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Saturday, November 7.

Key Biscayne. The big meeting. Mitchell, Finch, Ehrlichman, Rumsfeld, Harlow and Colson. Ran from 11:00-5:00 with no break. Sandwiches brought in, plus gallons of coffee.

Accomplished a lot as President really got into gear on future planning.

Decided major personnel changes.

Cabinet: Romney out (Mitchell tell him - hope for blow-up so we make issue of our opposition to forced integration of housing). Rumsfeld to replace him.

Hickel out. (Mitchell tell him. Don't use audit as a club to keep him quiet unless necessary, because may backfire.) Whitaker as Under Secretary. Russell to SBA.

Kennedy hopefully out. (Mitchell try to move him in direction of leaving if he won't go now.) Then Mitchell explore Treasury with Bob Anderson. Also have to get Walker out. (President called later - Flanigan as Under Secretary.)

Morton out of RNC - to Interior. Harlow to RNC. Sandoval out of SBA. MacGregor for White House Congressional liaison (after considering Bush - better for him to take Under Secretary of Commerce). Make Siciliano a judge in California. Move Chotiner to RNC as organizer, keep Dent in White House to handle South.

Issues: Go for value-added tax and huge revenue sharing (lump all categorical programs and grants and give to locals with no strings - \$30 billion).

Lot of discussion of economy, and need especially to knock the mythology. All agreed this, in some form, must be the core of the State of the Union. Hit crisis of U.S. fiscal policy. Agreed we don't work with Congress, we go against them. Discussion regarding shouldn't take GM lying down - should use this to exercise government leadership.



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Figure Democrats strategy will be series of major programs designed so we can't approve them. Force many major vetoes, so we're "against progress." FAP is lost - now should go for new plan with much tougher work requirement. Won't pass, but will make the issue.

President said will hold off Summit until serves our purpose. Will go for increases in military budget and military assistance and squeeze the Great Society programs.

Discussed need for new roles for VP - positive and constructive. Environment, health, Congressional relations, labor union relations, South, take on all Presidential candidates.

We take very conservative civil rights line.

Good meeting - covered lot of ground and for once got something done.