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Saturday, October 21st, at Camp David. The President had me over this morning, making the point that we should work on the plan for some assistance to Senatorial candidates that might have a chance. He had specifically in mind: Hirsch in South Dakota, Tower in Texas, Domenici in New Mexico, McClure in Idaho, Chafee in Rhode Island, Thompson in Georgia, Bartlett in Oklahoma, and Helms in North Carolina, and suggested that he do audio tapes for all of them. So we're developing a plan for that.

He's still concerned about the FBI thing, thought that maybe he ought to get a story out by an Ehrlichman leak, saying that the President is seriously considering him for director that might give them some pause. He got into his press concern, based on Ben Bradlee's comments and some of the others, Hugh Sidey saying that, we have a bad press in. He's concerned that we don't want the majority of the press in an angry concentration determined to destroy us. That we can't fight them all, we've got to pick our worst enemies, and then put on a show for the rest. He feels, for example, that Ehrlichman or someone should talk to Mollenhoff, because he can be useful and we shouldn't lose him. We should give him some exclusives and find a way to feed him.

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Haig called at midnight to say they'd had a breakthrough finally. That he'd had a flash cable from Kissinger saying he was keeping his original schedule and he'd be going on to other stops with Thieu's support. And that they'd go ahead with the announcement on the 27th of the--. He then sent some instructions for the other side and for the Russians. He's going on to Phnom Penh.



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Haig is very enthusiastic feels we have a first-rate agreement now with Laos and Cambodia. And that the President's message to Thieu via Henry probably did it.

End of October 21st.