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Thursday, October 15.

One of those bad days - operationally. Started with a flap last night regarding briefing folders and it carried on today. President was horrified to see a front page picture in *Post* of several thousand policemen in uniform who visited the capital regarding legislation against cop killers. We had known nothing about - hence President did not receive them and we missed a great opportunity. Then we had a crime bill signing ceremony at Justice and had no signing pens. Then we signed a transportation bill at White House, and repeated the omission. By this point, President was becoming a little discouraged for good reason. Also his briefing papers were all way too long, and left out the really important points.

Lot of discussion all through the day regarding campaign stops. President on and off about North Carolina, Minnesota, South Dakota, Nebraska and repeats in Connecticut, New Jersey, Maryland, Indiana. Finally made all the decisions tonight on phone at home. Will do Minnesota, even though there's no chance - because owe it to Clark MacGregor - and not a bad idea to build Hubert up a little, to confuse the Democrats. Added Nebraska just to be nice to good old Roman Hruska, although he sure doesn't need it. Won't do the repeats except Indiana. Will do North Carolina, mainly just to get into the South again and show the flag.

President spent quite a little time on the speech, and related material. Is antsy regarding what we've got, and our staff capability on the road. Especially wants adequate staff to keep peddling our line to the press.

Called tonight all cranked up because McAllester College kids gave Tricia a bad time with obscene signs. Wants Dewitt Wallace, who funds the place, to put the screws on them.

Some talk, as there is almost every day, about plans for after November - getting rid of bad guys and excess baggage. Laying groundwork for '72. Likes idea of Finch as Republican National Committee Chairman. Will be hard to talk Bob into it - but it would be an ideal spot for him for two years. Will move Morton into Interior. President pushed Whitaker today to take EPA - don't



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know result. Wants to divide United States into four regions with a White House political czar over each one, and move Chotiner in to run RNC under Finch.