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Thursday, June 8.

The President had me over late this morning, discussing general domestic stuff. He had read Ehrlichman's books. He feels he's missing two major issues: amnesty and abortion. The President is reluctant to turn to the domestic issues, as the staff apparently is pushing him to do, according to Colson. He thinks that Ehrlichman's got to turn around the Ford order. We can't clobber up their '73 production. That we've got to figure out how to be against the status quo. He wanted Henry to take a look at the Rotary speech. He felt it was too euphoric, but he wanted to get Henry's feel of it. I talked to Henry and he thinks too, it's too peaceniky. The President should be tough and peaceful. This speech sounds like McGovern. That he shouldn't talk about foreign policy anyway. On balance, he doesn't think he should give the speech. The President then agreed that he wouldn't and so we're out of the Rotary thing. Henry's also backing off some on the question of his doing the testimony. He's afraid McGovern will try to drag him into other questions of this kind. The President is suffering from hay fever and probably will go home tomorrow since it's getting worse.

End of June 8.