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Tuesday, August 15.

At Camp David. Had a talk with Connally on the phone. He reports everything's in very good shape, tempo is increasing by the moment. He's going to New York Thursday night for a John Loeb dinner and he had a good meeting with Del Webb this morning who's helping. He's meeting with a group including the Governor at 8:00 in the morning, and thinks that's wired. He's sending Paulucci to Chicago on Monday to really work on the Daley thing. Connally's going to see Daley Monday afternoon in Chicago, he's doing the VFW keynote speech in Minneapolis Monday morning. He had a good talk with Mitchell, said Jim Delaney came in with his son Pat--that's the Congressman from New York, Jim Delaney is. His 700 volunteers in New York that will go to work for us. That we still need a Jewish leader and a Polish Catholic in New York. Had to do a lot of fence-mending, clean up problems, but thinks things are going extremely well.

Today's following up on the attack on Shriver and Clark, the need to destroy Shriver and his credibility and to tie Clark to McGovern and the FBI thing. Haig is still concerned about our shifting focus away from where we want, but we've got to keep hitting Shriver and build a factual chronology. Colson's having a problem getting the so-called white paper out of Haig and the State Department, but we'll get that worked out. Want to be sure all hands play down Kissinger's trip to Saigon so we don't get an overreaction to the potential results of the trip there.

Got into a long discussion with the Vice President on his seconders, and we got to get that worked out down in Miami. President had me over to Aspen at 6:30 this evening, he had worked all day on the speech, got into the attack thing, wants to make sure we hit them for playing politics with peace, wants Dole to crack all three of them and tie them together, Hugh Scott or somebody. Then we agreed we'd try to work Connally into doing that. Told me to tell Bill Rogers he could offer Rush-- Rusk, Dean Rusk anything he wants, such as UN or Ambassador to Soviet Union or something. Wants a tax plank and food price material from Ehrlichman.

Questioning whether he might go down on Thursday and do the Olympic team. He will go down one day this week, probably Thursday afternoon. Or go down Wednesday and have dinner and



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come back, or something like that, to be with the family. Got into some bits and pieces on politics and that was about it for the day.

End of August 15.