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Saturday, July 1.

The President was in early. Spent some time reviewing the proposed speech for the 4th of July. Quite a few minor revisions and said to cut out 200 more words and he would go ahead with it on that basis. Got into the tennis court question, wants to have Annenberg put in a swimming pool there where the tennis court is now, following the same regime that led him to donate a pool to Checkers for the British.

He had Julie in for a conversation with me on personnel. He's concerned about the gal we've got handling their scheduling and all, but Julie seems to think it's all working very well. Also the Pat Nixon problem, the need for covering her scheduled activities. Julie will help us on that. Had some ideas on getting the girls into the South. Getting Mrs. Nixon to do the homemakers while we're out in California; making sure that Julie knows what we want Pat Nixon to do, so she can help us on it.

On the plane to California, he covered some political strategy items. Thinks that for the next two weeks we should let McGovern off the hook and not attack him at all, let them sink themselves. I reviewed the political strategy memos with him; he likes the idea of a question a day for McGovern. He thinks the VP should hit him on it in his acceptance speech at the Convention when he'll have the maximum audience.

He got into the question of Vern Coffee because Don Kendall, or Vern, had told him he wanted to go into industry rather than stay in the Army. And he thinks Don Kendall, or someone like that, ought to hire him and then we can keep him at the White House through the election, in the industry afterwards, rather than going off to the War College. In checking this later with Scowcroft, I find that the President misunderstood Vern, he plans to stay in for at least three or four more years. We had the usual arrival at El Toro and the President went off to the Residence for the evening with Rebozo and Abplanalp were out here to spend the weekend with him.

End of July 1.