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Monday, November 10.

Back to work. President started the day with his physical at Bethesda, then Rockefeller ostensibly regarding Latin America, but actually New York politics, then Packwood regarding Haynsworth, then Mayor Washington ostensibly regarding DC crime but actually the plans for the mobilization. NSC and General Goodpaster in the afternoon for a pretty good day's work, and he shot out for the Residence after Goodpaster before I could catch him for the evening cleanup. No calls at home.

Main concern was to be sure we are maintaining the momentum, and not letting up. Seems satisfied that we are doing so - and all the evidence is that we are. Some discussion regarding mail and how to keep that story going. May try to get some of the wires and letters read on TV - my idea to try to get more mileage. Wants to push the foreign reaction story, and the endorsement in Congress. Also anxious to get Pope to say something. Again quoting General Patton regarding no tired divisions, just tired commanders.

Still worried about need for another speechwriter who has real knack for organization and timing for the spoken word. Feels Price is superb for written word but lacks this knack.

Has decided to continue last two weeks' practice of not reading the news summaries. Feels he shouldn't read his good press any more than he reads the bad. But I talked him into reading the general reaction summary for the speech, which really is pretty objective. He made a few notes on it, but not much. Wants me to do the follow-up on all the news items, and I think he'll really stay off it for a while - but not very long.

Obviously got a good rest and some sun at Key Biscayne - but was not spring loaded today. Did have the usual bundle of little notes, but they were mostly routine thoughts instead of sharply critical stabs or demands for tough action.