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Friday, October 27.

Had a long talk with Billy Graham, he thinks things look good, in Chicago, Wisconsin, Tennessee, places where he's been. He thinks Watergate is penetrating a little bit, but the peace initiative throws it into the back pages, that McGovern himself is the major factor, and that we're not in danger anywhere, although McGovern is coming up, and his TV is somewhat effective. He says that people are saying the President should get on TV and get out and do a little bit more, and Billy suggested a two hour Q&A on television, showing the President as the warm human being that he is. He thought Connally's thing was tremendous, but there wasn't enough advance publicity. Said that any time we wanted, he would be most happy to make a statement on my behalf or Dwight's on our character and so forth. That we shouldn't let them get away with the whole thing. He, too, is worried about the security factor of the President getting too much exposure. Feels that if North Vietnam blows the peace deal, it would be a real problem, and then summed up again that we need to see more of the President in the last ten days. More publicly that is.

The President is in a more positive mood today, on the peace initiative, felt that we should stay on a direct attack on McGovern's peace plan specifics, hitting him on the peace with honor, not peace by surrender. Wants Henry to stop talking to the *Post* and get better programmed.

End of October 27.