

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 8, 1969

SUMMARY

7:45 a.m. Staff Meeting

Tuesday, April 8, 1969

1. SCHEDULE

Mr. Haldeman reviewed the President's schedule which was highlighted as follows:

Tuesday - National Security Meeting, Meeting and Reception with King Hussein.

Wednesday - National Security Council Meeting.

Thursday - Meeting on NATO, Appointments in afternoon, Evening NATO Dinner.

Friday - Meeting on NATO, Appointments in afternoon, Evening NATO Dinner.

Sunday Evening - Republican National Committee Dinner.

2. VA DRAFT INQUIRIES

Mr. Whitaker raised the subject of White House staff members making inquiries concerning the draft status of friends or acquaintances. This is a potentially dangerous problem. It was decided that all questions of this nature should be referred to the Military Aides Office with a slip requesting an appropriate reply to be prepared by the correct agency.

3. URBAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL MEETING

Dr. Moynihan reported on the Urban Affairs Council Meeting. He noted particularly the item of regional reorganization of welfare programs and the progress that had been made there. The next step he pointed out was the equalization of powers of the various regional directors.

4. ABM

Considerable discussion took place as to the nature of the ABM Program and the lack of a clear-cut presentation of the program and its defense to the American public by the Administration. It was expressed that we had let the ball drop on this after the President had made a fine opening statement on the program. Mr. Whitaker commented that the Cabinet had done nothing on this. Mr. Harlow said that a fog seemed to have surrounded the program and its objectives. He suggested a need for a strong and clear-cut statement by the President to make it clear to both the American public and other members of the Administration that the President considers this program to be extremely important.

Dr. Kissinger then proceeded to brief those at the Staff Meeting on foreign activities and events this week.