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A lot more thoughts about VP, campaign and radiclubs this morning. Wants VP to hold to position of not naming the individuals but keep hitting the point hard. President wants quickly the 10-12 key votes where the bad guys all voted wrong - to use as the base later for naming the group. Nofziger did pretty good job of putting that together today.

Decided on no press conference this week in Chicago - will meet with the two papers instead, and do end of Midwest media briefing and a reception. Feels time is not right for TV press conference - not to our advantage. Also decided against Key Biscayne this weekend - because feels that not right either, in present situation. Added a Troika meeting today, then made it Quadriad. Agonized a little later regarding press conference, but rationalized his decision.

Comes back to politics each time I'm in during the day - especially to push the radiclubs ideas - also to stay on top of opposition plans so we're ready to outweigh them.

Discussed auto strike at length with Shultz, again especially concerned regarding game plan to deal with it as political issue - same with unemployment figures due next week.

Still pushing to do the Hook letter - but Moynihan argues against it because Hook is discredited in intellectual community. Will probably do it anyway. Will also hit the campus issue in Kansas speech Wednesday. Is having Ray write the whole thing and plans to read it. Has given Ray a lot of ideas and guidance.

Told Manolo he was taking him and Fina to Spain. Wants to visit Manalo's home if we can. Will announce trip tomorrow, finally.

Told Kissinger to try to eliminate Ky's planned October trip here by promising him Presidential dinner in November.