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Thursday, November 4.

Staff meeting this morning, we got into discussion on the foreign aid strategy and the Congress. The stickler now is the Cooper-Church amendment, and MacGregor feels we've got to find a way to include it in a committee bill, with the understanding we're opposed to it and that we will defeat it on the floor or in conference. We raised the question of what the President ought to do to try and further this at this point, since the press has been pushing for Presidential involvement, and it was concluded that there was nothing he could or should do to get involved at this time.

The President was anxious to get some Congressional attacks going on public broadcasting because of the report in the news summary today of-- that Agronsky was-- had kicked us again. Also he wants to get an organized program going to hit Arthur Burns pretty hard on the money supply, because he's still not coming through on it.

The main event of the day was Mrs. Gandhi's visit. President was particularly pleased with his welcoming speech and hoped that we'd get some people to pick it up, make the point of his ability to do these without any notes, with great simplicity, eloquence and brevity. He wanted to see if we could get a column on it. He had a good line, making the point that where our two nations are not bound by a treaty, because we have a special relationship that doesn't require a treaty. He made the point that we need to get the whole story of his toasts and arrival statements out at some point.

Regarding Finch's trip, he wanted to try to get Bob to call it a "goodwill trip", which is what it is, rather than trying to make a point of substantive accomplishment out of it. He got into the guest lists for State Dinners, etcetera, complaining that there are too many staff and military and Departmental people there and not enough people that make a difference to us politically. He decided to take a few staff people along to Florida to give them a weekend off.

Overall he's in kind of a strange mood. I think mainly because he's sort of in between things here, waiting for the next shoe to drop. Also he's very much concerned about Henry's attitude and



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move-- mood, and as a result of that asked Henry to go to Florida with him. He's also got Mitchell coming down for a political meeting on Monday. His whole approach is one of sort of bouncing around on loose ends at the moment, and I think that will probably shift as we start cranking into gear on the trips. He's pretty much set now on doing the whole series of trips this November and December, before the big trips next year.

End of November 4.