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Thanksgiving weekend - Thursday - Sunday, November 26 – 29.

Couple of calls at the house on Thanksgiving. President slept late, had his dinner with disabled servicemen, watched football, worked a while.

Friday he slept late again - into the office for a while at midday, then up to Camp David for the weekend. I stayed home - then to Camp David also. We decided to move on the purge list at Interior - to follow up on Hickel's ouster Wednesday. I had Malek go over and do it - which he apparently did well. Notified President on phone at Camp David as it was underway, he agreed. Did get some rather adverse news stories, but not too bad. President generally pleased with the way Hickel was handled and the results. Said he'd talked to Kissinger regarding a new POW deal - to try to get South Vietnam to release a massive number, to keep pressure on.

Saturday President watched Army-Navy and SC-Notre Dame. Phoned a couple of times. Some ideas regarding UN - Percy or Cooper or a Democrat we want out of Senate, work three way parlay and get a senator we want.

Worried about book and article interviews for fear he's planting a time bomb to go off before '72.

Still pushing on man-man assignments, regions and groups, for '72. Also wants more analysis of polls and campaign managers, i.e., Spencer Roberts. Wants to line up the best pros across the country. Especially concerned regarding plans for recruiting and utilizing youth, both as campaign enthusiasts and to line up the 18 year old vote.

Came up with idea of Ed Brooke for UN, gets a black on Cabinet, appeal to non-whites generally and could work a deal with Sargent to appoint Volpe and get him out of Cabinet. Good move if it would work.

No word at all on Sunday. President left Camp David at 3:30, to get home in time for Rams game. Lot of football this weekend. Hope he got some rest and I think he did. Will be lot of work this week - especially with NAM speech



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Friday night.