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1 afternoon, we had had a long session that morning with
2 Secretary Shultz and Mr. Sonnenfeld about the economy, and
3 that ran from nine to about, I don't know, what, ten or
4 eleven, something of that kind, a long session, as I recall.
5 He called me down for just about ten minutes at noontime,
6 and said what I have just told you, and I said "Well, what
7 is it you expect me to do basically" and he said "I want you
8 to step into what Dean has been doing here. I need to know
9 about Executive privilege, I need to know about attorney-
10 client privilege, I need to have somebody set this strategy
11 with regard to testifying at the Committee and the grand jury
12 and these other places and I need to know where the truth lies
13 in this thing." And the only tip-off that I had had to that
14 was a request from him on the 27th, I believe it was, yes,
15 on the 27th.

16 Senator Garney. Is that the meeting between 11 and 1:00
17 with the President?

18 Mr. Ehrlichman. I believe -- yes, yes indeed. That was
19 for the purpose of dictating to me a list of questions that
20 he wanted put to the Attorney General, and I believe that
21 telephone call to the Attorney General which actually was not
22 completed until the next day because he was traveling, is in
23 your file, phone call with Kleindienst on the 28th, and I
24 then went down a handwritten list of questions that the
25 President had put to me about the progress of the case, about