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Friday, August 25.

In the office at San Clemente. Went through a whole bunch of miscellaneous follow-up things. Wants Bill Rogers to take his wife to Japan, wants the Utica speech edited and get copies out to people for follow-up, was upset about the *Washington Post* crowd estimate of only 3,000 in San Diego when there were actually about 15,000. Wants to lock the Gateway West deal in San Francisco. Wants to use "Over There" as the music for the Nixon Now campaign song. Wants to get out the background story on the secret of our youth operation, which is that they run it themselves. He's delighted with the whole youth thing, and I think we've really made that point in the Convention and the follow-up day yesterday. Wants to get certificates to all the people who participated in the Convention, wants to change the plan for airport and other arrivals to have someone introduce the President. Wants to invite Billy Graham for Sunday night to the reception. Wants Ehrlichman to get a writer to work for him, sharpening up his stuff. Agreed to have Laird out here Monday, on the draft announcement, and to make the troop announcement on Tuesday. Got into a lot of the details on the celebrity party.

Connally called, said he wants to postpone his Democrats deal for a couple of weeks, and he'll be out here. President invited him out here Friday night for dinner with Nellie, not knowing that we won't be back from Hawai'i in time. Told me to talk to Connally about scheduling, and his thoughts on that, which caused a long conference call that Ehrlichman, Connally, Mitchell, and I had. Nothing startling in that. Mitchell and Connally are both very upbeat, they both think that everything's going very well, there's some concern about the GAO report and all that, but seemed to feel we can ride through that okay.

President's concerned about the press conference plan, he doesn't want the press to know that we're going to do it on Tuesday, and he's going back and forth on what day to do it. Also whether to limit it to just political questions, or all kinds of questions. He went around on that, and then said it should be limited just to political, and that I should tell Buchanan that for his preparation planning.



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Big flaps back and forth on the party again, as Mrs. Nixon and Lucy changed the plans from what the President wants regarding where the receiving line's to be, whether there's to be a platform for remarks, and all that sort of thing, but I think we got them all ironed out.

End of August 25.