

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 30, 1969

SUMMARY

8:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
Monday, June 30, 1969

1. THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE

The President's schedule for today includes Congressional breakfast, meeting with Senator Carl Curtis, meeting with Peter Flanigan and Story Zartman, and the Apollo X dinner this evening.

2. PRESIDENT'S EASTERN EUROPEAN TRIP

John Whitaker will be coordinating the advance for this upcoming trip. Advance men will be recruited from many quarters, including some of the sections of the White House. John Whitaker's participation in this activity will necessitate the assistance of Alex Butterfield in coordinating and compiling the agenda for the next Cabinet meeting.

3. MECHANISM FOR APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Peter Flanigan briefly outlined the mechanism he has established for the clearance of potential appointees. A Special Projects Division has been established and has isolated 600 existing positions. This division will now match available people to these vacancies. If they are unable to find a suitable appointee, the division will solicit recommendations from the political organizations in the States. These names will be reviewed by Harry Flemming, Darrell Trent, Harry Dent and Peter Flangian before submission to the President for approval.

4. RETURN OF VIETNAM TROOPS

Harry Dent noted that the first contingent of troops will return from Vietnam on July 8th at McCord Air Force Base, Seattle, Washington. A parade will be held in their honor on July 10th. It was decided that the President should not be in attendance for this event.

5. ZOO POLICE PAY RAISE BILL

Ken Cole announced that the President might be vetoing this piece of legislation. Since this would be the President's first veto, the matter precipitated a great deal of discussion. Dr. Burns reflected the group's opinion in his question "Why does it have to be the Zoo Police?" It was felt that a veto of this measure would subject the President and the administration to a great deal of ridicule. Ken Cole will continue to study this matter and frame a recommendation by this afternoon.