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Saturday, August 30.

Supposedly a day off. Started with continuing flurry of phone calls. Chairman of Pitney-Bowes - and of the United Fund - was camped at the compound entrance in long black chauffeured limousine. Would not leave until he saw the President about doing a TV spot for United Fund, which we had consistently turned down for months. Cole tried to get him settled, but failed. So we put it to the President via Ehrlichman, and he, of course, capitulated, will do the film Monday morning. The guy ended up sitting in the car four hours, and in the office another hour. Ehrlichman finally saw him and settled it.

President and Bebe went to the Pendleton beach again this afternoon. Then decided at last minute to go to the Rams game at San Diego tonight. Big day of activity for Cole as duty officer. Rest of us stayed home and enjoyed it - except for constant phone calls.

The Western White House operation has really worked out sensationally well - but there are now signs of the President starting to become restless. I'm amazed it's taken this long. Part of the problem now is that Julie and David have gone back, so he doesn't have them as diversions. He apparently suggested to Bebe he return to DC on way back after Governors Conference. Bebe talked him out of it - but it's a sign of current attitude. Also he's talking more and more about operating routine in Washington, etc. Nonetheless, it has been great relaxation for him, and for all of us and the press. And it will pay dividends. The going will get very tough very fast when we get back, and everyone will need this reservoir.