec. 5

WAK trying to back out on SALT briefing for W.H. Press.
He's going away on 10th. Needs to say something.

Hartman could brief on Martiniere.

Should get someone from NSC and/or State^{to} brief after each state visit.

Someone will brief after Schmidt second meeting tomorrow.

Harlem Globetrotters thing tomorrow @ TT

RN thinks it is wrong - is trying to cancel

N.Y.T. - returned Tom Wicker's pass.

Jerry Warren going to Ad Council Meeting

Scholarship fund for Daniel Guavalva's children. Will be announced in briefing.

Jim Blahnik wife's interview @ McClellan - trial pilot Jack took care of.

Editor & Publisher called. wanted to know if we do anything for regional reporters.

Judean Post contained complimentary paragraph on Vladivostok.

Microphones last night behind TT. TT didn't work
couldn't hear

Simon briefing did well.

Going to have women consumer press

Rumsfeld not entirely happy with press Simon prep
Simon would not hit Congress.

~~Rumsfeld~~ Hill contacts say Humphrey will be Sec. of State
Need to set Foreign policies to Congress, not other
countries. HAK can't do that.

Clean Mining bill see yesterday. We are studying
Strip Mining bill next week.

WA holding up former T's mail because part of
court impoundment. 70 cartons

Foreign aid Bill -

Do IT doing anything special for Export-Import Bill

Canadian Oil talks. Carlson will prepare guidance.

File - Rec to Staff Meeting

RN tasked to see Hartman. He will do briefing today on Schmidt meeting - will brief after joint statement

Walter Thomas query on photo opp. Lou should talk with Jerry Jones to get information like people paid by Defense. Don't volunteer answer to Helen. Hold off for 2 weeks until announce whole WH staff shakeup.

Montoya query on press plane. Journal written query on how chartered, rates, etc. Ron + Zook will see Marsh this afternoon

Newsweek year-end issue. Asking head of every nation what is major problem & challenge confronting him. RN will get basic guidance from IT, and will write.

Globetrotters - revamped Howard Coyle not in pool. But can come into press room. Not WH. regular so cont go in pool.

PIO meeting to discuss Freedom of Information Act. Last night

Simon/ Greenspan briefing also for consumer press. 200 radio-broadcasters from around country after State of the Union.

~~Jan~~

In state of flux, perhaps shouldnt have economic briefing Rumfeld concerned impression is IT being battered - stubbornly refused.
sum of Simon briefing until now definite what will do.

Was Start Journal has another negative editorial on SALT. full of mistakes.
NYT. full of factual mistakes in its editorial.

Bob Barkley - W.S. Journal will be invited to NAK press conference tomorrow morning at 10 am.

Get together list with others who should be there
put together packet --

TS news conference remarks

NAK at Vladivostok

Statement at Vladivostok

NAK Background

RN will set up with McCloskey

Will put together packet to send around country to editors. Jerry + Ed will put together first thing Monday

Simon sermonette in meeting on inflation - will be sent to editors, publisher around country

Christmas party list submitted to ~~Ann~~ Nancy Lammending today. Will be announced soon. party as only for W D regulars.

Q & A:

Is it giving second thoughts to selling gold because of Arthur Burns' opinion? Carlson guidance

Johnson on gas rationing
Energy meeting

December 9 Staff Meeting

Next news conference 19th or 20th

RN had long talk Sat. about image.

Wants to increase press conferences to about every 2 weeks

Carlson will keep in touch @ Cavaraugh on strip mining

WW organization end of this week or early next week

Rumsfeld will brief

RN thinks GF should come out

Some of TT's work should be redone to include Sat & Sunday.
Will be done in time for today.

Paying for press books for trips - should be factored
on to rest of trip expenses.

Schlesinger briefing - composition of force between Dave
Savage will get it into easier to understand terms

N.Y. C. tomorrow. Football Hall of Fame was set up first
Can't bill it as going to ^{Rochester} ~~to~~ ^{& critical choice} event and then
stopping by football dinner. RN will fill in
film at beginning of meeting

Press tour for kids on 21st. 1:30 - 3 pm. Post
invitation on bulletin board.

