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The President had his long talk with Romney, and it went a little differently than expected. It turned out that in the crunch, George would come back down on his-- George would back down on his super-principles, and follow the Administration policy regarding suburban integration, if that would avoid his being tossed out. He's also agreed to go quietly and take the Voluntary Action Center job, if the President so desires. The President concluded that Romney is the type who always folds under pressure, after taking a big-- talking a big game. The President feels we'd be much better off with Romney in HUD-- or with Rumsfeld in HUD and George over with the volunteer group, so Ehrlichman is supposed to grease him up for a Presidential decision to this effect. President checked Mitchell regarding exploration of Anderson for Treasury, and found John had done nothing, but will now. We should move on that right after the budget's in, or before if President will agree.

The President got on to the whole PR need again, making a new point that we need one guy who sits centrally as the Commander-in-Chief regarding putting out the Administration position. I had a long talk with Dick Moore about coming over to White House to do this. He feels-- that is the President feels a real problem still regarding how little we're getting through, and thinks that part of problem is that I have too much to cover.

There's some more agonizing regarding Chotiner. President decided again he can't go to the national committee, we'll probably have to go the route of putting him in a law firm and let him operate from there. I have Colson working on that.

A lot more work on the NAM speech. He's pleased with Safire and his way of working, especially the fact that he meets the deadlines. He called me at home regarding his pleasure that the Dow Jones went over 800 today. He just wished it had done it a month earlier.

End.