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Tuesday, August 25.

Another full schedule, but President very relaxed and taking it as it comes. Wants to slow down next week, which we had planned to do anyway. Worrying about Pat Nixon, Martha Mitchell, etc., to be sure all have a good time.

Long meeting with Ash Council was apparently productive. President had Shultz, Ehrlichman, and me in later and had decided to go Ash route on foreign economic policy organization. Will cause major problems with State and Rogers - but President told Shultz to go ahead and set it up as a White House function, look for a really good strong man to head it up, but don't announce it as a big change, just ease into it to minimize impact on State.

Also discussed domestic security problem (Ehrlichman and I had discussed with Mitchell yesterday). President said I should take it over because I'm only one J. Edgar Hoover trusts and will take orders from. Others, especially Mitchell, want it under Domestic Council - with a staff of intelligence types to evaluate input and order necessary projects, etc. Will do it one way or the other - in any event will drop the interagency task force approach which we've started and run into snag with FBI and Hoover. Main problem there is Tom Huston.

President in good spirits, enjoying being here, doing all his work, not pushing on anything.  
Great!