Jack Dunkin. Nat'l News Council seminar. Hershew will be on
panel @ Dan Lather and Helen Thomas on final press conference

Recognition system for press conferences needs to be figured up. Some kind of lottery for those who sign up. If you asked question last time, can't do it this time. Tom will work out

Should announce Vail as soon as possible. People's families involved. RN will talk to TT about it.

mailing - French don't want any press in Meridian Hotel when 2 Presidents are staying. Not enough room in back-up hotel. ~~to~~ Some would have to stay a long way off. Monday - not much for coverage purposes. Need something for news that night unless something substantive.

after TT leaves 3 hours before press can leave. French TT will brief French press after G.F. leaves. TT should maybe go into Press Room.

Need brief for Thursday. Perhaps Conners since Hartmann will be gone.

Networks sent 25 people down there early.

People who would usually go on press plane.

Should they be treated like event on plane?

Books out Wed. or Thursday - before briefing.

Basic schedule can be put out when learn where reciprocal dinner will be.

Detailed press schedule later. French don't have anyone there to make coverage decision. Mead will go down Thursday - the 12th.

Q's and A's:

N.Y.T. and Post stories on food assistance correct. Includes classified documents! Will be announced tomorrow afternoon. Need briefs - may be Ash. But probably someone from State and comes across fairly warm.

Chmn of Civil Service Comm using G.S.A. to get job for Falls Church man.

Evans-Novak column on Hartmann moving to E.O. 13. Flatly wrong.

In announcements should rehash Sat energy briefing. Not many there.

Could try to quiet Trade Bill by up. B. Good editorial in Times on it.

π - many time has said gas tax would hit people who couldn't afford it - hardest. RW will ask him if can say ^{π still favors no gas tax, but} has best minds in nation working on it.

Tomorrow press preview of Christmas decorations Mrs Ford will talk about how to make ornament yourself. 2 pm.

Jackson TV criticism yesterday. Said 20,000 - Russian would have - more than 100% increase. Ludicrous. Jackson just making mischief.

Dem economic plan - will say incorporates most of π 's
plan (4 out of 8)

Clinton - thought - π with big thinkers - in Red Room.
Ron may announce

Will π follow reforms by ~~the~~ RNC? Is on record earlier
as in favor

December 10 -
Staff Meeting

Lary has suggested all announcements by 5 p.m. night before.
Bad news yesterday. But R.N. will hold off on making
policy.

R.N. under flak for his buying in N.Y. to be for T.V.
Don't do it in Wash. not in N.Y. either.

He in D.C. after IT goes to N.Y. will have oral statement
on Rockefeller's confirmation. Bill will handle.

No written answer to Goldwater letter. BA coming in
Friday and will discuss orally.

News conference looks like non-released next week.

Gurkish and news out today. Needs words. Good
Wash. Post editorial.

Simon wants to call in networks executives from New
York because he feels isn't having success on T.V.
R.N. will talk to Simon. Get idea from AIC
who had off-the-record luncheon for them talking about
problems of covering international development.

Martinique.

No press in hotel where IT's stay. Press loose there.

Lots of photos today for domestic meetings.

John Carlson will in at 10:15, R. N. at 10:00 am our
for 15 minutes.

Problem is that if we looking for new policy, people think old
program abandoned. People lose confidence and get
confused. Too many people talking about options. Maybe
should stick to position until ready to announce
new program.

Mohammed Ali touring W. N. today. Pres want to see
him. Our position is we don't arrange press coverage
for people touring W. N.

Jack reported on trip to Boston to National News
Council. That G.F. press operation had done
something to improve. Trial press conference.
Carolyn Lewis said W.N. press corps only takes
handout. Helen Thomas bickled and the 2 of them
went ~~after~~ at each other.

SSA has new carpeting for Press Room. Should they put
it down? (+\$3,000). GSA feels needs new staff.
Delay until after 1st of year

Agreed TI should not be interviewed by People Magazine
for year-end issue.

RN may have someone from press

STAFF MEETING NOTES - WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 11, 1974 (press ofc.)

Talked about the problems of the New York trip....credentialling...
etc. Pappy Noel attended and related some of the problems
he ran into.

Shelia Weidenfeld talked about Mrs. Ford's press conference.
Also brought up the subj. of coverage of some of the remarks
made by Mrs. Ford.... "For Christmas Mrs. Ford wants better
economy ... the President wants a sweater...." Feeling was
that Shelia should hit the network for this kind of coverage.

It was decided that Bill Roberts would find out more about
Dick Bass - Vail was discussed a little - more details
wanted by press.... Ron to see if he can get more. Mrs.
Ford confirmed that they would be staying at Bass house.

Nuclear Reg. Commission - Tom to do a Q&A on this subj.

Butz's latest try at being a comedian was discussed.....
no conclusions reached on this subj.

