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Tuesday, September 9.

Back at the White House. A little time to get used to the new decor. Some problems about lighting and color, etc. - but overall a great step forward, except for the Oval Office. President says he likes it, and keeps analyzing why. Maybe he really does.

A generally undistinguished day of getting back to work.

President going over usual things, especially PR. Does want thought given to new Ambassador to France since he feels Shriver will resign to run for the Dirksen seat. President spent the whole morning working on Dirksen eulogy, which he delivered at the Rotunda at noon. Was pretty good, but nothing of great note. For France, he wants a loyal Nixon man with ample money who speaks French and is not of the New York establishment. Preferably from Texas, California, Illinois.

Big stir regarding Marvin Kalb, who really screwed us on CBS last night - saying President was "furious" with them which is totally untrue - we have been programming fully.