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Saturday, November 4.

McGovern hit us hard last night on Vietnam and accuses the President of lying, deceit, and so forth, and insists that he debate him if he disagrees. Quite a lot of discussion this morning on how to handle this attack, including the possibility of Kissinger briefing the pool on background on the plane, or the President saying something in his remarks today. One question of fact, because McGovern now says that the differences are central issues, instead of just details-- and he's picking up from the President's speech on the 2nd, but turns out he was basically misrepresenting that. There was a great deal of discussion on how to answer this, and we go with a strong statement by the Vice President, as a way to handle, rather than getting Kissinger or the President involved at all.

The rallies went well today, North Carolina was a real happening, with a huge crowd breaking across the ramp. New Mexico went normally well, and Southern California was spectacular, a stadium-type bleacher set-up at the end of the runway.

End of November 4.