Ron to call Scowcroft re press briefing re Martinique on Thurs.

If we have briefing on thurs...then will pass out books then too.

at 12:45 p.m. Thursday Russ Petersen will present to the Pres.
the CEQ report...briefing to follow afterward.

J. Warren brought up the fact that the President may meet

- 2 -

with the new (not sure of exact title) "Productivity and Work Quality Commission" on Thursday and that we should probably have late Thursday a briefing by Dunlop, I. W. Abbe and Burnham....somewhere around 4:30 p.m.

NOTE: ron nessen did not attend this staff meeting because of his participation in the bi-partisan meeting going on at the same time...Jack Hushen chaired this meeting.

Patty

December 12 Staff Meeting

Last night's economic speech got good play.

RN will present as ~~the~~ π one making decisions.

Taking options from advisers. ~~the~~ whatever advisers say, he will make up his mind.

Won't announce bicentennial today.

How to announce productivity council. No briefing
Photo only press coverage of auto people. RN will give
read-ups.

PK-480 announcement has been postponed. π Made decision
of \$ amount, but not who gets what. Ash will make.

AAA in today. RN will sit in

No decision on Nixon tape bill.

Everyone said they would look serious during photo
sessions. Generally photos taken at beginning
when giggling. Doesn't look good.

Still no briefers for Martinique trip.

Press Conf. Dec. 21 - say we will have briefing on Sat.
Then take to Oval office

Escorts for everyone for press Christmas party.

Today top columnist - Ahoy, Kraft, Will Safir will be
briefed with

WIN program - Myers & Kralich

Melich did SAM II paper to read out.

No station wagons in motorcade last night.

Bill Roberts will write memo to Lawson.

Pres office is supposed to order station wagons
Person who goes with pool will order?

~~Lawson~~ will Larry will order cars each person
Memo will be done as standing order.

Q's and A's:

Economic proposals by 42 Senators -

IT's reaction on House refusing aid to Turkey.

Roman Catholic Bishops

Computer remaining in - Jan 21 - probably in Senate

Rose Woods in former IT's EO B office

Mrs. Ford will go to Vail earlier than IT.

Mrs. Ford will go to Martinique

December 13 Staff Meeting

Bob Meade is supposed to be looking at a chart on inflation scorecard.

For briefing book need section of quotes on economy + SALT - from prominent Democrats.
Mitsch

No briefing for Martineque

1 - Very difficult meeting which may be disaster. Hard to say that in advance

2 - HAK doesn't want anyone else to brief

20 has pushed Scowcroft every day and in Senior Staff meeting. Wouldn't do it

HAK will brief on plane going down. Will be recorded + played in press room.

Bad for Sunday's newspapers.

End of year assessment? Not too much since first 100 days. Think about it

Joe Laitin

If D.O.D. falls through, should be part of Jerry Warren.

Let's make use of him in budget presentation.

~~Joe~~ George Harrison + Rabli Shaker coming in. See Jack Ford for lunch - meet JTT.

Picture in Oval Office. Sheila will handle
all other queries.

Good editorial in Wall St. Journal. It is
steady. Dunsfield told people in Senior
Staff meeting to keep mouths shut.

Steve Parker calling RN and Jack Bushen. RN
will not talk to him. He did Hertzman's
question on HJC and very damning piece
of GF + Nixon meetings. Method of working -
writing down every word. RN wants
not one to talk to him

Gift piece in Newsweek. Don't have Japan
trip gifts yet, so bounced Maxine Cheshire
back here. Newsweek protesting GSA's
refusal on security to photograph gifts.
Procedure: gifts received, appraised, photographed
at W.H. Sent to State Dept. where it
opens. Jerry Warren will call G.S.A. and
get things straightened out. Larry Speakes
will prepare

Mr. Ford will be cover story on U.S. News on Oct. 23
Bonnie Angelo doing piece in Time on inflation
fighter.

N.B.C. report was bad. Connoisseurs.

Martiniquet - Mr. Ford will take one side trip.
Sheila will go.

Rockefeller swearing-in in Senate Chamber?
cant even make skills. Only 2 settings for
Nat Geographie. RN will ask Rumsfeld.
where?

ABC morning show - first week in Jan. Want
Rumsfeld and Sidman. Rumsfeld raising
his profile. Even though first shows are
bad technically, Administration needs to
get people in. During period working on
Economics, so dont want spokesman until
after.

Jack Marsh will not make press calls. Minor
complaints from press. Jerry will talk to Rush
Lourie, to see if he will.

