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Tuesday, August 26.

Environmental Council day. President was to do helicopter tour of LA smog, etc., but decided to let them go it alone. He went to Yorba Linda for golf instead. Still very much relaxed, and thoroughly enjoying it. Came up with what he considers great idea, to convert pool and florist area at White House into prime office space. Says Ehrlichman and Flanigan can't complain about that - but they sure will.

I had long afternoon meeting with Ehrlichman regarding staff organization, and I think succeeded generally in getting him on track with Cole's and my plan. I think it's a major move in the right direction, and hope Ehrlichman will end up buying it. Basically it puts him totally into domestic program plus legal and security. All else with me, Kissinger, or Harlow. Ehrlichman even suggested changing his title to Assistant from Counsel.

President had reception at house for senior staff - went pretty well. Then I had dinner with Chapin and Cole and their wives at El Adobe. More discussion regarding staff organization.