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Sunday, September 12.

President came down from Camp David this morning in time for the White House Church services and then had the Connallys and Billy Grahams to lunch afterwards. He called in the afternoon, just to touch base. Did get into a discussion of the replacement for Don Hughes and feels that we should have Vern Coffey take the post. He likes the idea of someone around that he's totally comfortable with. He feels it takes time to get acquainted and get used to a new man, which wouldn't be desirable now. Actually, he'd prefer not to shift Don, but feels that Coffey would be very good, and he wants me to explain to Hughes that the real need is a man the President is used to, plus it would be very good politically.

He called again after the Pat Nixon television special on ABC, said there had been a lot of calls to Pat, and the whole thing especially seemed to have struck the women. He also thought Julie was great. We talked about it quite a little, and he was very pleased in general with the program. At church, both Connally and Graham made the point to him that he shouldn't waste his time doing a receiving line afterwards, and so he's back on the kick of trying to get Pat to drop that.

End of September 12.