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Sunday, September 14.

Nice day of work at home, after taking Mom to the airport - until President called and asked me to come into office. Found him in EOB (they are working on West Wing decoration) and spent three hours on long chat again mainly regarding PR.

Got into whole staff reorganization idea with him and he is all for it. Doesn't exactly understand or care about the details - but strongly agrees with the basic concept, especially the four of us dividing up the responsibilities and all else reporting to him through us.

He worries about my handling PR responsibility because feels I am already too overloaded. Had to convince him that solution is in improved staff structure. Does buy the idea that our main need is to define objectives clearly and assign specific people to each area of execution - and hold them to account for results. Wants Rumsfeld added to our group for PR planning to provide political intuition from the left, versus Harlow on the right.

A group of problems vis-a-vis East Wing and Pat Nixon, that led to discussion of Stuart report and agreement to try to work out use of Chuck's wife. President totally agrees with Stuart's approach, regarding one top gal in full charge.

Long perusal of Rogers problem – apparently it came up at Camp David with Pat Nixon and Bebe. President had a lot of specific petty details – plus some generalities. Want to find ways to patch it over – just can't abide personal type problems.

Went to Ehrlichman's for family dinner. President called several times regarding trivia plus orders to set up filming of Vietnam withdrawal announcement on Tuesday. Wants to read the statement for the cameras. Good idea.

He still seems to be trying to button up all the loose ends in preparation for tighter days ahead. His attitude and approach are great. He says he's going to start dictating more stuff - hasn't done



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any really up to now - and will use Elmer for a lot of it - when he wants only the original, no copies, for confidential action or reaction.