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Talked with Tom and Bob about the Emery adventure. They are a little chagrined at losing, though they knew they had no chance. They hope they haven't hurt Bill; they are upset because Mitchell is talking as if they are hatchet men, and they have to work with Mitchell. They spent 9-10 weeks there, got a lot of publicity, took over a hopeless situation.

But they learned something. "I learned the importance of organization in Maine. I used to give the Democrats 5% for organization. They lost it; but now they've gotten it back. George had 600 volunteers in Cumberland County. I knew ~~we~~ we had had it when I found out he was doing voting ID in Cape Elizabeth, which is 9-1 Republican. He carried the Republicans as well as the Democrats in many places."

"We'll start sooner on the '84 campaign than we would have if we hadn't gone to Maine."

He talked about people who don't work on the staff and who want big salaries. Sounds like he wants a taut ship in the office. "We'll let them have Christmas and then we'll tell them 'you'll have to postpone that 5 day vacation this year or that trip home.' If you don't want to work, go elsewhere. It's your job that's at stake in the next two years."

Tom said "People in Maine are funny. They want you to come down here and run on a fast track, but they also want you to be able to come back to Maine and to get them a sewer grant. Ed Muskie did that for years. He once told Bill. 'I'm riding in the Lewiston festival parade for the 22nd consecutive year and I'm not sure I can do it anymore.' We've paid a lot of attention to ^{the} ~~my~~ state. We've got 14 people up there. We've got Bob Umphrey who spends all his time romancing the potato farmers, or _____

who spend his time looking out for the fishermen. We've taken very good care of the state--on the staff level anyway. And Bill has come in when he's needed. But we have left him free to take care of the things down here like our promises from 1976. We didn't make ^{many} ~~money~~. But we said we'd stop Dickey Lincoln and we stopped it. We said we would save Loring Air Base and we saved it. We said we'd settle the Maine Indian dispute and we settled it. We got money for Bath, Marymount, FMI. 'Bill Cohen can get things ^{done} ~~down~~... The Reagan thing has me worried. He doesn't run well in New England. But Bill's strength is that he's always been independent. He's his own man."

He talked about environmentalists, elderly and women as groups they have to work on. He's ^{OK} done with these people but he's also vulnerable to them if he doesn't watch out. His work on social security disability will affect his problems on social security vote. Environmentalists have been with him. And he's pro-choice--which should help with women.

The Emery experience got him psyched up to go on BC's campaign, I think.

He rattled on about Emery problems at great length.

He said a couple of times "The middle will win in Maine." Emery too ^{too} pro Pentagon, Pro Reaganomics, etc.