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Saturday, July 19.

At Camp David. All slept late again. Hank and I went up to bowl around noon - had to leave because President coming. Then he went to pool. Called me up there - and it was rainy - he sitting under umbrella in trunks. Rain stopped. Talked for about half an hour. Mainly regarding his concern that we didn't get out tax reform word. And wanted action about *New York Times* editorial regarding his moon telecast plans.

Returned to White House at 3:00. President came to office for a while, with Ehrlichman and Ziegler. Cleaned up the loose ends, schedule details, Ehrlichman's items, etc. Then he returned to Residence for dinner. Called me over to tell family about Teddy Kennedy's escapade. Very strange news coverage as they try to cover-up real implications of what happened. Kennedy, late last night in Martha's Vineyard, drove his car off a bridge into a pond, left girl in it to drown. She was a former secretary of Bobby's. Lot of peculiar possibilities. But wires carry no sensationalizing or speculation. Ehrlichman has investigators, etc., working on what really happened.

Wants to be sure he doesn't get away with it, but of course no reaction from us. Real concern is realization of what they'd be doing if it were one of our people. Obviously (President feels) he was drunk, escaped from car, let her drown, said nothing until police got to him. Shows fatal flaw in his character, cheated at school, ran from accident