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President had his long talk with Romney, and it went a little differently than expected. Turned out that in the crunch, George would back down on his super-principles, and follow Administration policy regarding suburb integration, if that would avoid his being tossed out. He also agreed to go quietly and take Voluntary Service Center job, if the President so desired. President concluded that Romney is the type who always folds under pressure - after talking a big game. President feels we'd be much better off with Rumsfeld in HUD and George with the volunteers, so Ehrlichman is supposed to grease him up for Presidential decision to this effect.

President checked Mitchell regarding exploration of Anderson for Treasury - and found John had done nothing, but will now. Should move on that right after the budget is in - or before if President will agree.

President got on the whole PR need again - making a new point that we need one guy who sits centrally as commander in chief regarding putting out the Administration position. I had a long talk with Dick Moore regarding coming over to White House to do this. Feels a real problem still regarding how little we're getting through - and thinks part of problem is that I have too much to cover.

Some more agonizing regarding Chotiner. Decided again he can't go to RNC - probably have to go the route of putting him in a law firm and let him operate from there.

Lot more work on speech - pleased with Satire and his way of working, especially meeting deadlines.

Called me at home regarding his pleasure that the Dow Jones went over 800 today. Just wish it had done it a month earlier.