Rumsfeld reorganization briefing off til Tuesday.

HAK-SALT paper will go to all Senators & Congressmen
through State Cong. liaison if can work it out.
Jerry Warren will also distribute.

Should be sent to Commonwealth Club of
San Francisco and other clubs interested
in foreign affairs.

Larry will do John Carlson's things while away.

Q's and A's

December 17 - Tuesday

N.Y.T. asked for price to run in international food edition. Due Friday. Pushen will circulate among press office

Why did Frank Zerk take oath secretly Friday? ~~Pushen~~ Larry:

R.N. will talk about press conference time Saturday with π . Don't want to interfere with football.

Bob Meade will look at charts for little presentation for T.V.

Melich is ~~getting~~ preparing Q's & A's.

Greenman has agreed to give weekly economic briefings to senior Press Office staff. Jerry Warren will set up time.

Larry will find out about Congressional actions that took effect because Long failed to stop.

Decision for food assistance has been delayed.

Shirley pictures on Dec. 24. Pic at bottom of slope just day. Don't want to photograph just day Shirley because π will fall down.

Anderson shopping memo good. Use several examples to strengthen point.

Christmas Ball tonight 800-900 in East Room.
Open coverage!! Reels & still photos downstairs.
Groups of 20 taken up separately to view action
Sheila will work with Bill. Enlarged pool.

Some staff will take vacation time while TI in Vail.
Mietich will take week off.

Is today day TI gets energy proposals?

CBS Frank Zark problem. Zark got call from he thought
was Sawyerid. to be on face the Nation. Was instead
Larry Spivak - problems. Maybe Rockefeller could be
on face the Nation. Jerry will talk to Hugh Morrison

It looks like G.F. will sign Nixon Tapes Bill.

Has til Friday. Maybe should be buried in ^{major} ~~announcement~~
Day of re-organization

Lot of foreign Q's and A's today.
Cargo preference - difficult one.

New attacks in Vietnam.

December 18 - Wednesday

Press party Thurs night will coincide with Rockefeller swearing-in. π will bring V. P. down to party. Maybe T.V. sets in Green Room

π will have statement after confirmation vote before swearing in. Jack will work with Jhee on getting it.

Will find out today if jawboning will continue after Economic Policy Board.

π will sign Nixon taxes bill tomorrow or Friday.

On Christmas gifts, policy to send back everything except from foreign governments.

John Mulligan. Time - wants resume to

Peppin Shaubacher has 16 ps. of shis available at Vail for WW staff use.

Reorganization announced today. Rumpfeld will brief.

Will not have year-end assessment by Mullick. R. N. will use Jefferson quote to Washington "Delay is preferable to error".

Jan 16. State of the Union - as of now. (Thursday.)
Meade will give T.V. schedule for that night to Ron.
Ideal for briefing on Jan 17 for Radio and TV
people.

Mike Duval was taped by CBS without knowing
it. Bill Roberts complained to Tony Brenton.
Nessen may write letter.

TT announced Vail trip yesterday. Pres plan will
leave at 6 am. Jack will get all Ron's Vail
stuff together, find out control of press on slopes?

On unofficial schedule, network executives and
Elliott Richardson. ~~Can~~ Could we do Richardson
announcement?

Mal Laird appears before Spurling Group this
morning. Laird comes in to see TT once a week.

CBS face the Nation. Rockefeller won't say only
1 TT. Maybe Morton.

Walter Cronkite called Sheila yesterday to see
if Susan and Gardner Britt are getting married.
Answer: no.

Dec. 19 Thursday

Maxine Chesler - we've done a lot for her for gifts,
pobca, her photographer. She gave
off sleep and on domestic gifts.
Called Ken and said ~~she~~ he lied to her.
Watch - Sheila & Larry. False story on
pulsator watch - given when Minority
leader. Larry will put out all info on
gifts. π did receive watch before π
Nell have to return some gifts.

Riverside Press letter re: credentials. Jack said we have

Announce Joe Larkin today

Need good read-out on Trade Bill

Veto Strip Mining Bill. NYT cheap story - π said.

Jobs & Unemployment will be signed.

Nixon Bill signed

Wrong Vail answers yesterday. π will pay \$75 a day
instead of \$100 a day for Bass.
Still farm out answers to S.S. et
on pool. Have been trying to build pool for 4 years.
3 different houses.

Sheila and Ron will work closely on Vail.

CBS wants pix of network execs lunch @ TT.

