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Thursday, September 2.

The President had me in several times and for quite a long while during the morning, mainly reviewing odds and ends: some general work on the speech, plans for the coming week.

Kissinger was in to report on the status of the Vietnam elections, and says that the Thieu announcement--that he will make it a vote of confidence or a referendum--has played well on the wires.

We got into quite a little schedule revision, and the President did some general cogitating on the question of whether we're making adequate use of television, whether we're dominating the medium enough. And he reviewed various devices and techniques. Question of whether to do press conferences, speeches, etcetera. He's pushing for doing more Q&A type things, which is something we all agree with and should be a good approach. He's agreed, for instance, to do the Detroit Economic Club as a Q&A for live television, which could be extremely effective.

Well he was just using up time, because it wasn't a particularly good day. He left and went over to the house a little later in the day, and called on the phone in mid-afternoon to cover some changes in the plans for the--

[End of September 2.]