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Tuesday, November 3.

Election Day. President at loose ends after voting early. Sat in the office most of the day, except for a drive in afternoon. Long talks, reflecting back on election days, and how hard they are for candidates and family. He rather enjoyed being a non-candidate. Reviewed again plans for changes in Cabinet and need for posts for some of the candidates if they lose. Made a lot of phone calls - to candidates, finance guys etc. Reviewed final predictions. Long talk with Bill Buckley, and said "I don't know how you mackerel snappers look at others, but if a quiet Quaker prayer will help, you've got it. Tell Jim to go the bar with the warm beer and relax a couple of hours after the polls close." Chotiner, et al., in to review predictions.

Then a long night of tallies. President in office, with TV, I took reports in all night - he constantly calling Chotiner and Dent for more details from the states. Called winners as announced. Up until about 1:00. Finally gave up, Indiana still hanging.