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Monday, October 23.

The President had a few odds and ends to cover on the plane going up to New York today, mainly on details for handling the trips, and some more of the same on the plane on the way back. The New York motorcade and the meeting at Rockefeller's [unclear] all went very well. The President did feel that we needed more signs along the route to cover up the anti-signs, although there weren't very many of them. He feels that we should make an asset of the demonstrators, hit the thing on the Hitler signs and so forth, call on McGovern to denounce them and all. The Rockefeller stop worked out pretty well. The Governor had Ehrlichman and me join Mrs. Nixon, the David Rockefellers, and Bob Douglas of his staff, for dinner, which was very nice. Nelson was obviously quite overwhelmed by the fact that the President was stopping at his house. The President didn't join us for dinner, but did come in at the end for coffee, and this Nelson, obviously, greatly appreciated. He made quite a point of having champagne brought in and having a toast to the President, as the first President of the United States to stay at the house. And I think it was a good move, all the way around.

End of October 23.