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Thursday, October 22.

Gromyko and speech preparation. President extended the Gromyko meeting to two and a half hours - and took him to EOB for private talk at the end. Got agreement on Summit, but not on announcement next week. Will have to push Dobrynin on this. President obviously enjoyed the confrontation. Says talking with Communists is easier than others because they are hard, tough, blunt, direct – no diplomatic fussing. Coming out of EOB they started down opposite sides of the center hand rail – Gromyko moved over and said “we should have no rail between us.”

Concern this morning regarding Cost of Living Index problem. It was the main news lead and Democrats have, of course, jumped on it to prove inflation still going. Hard to answer - although quarterly trend is down.

President very anxious to push WIN psychology for campaign. And he will himself, not go for the jugular. Agreed to final plans for campaign schedule - including extra rally in Miami that Cramer conned us into.

Still has cold and husky voice. Spent all afternoon in EOB on speech, except for time with me, and Kissinger.