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Wednesday, August 25.

I stayed at home per the President's instructions, however, he did go into the office in the morning, spent some time with Kissinger and had a long session with Kalmbach, DeMarco, etcetera, on personal finances.

He called me on the phone at 9:30, was concerned about the problem of Finch and the need to give him some national responsibility in the campaign, and some kind of a title, not just as counselor—maybe citizen's chairman—or responsibility for several states, or something. He feels he needs some line responsibilities around the country to keep his schedule filled and keep him moving, since otherwise he keeps getting into the California situation. This as a result of the Reagan-Mitchell dinner, where they discussed this problem.

Also Bill Rogers called me to say that he was going to see Senator Kennedy this afternoon, to get a report on his trip. That wasn't really what he called about. It was obvious he doesn't want the President to meet with Rush later in the week, because he said it would be good to have Rush come out to see the President. The question is that there are some disadvantages to the Berlin agreement, especially with the conservatives, and the President might not want to get tarnished with them. Rogers is trying to get together with Clay, McCloy, etcetera, to keep them in line and avoid criticism.

End of August 25.