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Tuesday, July 15.

Leadership this morning. President had ordered that only one subject was to be on agenda from now on. Ehrlichman says he proceeded to fill the one and one half hours available with a non-stop monologue ranging over all possible subjects.

He has now completely bought the Ehrlichman plan for running the domestic area, and on this basis it should work, although John's tendency is still to wander into all the tempting side roads.

Pretty light schedule, nothing in afternoon until he added John Mitchell and Arthur Burns (separately). President called Ehrlichman and me in at end of Mitchell session to discuss the PR problem (again!). Mitchell made point once more of Klein problem, and his feeling that only the White House can really capitalize on opportunity to dominate press. He's right. Nofziger will help.

Trying to work out strategy for announcing the Welfare Plan and other domestic programs. Now the plan is to have a two day Cabinet meeting at Camp David right after return from trip, then a Wednesday press conference to announce welfare - then follow with others - while President leaves for California. Dump whole load on Congress just as they adjourn. Gives us a basis for really pushing when we all get back in September.

I met for several hours with trip group in Situation Room - they just back from advance. All seems to be pretty well set. Apparently weather and accommodations will be pretty horrible. Chapin has general plan under good control, and Whitaker seems to have done an excellent advance. No major problems.

President met this morning - and again this afternoon with Kissinger's Frenchman regarding new approach, by letter. Kissinger thinks – again - that this one might do it.



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Session with the whole family regarding Gerry Vander Heuvel problem. Conclusion, she's got to go, hopefully before trip. I'm to put it to her that she works under Ziegler, hope this will drive her out. If not, we take her on trip .and dump her on return.