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Monday, August 25.

Very brief morning session and a quick signing period at noon. President spent morning in meeting with VP regarding Mississippi disaster, and then the UAC, which went well past noon. A couple of phone calls in the evening regarding staff reception tomorrow, and that was it for today. He played golf at Pendleton with Julie and David – Pat Nixon walked around with them.

Ehrlichman and I had lunch meeting with Ted Braun and Cliff Miller regarding PR. They agree with us we should not add a PR staff man - but rather a policy board using outside counsel, for which they volunteered. Cliff makes a lot of sense and can be brought into this.

Also a number of meetings and talks regarding staff reorganization, and I settled the deal with Jeb Magruder. He'll probably be the staff man for me on PR - which we'll call PO instead, for Presidential Offensive. Need to finalize a recommended plan for the whole structure, then try to sell it to Ehrlichman. He's the key at this point and question is whether he'll take on the domestic responsibility. I think he will - but reluctantly, because he hates to give up his options, which are numerous at present.