

DIARY

8/14/56

The President arrived at office at 8:45, accompanied by General Gruenther, with whom he had had breakfast.

He saw Governor Adams, and later Governor Adams with Dillon Anderson.

Followed by Mr. Shanley and Mr. Hagerty to discuss details of Congressmen and Congressional Candidates who had pictures taken with the President. I believe 22 people had their pictures taken individually, with the President, plus a group picture, in 13 minutes.

The President saw the Secretary of State, picture was taken. Appointment was to discuss final instructions before Secretary left for Suez Conference.

The President saw Honorable David A. Hamil, under the impression that Mr. Hamil was an Angus breeder. It turned out he dealt in feeds in Colorado but had not break Angus.

Arthur Larson came in at the President's request to discuss suggested changes in the acceptance speech.

Routine signings and the President went to the Mansion.

At 2:38 he came back, signed a few letters. Read article in American Magazine on Governor J. Hugo Aaronsen, and also one on the school crisis in the South. Later said that the troubles brought about by the Supreme Court decision were the most important problem facing the government, domestically, today. I asked the President what alternative course the Supreme Court could have adopted. He thought that perhaps they could have demanded that segregation be eliminated in graduate schools, later in colleges, later in high schools, as a means of overcoming the passionate and inbred attitudes that they developed over generations.

He gave me a discourse on philosophy, saying with a wry smile that people thought he didn't know about philosophy -- but that actually philosophy had contributed very little to the advancement of welfare, or thinking.

He talked about John - about John's dislike for social things. About David, who is the complete extrovert.