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Saturday, November 13.

President called me over to Dogwood at 10:30 for a couple hours of general discussion, starting with plans for Mrs. Nixon's trip to Africa. It was agreed that her official party would consist of the Billy Graham's, Bunny Lasker and his kids, and the Johnsons, publisher of *Ebony* magazine. President had a lot of ideas on how to structure the trip: mechanics, such as how to set the plane up. He wants Codus to go from Protocol and handle trip management, and so on. A little later Pat and Julie both joined us and agreed with the basic plans. Julie suggested we try to sell the coverage to one network on an exclusive basis and wants Ziegler to explore that. The President said Pat should have a talk with the President in each country where she goes, and he said he wanted to have her entire delegation in to meet with him before they leave, to make a big thing out of the trip.

He also got into some discussion of his own trips and scheduling and called Henry several times in the process. He wants to try to move Willy Brandt to Christmas week, so that we could do Brandt that week, Kei-- Heath the week before and Pompidou the week before that. Get them all done in December. He also wants to consider the possibility of bringing Connally and Rogers with him. Perhaps also Laird, so that it would be a meeting of the Finance Forei-- Ministers-- Foreign Ministers and Defense Ministers, as well as heads of government.

He discussed his plan for his AF of L speech. If he does do it, he wants a complete speech written and the text put out in advance. Then when he gets there, he'll say: this is the text and I stand by it; it's been released to the press, but rather than using it, I want to talk to you directly today. Then he'll throw the text away and go directly to his own pitch on how great the labor people are in supporting America, and that sort of thing. He also got into some discussion on the plan we have for a television day in the White House, and he had a lot of good ideas on it— improved on most of ours. He wants to be sure we bring the dog in, that we don't emphasize program; that we emphasize human stuff, such as a blind child type of thing, a Mexican "Open



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Door" hour type of deal. He wants to be sure to have the Vice President in. He seems to be very enthusiastic about that, which is good. I thought he probably would not take to it very well.

We got into quite a thing late in the afternoon, because he discovered that Julie didn't have adequate preparation material for her trip. He wants me now to put Andrews on it and get some really good Q&A things worked out for her and some talking points on Administration programs and achievements, the kind of points that we want her to get across, such as we would give a Cabinet officer.

End of November 13.