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Wednesday, November 1.

The President spent a lot of time today with Ray Price, working over the various speeches they've developed-- a good one on health that he's going to do on Friday, and then foreign policy on Saturday for the Sunday papers, and ten goals Sunday for the Monday papers -- all radio speeches -- and he's polished up the TV speech. He's concerned about delivery on the TV thing and decided not to use the easy chair, but would rather will sit behind a desk and do it as a desk setting but in the library with the books back of him, so that it looks like a library. He also wants to get the maximum TV coverage that we can out of it, and he agreed late this afternoon to tape it rather than doing it live-- if we would agree to do it as a sudden death tape with no replays, just leaving the flubs in and so on. We reviewed the general situation in our poll standing, etcetera, and he seems to feel now that we're in good shape.

We had a long meeting this morning with Bill Brockman and Ken Rietz on reorganization of the National Committee. They've submitted a proposal for restructuring the Committee with a full time professional chairman, who will be, in effect, the President's political staff man-- have all political responsibility, and the Committee would take on basically the task of electing Republican Congressmen and Senators, rather than trying to build up the Party in some esoteric way. It's a good plan overall. We had a long discussion of strategy of how to implement it. They're going to try to mobilize MacGregor, Dole, Ford, etcetera, and see what they can get going.

I also had a long meeting with Roy Ash this afternoon on reorganization. We went through the whole cycle of ideas we had been developing on combining Departments, and putting together a de facto reorganization plan. After going around, we came out pretty much full cycle back to where we pretty much are now -- and where I was four years ago -- which is that there should be a senior assistant for domestic policy, one for foreign policy, and one for economic policy, and, that we should work the other plans into that kind of a framework. Ash is going to give us a week after the election of full time work on reorganization; we'll try and get it pinned down then.



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End of November 1.