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Sunday, December 13.

The President spent the day at the White House. I stayed at home. He apparently did some work on the Children's Conference speech for tonight. He did call this morning before church and obviously was focusing more on the specifics of the Connally arrangements this morning, as he got into specific points on notifications, timing, people to be called, and the actual arrangements of how we run the whole show.

He also got into a discussion of the TV network conversation with Nancy Dickerson proposal, which now has been more or less rejected by CBS and ABC because they feel they have to do something like this with their own people. The President's now agreed to consider doing it with some kind of arrangement that includes Cronkite, or he'd even do it alone with Cronkite. He also doesn't rule out the possibility of bringing in interviewers from all three networks, plus Dickerson to do a four-way deal and have all of them carry it live simultaneously. The advantage here, of course, would be the enormous audience. This led him into an idea of getting Moynihan to do an interview, such as with Mike Wallace, covering the President as a man and what he's really like etcetera. To get over some of that kind of thing that Moynihan can do so much better than most of our other people. I gave him a report on my half-hour of conversation yesterday with Hugh Scott covering his objections to Dole as National Chairman. President's view is that we just let that ride for the moment and try to build up enough of a ground swell for Dole that we can override the objections.

End of December 13.