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Sunday, September 27.

Off on another trip. Eight hour flight from Andrews to Ciampino Airport at Rome. Choppers into Quirinale. Arrival ceremonies in courtyard, remarks in salon, brief private meeting of Presidents and through for the day.

Kissinger met us here, from his secret talks in Paris. He felt it went well. Saw President for an hour or so tonight.

President had me up for a long time on the plane. A little on the trip as he quickly reviewed the schedule - for the first time. It's amazing. He left the whole thing up to us after the countries and basic format were agreed upon. Didn't seem to object to the results - although we have a pretty heavy schedule, especially in Yugoslavia. Did want some of the remarks redone, but otherwise all was OK.

Mostly discussed Scranton and politics and PR and speech writing. The standard subjects. Really wants to be sure we play the Scranton Report right - lay it on Democrats, let them call for permissiveness with students - as the report does and get themselves thereby back on the wrong side of the issue. Wants Colson to take charge of the attack and not let up.

Also got into need to get IRS on track - probably will call for review of returns of all Democratic candidates and start harassment of them, as they have done of us.

Wants to build up and organize our fighting unit - Colson, Morgan, Buchanan, Huston, Nofziger, Chotiner, Chapin and get a few more like them. Wants all out attack on Teddy, Hubert, and Muskie.

Back again to Kissinger-Rogers battle. Wants me to get into it and try to work it out. Real problem is ego of both and determination of both to justify themselves - instead of selling the President and his program. In any event - have to find a way to avoid these wrangles in future. Asked if I felt time had come that one had to go. I said no - but we did have to resolve the



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problem. He indicated that if one did go it would have to be Kissinger, and he's obviously still thinking of Haig as replacement. I think that loss would really be a bad blow. But we can survive anything - and the battle is too much to contend with.