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Monday, September 1.

Labor Day, and the trip to Colorado. First the United Fund film as promised Saturday, then off to Colorado Springs. Long session on the plane - mainly the old topic of PR. Wants to try using Mosbachers as sort of travel companions and aides. Might work.

NORAD briefing was pretty bad. Fascinating place buried deep in tunnel in mountain, but the general who briefed went through the usual shopping list of what they do, etc. Dull, no imagination, no demonstration of operation, amazing how badly they do these. Also amazing how much machinery and display material they have at all these things compared to the total lack of sophistication at the White House.

Guess the Governors reception and dinner went all right. I stayed away. The speech at the convention center was okay, but the place was terrible and layout even worse. President made his points OK - but read the speech and really zipped through it. He's right in feeling this is not the way to make points.