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Wednesday, June 7th, at Camp David. The President called me over at 10:30 this morning. He wanted to talk about the California primary results. He thinks we should slam the Field poll that this totally destroys their credibility. Build the line that media pollsters are all for McGovern; that it's a conspiracy to get him the nomination. It should be an all-out attack on this. Make the point that Field was wrong in the '68, wrong on McGovern, wrong on Proposition 9. That the big loser in California was Mervin Field who has an unblemished record of wrong predictions; also whack ABC on their poll.

He's curious as to the effects the debates had. He thinks it would appear that they helped Humphrey, but he isn't really sure. He wants McGovern, or Buchanan to write a McGovern speech making the point that he's a sincere dedicated radical; that he's concerned that we not let him get back on track as a reasonable man. We've got to lock him into his far left positions.

Elliot Richardson had been trying to get to see the President. He's concerned about HR 1. We've put him off and he's leaving for Japan tomorrow, so we'll see him when he gets back. He's worried about tactics on HR 1 and also about the follow-up on the Higher Education Act. He called me on this after riding Ehrlichman and Cole every hour practically on the hour.

Kissinger came up for dinner tonight. The President had me over, too. We discussed the question of his speaking to Senate Foreign Relations. The President thinks we should make the deal on the basis that they let him go for three hours from 10:00 to 1:00 on Thursday; that I have to handle Rogers on both this and Henry's China trip next week. Making the point that there's so much heat on this that we have to do it. Then the President will do an office press conference, as he talked about before, on Wednesday, and announce the China trip and the testimony. He wants to establish the conditions the way we want them.



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He wanted me to hit Helms on the fact that the CIA estimate of what would happen after the mining was totally wrong. He wants them called to task for the bad intelligence.

He wants to hit McGovern, he said he'd go to Hanoi, and settle Vietnam in 90 days, by saying it doesn't take 90 days to surrender. He wants to be sure that we announce the Kissinger appearance at the Fulbright committee, not let Fulbright do it.

The President is debating whether to stay here or go back to Washington. He was getting a little antsy but apparently he had a good day up here.

End of June 7th.