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Saturday, November 11.

The President had me over in for the usual midday two hours. Again pretty much general discussion. He got into political strategy and expounded on his views on Teddy Kennedy. He thinks that Teddy and his people will have to do some figuring and decide that they don't want to take us on. That they will want to handle their fight within the Democratic Party and win that, but not get involved in a fight with us. He thinks that might lead to their not doing the Congressional investigation, etcetera-- this on the basic Machiavellian theory that if you strike a king, you must kill him, and that he can't kill us, therefore, he won't strike.

He also got into the election follow-up. He wants to be sure the IRS covers all major Democratic contributors and all backers of the new Senators. He wants to be sure we work on examining all the incoming writers and letters, to uncover new majority types, Democrats, ethnics and so forth. That we should have special forms for them for response, and the President wants to see the drafts of those. He had some ideas on the delegation to the Soviet Union fiftieth anniversary. Got into the need to pick up the Wallace people, bring them in-- Snyder, France and so on, and the Labor people and Catholic people. Thinks that we should dump Garment, Nancy Hanks and the whole culture business. That isn't what we want. Has some other ideas on follow up. Wants to be sure that I call Dole and set up a meeting with the President for later in the week, so that we can work on the Committee take over. He also got into some schedule ideas. He's intrigued with taking a national tour after Vietnam is settled, with some airports and motorcades. Apparently this was Connally's idea to show national support. He thinks the people want to turn out and express their support, and we should set it up so they can do it. Also he wants to figure on a trip to Europe in the early part of the year to tour the major capitals, as he did at the start of 1969.

Ehrlichman and I had a long session with Dean on the Segretti thing, going over the details of everything he did, what he said, and so on. It turns out that we don't have any real problem, I don't think, on it. Some of the actions were questionable, but none of them were serious. And, it's



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clear that he was operating without direction, although he did maintain some contact with Chapin as he went along. But, he did not have a direct reporting responsibility or relationship there.

End of November 11.