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Friday, August 4.

The staff political meeting was this morning, and went very well. MacGregor gave the pitch along with Malek, Magruder, and Ken Rietz. Right afterwards, I brought Rietz and his youth leaders in for an hour and a half meeting with the President, which I think went extremely well. I'd had Rietz and one of the fellows, Gorton, for dinner last night, or actually Hank, at our house, and I was very impressed with them and felt the meeting with the President would work well, which it did.

They, of course, were floating on air as a result of it. I think we convinced the President of the strength of our youth organization and the fact that they're going to do a good job. The Democratic VP question keeps coming up. The President got into quite a discussion with Ziegler on the whole Kennedy story about his involvement with Amanda Burden up in New York.

Another tie-up was the Andreas statement. Dwayne Andreas has agreed to come up with a public statement saying that he was the one who gave the \$25,000 that they're trying to track down in connection with the Watergate caper. So we're trying to work something out on that.

The President left this afternoon for Assateague, with Mitchell, Bebe, and Abplanalp, to spend the weekend. Just as he left, I conceived the idea of going to California, hopped on a plane with Ziegler and Hank and we roared out, arriving out in San-- Balboa this evening.

End of August 4.