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Saturday, September 23.

Spent some time with the President on the plane to Washington. He wanted to change the press coverage plan for the Young Labor Group he met with at the White House when he got back. He decided he should have some press coverage and that he'd have a photo opportunity and let the writing press cover his remarks. It was a good thing he did because it was an extremely good event and, I'm sure, will get good coverage. The President gave a good talk, although way too long, played directly to the young people, brought some of the kids that they had, up on the stage with him. Couldn't have been better for the press coverage and all, so I'm glad we had it.

He got into some discussion of the strategy with Connally. Thinks that Connally's greatest use, both to us and to himself, is to leave the organization and the details to others and to get out and talk to the country on a properly advanced basis with a schedule that we set up and in key Democrat states: California, West Virginia, Massachusetts, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and maybe even South Dakota. Making basically the same talk he made last night at the ranch. He wants to be sure that we take Connally under our wing on this, though, and he also said he had talked with Connally about the month to reorganize the government after the election. That he wants the names of Democrats from Connally that we are to get into the Administration and wants to be sure it's understood that Connally calls the shots on these.

Also got into some schedule ideas for himself. He wants to meet with the Democrats for Nixon in New York and Los Angeles, and wants to consider going to Warren, Michigan. Apparently, the mayor of Warren talked to him at the dinner last night. Also, Gino Paulucci hit him on going to Minnesota-- to St. Paul. He's intrigued with the follow-up on the Lundgren break-in deal, but apparently we're not going to have anything. Jack Lundgren apparently has had several break-ins in his office and so this one isn't quite as startling as we had originally thought it was.

End of September 23.