

as we were we sacked out after it got dark & slept through the 1 hr. fuel stop in Alaska. From there to Wash. we were then flying into day light. We got up about 2 hours out of Wash. & had a brunch—getting in at around noon. You know you can really get confused—leaving Korea at 10:45 on a Mon. morning—flying 17 hours and getting into Wash. at noon on Monday.

At 2 P.M. a meeting re the same Beirut problem we'd discussed before the trip. We have some additional intelligence but still not enough to order a strike.

The trip is over but I believe it was a 10 strike for the U.S. Both P.M. Nakasone & Pres. Chun have become fast personal friends & I return their friendship.

Tuesday, November 15

Back to the routine. Staff meeting—then G.O.P. leadership for a report by us on trip & then to hear from them on agenda. They are trying to adjourn on Fri. but have a h--l of a full plate including passing an extension of the debt ceiling. Without that we face fiscal disaster. Sen. Bill Armstrong is leading the charge & while he's sincere he just doesn't know what the h--l he's doing.

Phoned Repub. Gov's. conf. Bob Orr is turning chairmanship over to Vic Atiyah of Oregon.

Clarence Pendleton chairman of Civil Rts. Commission came in re the Congress so called compromise to keep me from making new appointments. The boys are playing games but I think I can snooker them. Haircut, then meeting Sens. who are battling to get Tuition Tax Credit—Upstairs to get some mail done.

Wednesday, November 16

The Israelis burned Naba Chit known to be a camp of the Iranian Shiites believed responsible for the car bomb attacks. That was one of the targets we were looking at but didn't feel we had enough information yet.

Cab. Council meeting on Commercial entry into the Space effort. Question should the govt. department in charge of this be Dept. of Transportation or Commerce. Both wanted it. I came down on the side of transportation.

Rcvd. word Brazil had accepted the I.M.F. terms. That is good news for the world financial markets.

I've OK'd. some shifting of our Marines in Beirut. I believe the Lebanese can take over the airport while we move South to an area once controlled by Israel.

Met with Geo. S. about establishing a pipe line outside the bureaucracy for direct contact with Soviets.

N.S.P.G. meeting. We've contacted French about a joint operation in Beirut re the car bombings.

Italy parliament voted—landslide for deployment of I.N.F.'s. F.C.C. withdrew for 6 mo's. it's regulation that would have allowed networks to syndicate

shows. Good news. Closed day saying a few words at farewell reception for Jim Watt.

Thursday, November 17

N.S.C. Surprise call from France—they were going ahead without us & bombing our other target in Lebanon. They took it out completely.

Lunched with V.P. Got a call on secure phone—Bill Casey wanted me to call Ted Stevens chairing a conf. comm. Demos. trying to kill off covert aid in Nicaragua. I told Stevens to fight to the death. Got word late in day he'd stood his ground & we won.

Newly elected Pres. of Nat. Council of Catholic Bishops came by. We agreed on Tuition Tax credits & will try again. Also agreed on abortion etc. I didn't bring up nuclear weapons so meeting ended pleasantly.

Had swearing in of Susan Philips as Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission—1st woman to ever hold that position. Cab. Council on Human Resources. Had a slide presentation of how govt. redistribution of earnings programs etc. have undermined the family. This must be reversed. It's what we came here to do.

Personnel time—some new appointments—a fine group. The leaders of the org. to research & find a cure for Alzheimer's disease plus Rita Hayworth's daughter Yasmin presented me with a plaque for helping to publicize their cause.

Little 9 yr. old Heather Ross came by with her family. She's a nice little girl who wrote to me about my job. I replied & told her if she was ever in Wash. I'd like to see her—well she's in Wash. to visit her aunt. Met 85 year old Frederick Von Hayek—the great economist, a pupil of Von Mises. I've read his works & quoted him for years.

Loyal Meek editor of Phoenix Gazette dropped in. He's been most supportive. Was a friend of Nancys father.

Did some tapings. Then upstairs called—George Fayani—Japanese American in Seattle whose son was killed in Grenada.

Friday, November 18

Usual Staff & N.S.C. meetings. At the latter, said a thank you to Pete Daily who is going back to civilian life after 2 yrs. as Ambas. to Ireland. He was a good one.

Paul Laxalt came in. As Chairman of a sub-committee he has worked to get a compromise on the Commerce, Labor & Justice appropriation bill. Result is \$731 mil. above what I requested but it's \$300 mil. below what the House wanted. I'm afraid I'll have to sign but I'm mad. Not mad at Paul, he did all that could be done but the Dems. cut or reduced a number of items we really need & loaded up spending on things we wanted cut.

Leaders of Nat. Attorney Gen's. org. came by. They've been very helpful on our efforts to get a crime pckg. through Cong. They thanked us for a number of things Justice has done to help them at the State level.

George Shultz & I had a talk mainly about setting up a little in house group of experts on the Soviet U. to help us in setting up some channels. I feel the Soviets are so defense minded, so paranoid about being attacked that without being in any way soft on them we ought to tell them no one here has any intention of doing anything like that. What the h--l have they got that anyone would want. George is going on ABC right after it's big Nuclear bomb film Sunday night. We know it's "anti-nuke" propoganda but we're going to take it over. & say it shows why we must keep on doing what we're doing.

A most sobering experience with Cap W. & Gen. Vessey in the situation room—a briefing on our complete plan in the event of a nuclear attack. The Chiefs have been working on it for 2 yrs. in reply to my request in Oct. 1981.

Word received Sen. has confirmed Bill Clark as Sec. of Interior. The House has passed the I.M.F. bill & the debt ceiling. I'm going up on the hill to see them off on their recess later in the day—Signals changed, they phoned their farewell.

Saturday, November 19

Slept in & it was great. Did radio broadcast. Lunched in the Solarium—1st time in months. Bud McFarlane called on secure phone, has checked with all concerned & consensus is that in view of French bombing in Lebanon we carefully catalogue potential targets & be ready for immediate retaliation in event of another attack on our forces. I agreed but asked that we maintain intelligence efforts to see if we can forestall another attempt.

Sunday, November 20

Nancy left this morning for Phoenix. I wont see her til Wed. at the ranch. I'm lonesome already. I even watched an Errol Flynn movie—"Robin Hood" this afternoon.

Bud called—the Israelis took out targets (air attacks) on Beirut—Damascus road. One was a choke point which could shut off Syrian supplies & ammo to the guerillas. One plane shot down but pilot parachuted & was recovered. I have no complaints with this. Rumor also going around that Assad (Pres. Syria) is dead. No confirmation.

Monday, November 21

Meeting & lunch with Pres. Nimeiri of The Sudan. He has problems—some of them created by the madman of Lybia & others by Mengistu in Ethiopia.

The annual Turkey presentation in the Rose Garden. The birds get bigger every year. This one weighed 60 lbs.