Broadcasting Magazine wants one. Will give to them.
Bob will make sure each participant gets picture.

Sam will get personnel numbers straightened out.

Star. News says in 1950's TT picked favorite TT's.

Now wants to know if still same.

RN will say cant now.

Rockefeller arriving in 5 or 5:30. Travel pool will stay outside.

Bob will go on Freedom train.

Downgrading of women - Sheila got it all day yesterday.
Not ready for anything yet.

List of women have - Tom will get.

Pat Lind - not career woman. 22-24,000 a year. lower pay.

Nelen Thomas giving everyone bad press.

Sevitt's getting new press counselor. Ed & Jerry will go.

Pat pres conf. 11:30 am - in Oval office
need location, and photos on photos.

Problem of reporters gathering around west entrance.
Jack proposed fence? No - wait get through Jim Act's Comm.
Ropes + stanchions, and W.N. Police.

V.P. arrive at W.H. with II, South Pacific
Will want pictures of his country to pick up
pictures ~~at~~ and also mailing. Roberts will handle.

ABC has requested pix of gifts. How pix of foreign gift -
Newsweek & Post have. Made available to everyone.
No pix of domestic gifts because some will be returned.
~~Should~~ ABC will be allowed to film
foreign gifts

December 20 - Friday

Will cancel IT's news conference tomorrow.
Everyone knows so defeats purpose of small,
informal gathering.

No one has burning questions.

People need to shop and pack.

Might have one in Vail.

Should address Rockefeller, who has traveled.
Did tell network execs he would have one Saturday.

Rocky will see IT tomorrow. When take in
for photo tomorrow, will talk to IT, Rocky.
Please keep to selves.

Jerry thought should talk about why he traveled,
foreign visitors seen. Could do it on plane
to Vail. Would be only hard news.

Worried about criticism of the trip.

RN will talk to IT about it.

Could make it.

Mr Vail is going to have Helen Thomas, Mark Post
at home for interviews.

Pool to Vail - 7 men

AP

AP Photos

UPI

UPI Photos

or
pool photog. not from wires
writer
3 man TV crew

1st 4 will go on chopper to Vail.
Film of π shipped from Denver

Jerry will have phone call recommendation
in before end of day.

When get to Vail RD and Sheila will talk.

RD thinks letter should be written to N.Y.T. on
Black Bars story in yesterday's N.Y.T.
Correction today on p. 24.

Maybe Bill Safir could be persuaded
to write column. Jerry will call
Bars & Safir & get them together.

Watch story - Larry. Maybe 2 watches. Minin
during V.P. by Buchen who was on Goit payroll.
If returns watch to Buchen, looks like was bad.
Maxine writing for Sunday. Larry will
talk to Buchen again.

Q & A

WIN program - not WD but π supports -
 π thinks it should be purely non-partisan

Strip Mining - π will veto

Steel - 2 per. Dump everything on steel.
Statement on Cong. going out
Screw up of signing of Paper Bill

Chicago Preference Bill

Bill Robert

~~Bob~~ will go to Hill for Sparkman lunch

Story in L. S. Times. Thurston, Morton's brother
on Board of Directors of Oil Co. which flows from
Government. Bushen will talk to Morton.

CPI coming out today. Expected to be lower.

Larry will talk to Seidman

Rockefeller's role

Dec. 22 - Sunday Vail

Call Rumsfeld

7:30 am here

8:30 am Ron sees π

9:00 am Pool gathers

Tomorrow pix of π working.

Before skiing shot

11:00 am Briefing

12 noon Pool shot

Afternoon social briefing starts tomorrow

After get back from slopes (3 pm) Sheila

will find out what he will do

for dinner and the family.

Ron + Sheila will have get together

of shot, have mini-briefing at 5 pm

or will post at 5 pm.

Balcony shot didn't work today because

π didn't go where we wanted.

Too many skiers around for good
coverage



Tuesday

Pres
6:00 return 7.30 + 8 am to

Eagles Nest serves Continental Breakfast
Maybe could be 10 am starting.
As early as possible for pick.

W.H. switchboard # + not a public number.

Message center open til 10 pm

Western Union will have check-out sheet
for pers in summary if will help

Everyone will wear payboys.

Tom + Jack will alternate night call

Security: safe in EN office

Lock supply boxes

Close panel

Sickers: Harry gump card out, being
in office

We will tear off just 2 copies.

Early papers 6-6:30-7 pm each evening.

News summary early

Morning paper clippings