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Thursday, September 23.

President spent the whole day at the EOB preparing for the Detroit Economic Club Q&A tonight, even though it's now not going to be televised except for local and Michigan, and camera for coverage for the newscasts later. The session there went pretty well, but he was not the least bit happy with it afterwards. We had a long talk on the plane coming back, and he was very upset about the lousy acoustics in the hall, the fact that we had 5,000 people in there, but in a flat floor where there was no crowd reaction, no playback on the humor, etcetera .He was disturbed that we had let TV cover it at all, since we didn't have live national coverage, and I think he's right. But mostly he was distressed with the lousy questions. He said he had never seen such a dumb bunch of questions, and he was thoroughly relieved that it hadn't been on television. As a result of that, he now has the feeling he will not do a TV press conference in conjunction with the Phase II announcement. The type of questions asked tonight on the economic business convinced him that he doesn't want to have to answer a series of questions of that kind.

End of September 23.