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Monday, September 7.

Labor Day, but not much of a holiday - President in office most of the day. Discussed political campaign - especially importance of candidates taking good hard line on bombings, etc. Point of pushing opponents to the left. Doesn't want us to clean up the obscenity commission - because he wants the issue of their bad report.

President went to Lombardi Mass - good move. Talked after about how he (Lombardi) was basically a square - for God, home and country.

Wants me to assemble staff to review Buchanan analysis and make it clear we have to play the line. Also a lot of political instructions for Finch, regarding weekly issue bulletin to all candidates - keep them on three to four solid issues.

Very anxious to develop some dramatic Administration action regarding hijackings, need tough shocking steps - especially guards on planes.

Very impressed with Hook article regarding campus problems, and wants it broadly circulated with letter from him - to college presidents, trustees, TV, editors, etc., asking for their comments.

Labor dinner tonight - a real coup. Large group - and not the usual White House guest types. Meany's toast was excellent, compared Presidents, referred to Tricky Dick, said FDR just as tricky, and Lyndon no slouch either. President later said Meany was really rough on Bobby Kennedy during dinner conversation - also on McGovern, et al. Did dig us a little regarding the economy, but overall very favorable. Good Army Tattoo on South Lawn, with 4,000 union headquarters employees. Darn good move overall. Lot of press comment, and labor guys were clearly impressed.