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Tuesday, October 27.

Back on the trail - to Florida. Two evening rallies, Palm Beach and Miami. Went OK, nothing special. Miami on live statewide TV. President not at all "up" for Palm Beach, but in good form for Miami - hecklers helped stir the crowd up. Cramer and Kirk were on platform together - and had to ride in helicopter with President from Palm Beach to Miami - also Gurney. The hatred is still there - Cramer's people bought the TV, and completely blocked Kirk out. All sorts of little fringe battles about details, but overall it worked out fine.

President spent day at EOB - except to do Drug Bill signing at Narcotics Bureau, and a TV tape for all candidates in Oval Office. Rest of time worked on speech and plan for tape.

Haig called me on plane to report Soviets turned down idea of announcing Summit this week. Say they need more time for preparation. Actually just don't want to help us in the elections. Warned against any leak, would scuttle whole plan. President not very disturbed - seemed to expect it.