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Tuesday, October 3.

The President came down from Camp David this morning with Gromyko for the SALT signing ceremony. Went very well, was very impressive to everybody there. The President had me in afterwards. He's just covering general political things, mainly his concern with the Southern California Political Group. He feels that the fundraising group he met out there was fine, but the more he thinks about the political group, the more he thinks they're tilted to the Party and the right and the hack-types, and that we're going to have to direct California more actively, especially on the PR side, to the Democrats for Nixon business.

Ziegler said that Sidey came in and talked to him after the SALT ceremony. He won't vote for McGovern, that he feels he's flipped his cork on the basis of his UPI editors thing yesterday where he hit the President as the most corrupt Administration in history. Phil Potter also came in, said that McGovern is incredible, that he disagrees violently with his remarks. Did comment that the press is rumbling about not having any access to the President and gave Ziegler a tip that McGovern on his Food for Peace thing had heavy shipments of grain abroad in '60 and '62, and that we ought to look into this. He'd like to write it up if we can dig up anything.

The President went back to Camp David this afternoon to work on the press conference. Had me over this evening for some general chitchat before dinner, nothing of any importance, and then I guess he worked into the evening or had a movie with Tricia.

End of October 3.