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Thursday, October 8.

Savannah and Key Biscayne, President in excellent spirits as even *New York Times* praises the speech. Pushing hard for maximum follow-up, briefings, etc. Wants Rogers to do press conference tomorrow and TV on Sunday.

Concerned that this still doesn't seem to get across the leadership image. Question of what we are doing wrong - or whether we could ever get through the media regardless of what we do. Look for more ways to bypass media and get directly to people. Try to find new TV devices.

Back to worries regarding busing, as Court about to start on Charlotte case. Wants to send a letter or do something to try to influence the Court decision. At this point not concerned with the politics, just wants to affect the Court – say busing would be a disaster.

Decided to veto Broadcasting Bill, mainly on Colson's recommendation - on basis that if a bill is bad for us, we should not let it pass just because of pressure.

Savannah motorcade was another great one. They're all so good that they're becoming routine. Lots of blacks, very enthusiastic. Good day.