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Friday, October 16.

A ghastly day, as President had no schedule, except one appointment with Bishop Walsh, so he could work on his campaign speeches. Instead he spent most of the day calling me in or calling me on the phone.

In between those, I had Harlow calling from Florida regarding VP's anger at Finch and the swing at him in press conference because Finch was quoted as saying VP did not represent Administration view in his statements in New York about Goodell. Then Finch came in to worry about it from the other side, along with California troubles, etc. Then Kissinger came in distraught because Defense had announced the Soviet sub tender was back in a Cuban port. Then Ehrlichman kept tugging regarding need to see President and get odds and ends cleared up. Then Moynihan called about to depart for Europe and disturbed regarding quotation of his off-record remarks regarding VP and Scranton Commission. Then Chapin was in and out with all kinds of trip problems as the schedule changes. (George Shultz apparently had no problems at all today.) All this with phone or buzzer from President constantly interrupting.

President was worried about news report that VP was cooling down his campaign, but this was just a joke. He kept pushing for more material for campaign and finally did a series of tapes for radio of his arrival statements endorsing the candidates. Told Kissinger and me not to send in anything from now on that's not necessary to know or act on before the election. Wants to concentrate.

Came up with idea of Agnew TV half hour Saturday before election; and idea of film deal preceding his election eve TV - recapping first two years.

A long series of discussions regarding guidance sheet for Ziegler on answer to question regarding Buckley/Goodell. Then the question wasn't asked.

Big excitement this afternoon as Kent State grand jury indicted 25 students and no National Guard. Totally refutes Scranton conclusion. President comes up with all kinds of ideas for



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follow-through, with candidates, etc. New way to attack those who took students' side, etc. Kept calling at home regarding new ideas. Taft came out just right on it. Now can use to hit Teddy.

Obviously President is really geared up to hit the trail - I just hope we've taken the right course because he's really committed now. If the general view that voters are really confused and seeking direction this year proves to be right, our tour may make the difference. But most of our candidates have a long way to go.