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Sunday, July 25.

President had me come over at 11:45, said he wanted to go over a couple of things. He decided to stay here through tonight and go back tomorrow about noon, since we don't have anything scheduled tomorrow morning. He was concerned about the reports of the press contacts with the Republican National Committee people at the meeting in Denver, and their negative comments on the economy, etcetera. He thinks we ought to run our own poll of the state committeemen and the National Committee with some loaded questions to get some good quotes on a positive basis. It's obvious that our own Republican leaders, like our Congressional leaders, are falling into the trap of the economy, instead of insisting that peace is the issue. Also they don't play the economy right. We do have a problem there, but it isn't bad, even so, and we can't let them trap them on this.

He then talked about personnel a little again. He's convinced that Finch should take the Office of Emergency Preparedness job. He's not too clear on what we ought to do with Rumsfeld, but feels that probably his best role is as Campaign Chairman, in some way. Then we got to the August schedule, and he now feels he does want to do the Bohemian Grove; so we're juggling around on that. He doesn't want to do a press conference this week if he can help it; he'd rather wait and do it next week. Connally was on TV, on *Face the Nation*. President watched the last half of it, and that got him to wanting some thought given to what we can do regarding Connally and getting him around the country on TV shows. He's concerned about the whole economy thing, and he feels we need to get Connally speaking out on it as broadly as possible. Then he came up with a brilliant idea for Labor Day, of having George Meany play golf, and our meeting closed.

End of July 25.