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Tuesday, October 13.

California day. Finch had Holmes Tuttle, Len Firestone and William French Smith in this morning - reunion with President. Then President's dinner for 40 California fat cats tonight. Discussed all their bitches regarding appointments, social invitations, etc., and hopefully got things back on track. President was great in the meeting and completely disarmed them - then was superb at dinner, with a one hour review of domestic political outlook, and the whole international situation. Made a great case for need for Murphy in Senate, and had them all spellbound.

Lot of worrying last several days about family schedules for campaign. Guess they hit him with problems every night. Then they don't go along with our recommendations or plans. Especially Pat Nixon, who tells Nixon she'll do anything, then tells her staff she'll only go with President, not separately.

President reviewed his campaign plans, wants to hit all the key states - we'll do about 17 - fast in and out shots. Likes idea of election evening half hour TV, and agreed with California group to one hour Friday October 30th live rally at Anaheim.