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Friday, September 15.

The President had me read a speech Connally's planning to give on *Mutual Radio* that he felt was extremely good. He wants to have our speech writers review it, to see how a good political speech is put together with all the grabbers and quotable lines, no wasted words or high blown rhetoric, just exactly the right tone. High level, hard hitting, and simple.

We reviewed some minor schedule things. He then ended up in the afternoon with not much to do, sat around and talked about the campaign in general, had Pete Daily in for about 45 minutes going over the advertising plans and Daily's analysis of the current situation. Then called John Dean in for a report on the Watergate indictments, which came out today. Wondered if we should put out the fact that Johnson bugged us in '68, told me to ask Connally about that, then withdrew the idea. Wants to be sure we put the screws on Congress to turn off the Patman hearings, where they're trying to get Stans up to testify, and then got into quite a long talk with Dean about the need to get control of such things as the IRS and to be sure that we force all resignations, right after the election, a general area that we've got to start planning on. Since he feels strongly about it, it will be our one opportunity in our last month or so of this year.

End of September 15.