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Eagleton the big item again today, as the debate rages on whether he can stay on the ticket or will have to get off. Lots of rumors about other offenses, and all that sort of thing. All the strategy meetings bogged down into long speculation about what they're going to do, that sort of thing. We seem to have our big talent show put together for the Convention and are going ahead with that unless something bogs down in trying to finalize scripts and so forth.

The President had a press conference this afternoon. Did a good job. Had a number of questions on bombing the dikes, gave some very long, detailed answers, made his speech on our Vietnam position, blasted Waldheim at the UN for hitting us on that.

The other questions were all on the Vice President and things relating to the Eagleton matter, directly or indirectly, and the President's selection of Agnew. That was it, except for one question on Soviet withdrawal from the Middle East. The President did an excellent job, and I think he felt he had done so afterwards.

We then had a political dinner on the *Sequoia* with Mitchell, Harlow, MacGregor and me, with the President, which turned into basically a bull session on some of the strategy things and a chance to let MacGregor cover in general what he's doing. Those sessions really aren't very productive, because the President just kind of likes to BS, and we never seem to get much done.

End of July 27.