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Thursday, August 20.

Off to Mexico! President had me up for about three hours of the four and a half hour flight. Had lot of trivia, notes, etc. He had worked last night after the dinner.

Is still concerned about Kissinger – especially vis a vis Israel. Wants me to try to steer him around. Think Kissinger is deliberately trying to wreck the peace proposal – because it was prepared by Rogers – and Kissinger opposed it and now can't stand to see it work (probably won't anyway). Israelis keep screaming about violations of cease fire by Egypt – and President fears Kissinger is encouraging them. He's concerned that they keep doing it in the press instead of through private channels. Kissinger also trying to get him to see Meir and President says he won't do it now – maybe in October. Thinks it's an Israeli trap. Kissinger's mood fairly bad still – but up some because of North Vietnam request for secret Paris meeting. Kissinger wants to keep that a secret trip – but President thinks it should be announced so Kissinger has a cover if he's caught.

President discussed Rose problem. He's not very happy about her performance last night. Had a lot of political ideas left over from last night.

President would start to work on his Mexico briefing book, then shift back to other things - not really very excited about going to Mexico, no real substance to the visit.

Great reception - street crowds, confetti, burros with flowers, happy people, warm, good motorcade. Huge Mexican luncheon (small group, but lot of food), adequate toasts, quite personal and warm.

After lunch (5:00) substantive meeting produced agreement regarding border problems, and the two Presidents went to press hotel (unscheduled) to announce it.



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No evening activity, President home and to bed. We stayed on beach and in ocean until after 8:00, then downtown for fiesta for few minutes with the Ehrlichman's, and Kissinger with his CBS girl producer.