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Monday, October 12.

Connecticut and Columbus Day. Few small flaps in morning as we failed to get in gear with briefing papers, etc., but all worked out. President decided to have a meeting tonight on return regarding Cuba – felt he had a problem because Rogers knew from Russians they were pulling out and Kissinger didn't know this and was going to tell him. So President decided he'd tell everyone at once. Then, on Kissinger's recommendation, he decided not to - will wait to discuss it at NSC on Wednesday.

Hartford motorcade was terrific - big crowds, close in as our guys eliminated the barricades. Should be some great pictures. President had the two candidates - Governor and Senator - in his car. A little crowded for three of them through the top, but it worked. Hardly any demonstrators on the route. One bunch in front of hotel with VietCong flags, etc.

President evidently did excellent job at NE media briefing. Then to Stamford for Italian Center. Good crowd, worthwhile stop. Coup of the day was Chapin's idea - we had about one thousand Buckley people at the Westchester County airport on departure, with big Buckley signs. So President went over to greet them and got the obvious pictures. Should solve the current question of a Buckley endorsement.

President concerned about our poll that shows Agnew not getting points with his radiclib program. Feels maybe people want a toning down now instead of more and more inflammatory staff. May be right. A tough strategic decision, because we clearly are hitting where it hurts, but it may also backfire.

Volpe was along today and was at his usual unbelievable worst. He never lets up. Finally trapped President on way into house - wants to have lunch with him, and chat about some constructive criticism he knows he'll find helpful. Incredible!



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A good day's start on the campaign. Will put in the rest of the week at the office then out on the trail Saturday, Monday, Tuesday. He's anxious to get going - but it was also obvious today tired him out. The motorcade especially is hard work.