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Saturday, August 8.

At Camp David. Phoned in morning, lot of little things: can't help Lenore, she's not with us; Laird should wait until after election to move nerve gas; disappointed in Morton's political analysis; South terribly important - that's where all our gains have been since '60, etc.

At 4:00 had me over to Aspen for two and a half hour chat. Lot of PR, need to move hard on Middle East; build theme of President as effective listener; sell Cambodia on basis of situation domestically if we hadn't done it; idea of President does no business over cocktails; Finch get out line about how President operates with Southern school committees.

Decided to go ahead on Southern trip, to New Orleans. Wants Rumsfeld to reorganize the government, throw all the bad guys out. Back to "build our own establishment." Wants me to get Rogers to be more tough politically.

Decided to do American Legion then I told him he couldn't because of threats of demonstrations. Changed his mind regarding Mexico and decided to give luncheon the next day instead of dinner the first night. Wants to do a Chicago press conference right after Labor Day.

Called me at bowling alley really upset regarding no action about killing of Northern California judge. I charged Ehrlichman and Mitchell.