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Thursday, August 10.

Still at Camp David until late this afternoon. The President had me over at 10:00 this morning by the pool. Gave me some handwritten notes he had done a couple weeks ago. Wants me to work on those. They're for campaign guidance. Wants to use Rizzo for a seconding speech, since Connally has now decided that we can't do the Democrats for Nixon because it would compromise him and make it difficult to enlist people. Thinks timing is the problem. He's talked to a number of people about it and they all think he should not become part of the Republican Convention. So, I'll try to work Rizzo in. The President wanted, from Buchanan, a couple of pages of the most vulnerable statements that McGovern's made.

Wanted us to be sure and check the newspaper play the Connally announcement gets. Wanted to go ahead in committing him to the California fundraiser, which I've done. Wants to do the handshaker after the Convention for a couple hours on acceptance speech night, with Tricia and Julie in the Presidential box, the Vice President in his box, the President at the podium. Wants to be sure that we have a band at the Convention, not just an orchestra. Wants Colson to line up the sportsmen on gun control. Wants to be sure that we get the Connally mailing out. Was very impressed with Gregg Petersmeyer's speech. Wants copies of it sent to Tricia and Julie, and maybe to the Cabinet with the idea that this is something that they ought to be following up on. Had some other ideas on minor items regarding the Convention.

On a chopper on the way back to Washington, he got into schedule plans for tomorrow. Plans to go on up to Camp David right after his morning schedule. Stans was in to see me at 5:00. His principal concerns, other than the Watergate problem, are that the President is going to have to see Clem Stone somewhere along the way. One problem is that Clem is taking the possibility of his going to be Ambassador to England seriously. Also the Internal Revenue is back at him on his '68 committee donations, on the basis of Gift Tax liability. Said Hickel has accepted Stans' invitation to second the President, and Hickel wants to talk to the President. He'll play an active



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part in the campaign. The Pugh family is all upset because of Foundation problems, and Stans wants Kalmbach to come to work for him full-time.

End of August 10.