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Sunday, July 19.

At Camp David. President had me over in late afternoon for talk mainly regarding schedule - and use of TV, and timing of press conference. In the process I talked him back into California for a week - with a live prime time press conference from Los Angeles on Thursday night. Wants to do one from Illinois later. Feels we're at a watershed point about press - clear now we can't break through, so fight 'em all the way. Says he's made decision today to go over their heads to the people (exactly what he's been doing all along). He obviously has been pondering a lot regarding how to handle the whole public appearance and TV business.