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Wednesday, September 3.

Nancy Hanks announcement and Nelson Rockefeller report regarding South America in the morning. President very late to Foundation trustees meeting - due to Norman Rockefeller. I was elected chairman and presided. Rather confused - Kalmbach agenda, trying to maneuver Call and Firestone on to Executive Board. All part of Finch's California manipulations. Ehrlichman and I holding firm against this, did let Firestone be President of Trustees, and he'll do an overall study.

Ehrlichman and I met with Chuck Stuart regarding his analysis of Pat Nixon office setup, and PR opportunities. Excellent job - think he's got it figured out right. Problem now is to implement it - since he recommends complete change of personnel - hard to do - but essential.

I left for the afternoon – to see Jo off and then meet with Higby. Turned out Helene Drown was at the house with Pat Nixon – so President wouldn't leave the office. Kept Ehlichman there until 6:30 going over all kinds of things.