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Wednesday, October 22.

National Day of Prayer. President had breakfast at White House with Congressional prayer groups. Graham spoke, and met with press after to explain role of prayer and religion for President. All said went well, especially President's idea of long silent prayer. Then an hour and a half with the Ash Council - President generally agreed with their re-organization plan, and interrupted with a lengthy diatribe on need to listen to good ideas from Congressmen, Governors, etc. John Connally said LBJ had told him to tell President he could reorganize everything all he wanted, but he had three main problems - 1) press; 2) Congress; 3) disloyal people in State and CIA.

Mansfield called and this resulted in 5:00 meeting at EOB. President spent most of afternoon over there. Only called once and that was on new idea for evenings of entertainment at the White House.

Evening was staff picnic on South Lawn and Marine Sunset Parade. Very impressive, huge crowd.