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Wednesday, November 5.

Election anniversary day. President had a breakfast with the original Congressional backers, but he came into the office first. Called all the PO group in as he had yesterday - mainly to emphasize the overriding importance of not losing our momentum. Made point of mistake of the letdown after the Asian trip peak and wants to avoid a recurrence at all costs. Had lot of ideas on things to be done, mainly in the area of hitting back at the nets for their biased coverage of the speech and failure to credit elections to Nixon. Lots of orders about mailing speech, getting out the Gallup poll, positive story on turning the tables, shift to the positive, etc.

Then he was off to the breakfast, with "Today" show doing a live pickup of his entry and comments - great chance to get the pitch on the Gallup poll and the election results. From there to Cabinet meeting - where they gave him a gavel. Lot of light banter and goodwill at the opening - everyone elated - long ovation when President came in. Then couple of appointments, and out to meet the new Governors in the North Drive - they came with wives for lunch. President kept calling me in between each event with more follow-up on anti TV. Especially interested in Dean Burch project, having all nets turn in to him the transcripts of their Monday night coverage and analysis of President's speech. Really has them shook.

Came up with idea of sending Clay Acheson, and Dewey to Vietnam on fact finding mission. Kissinger says no, at least now, because news reports from field are so good we don't need to send our own people.

This afternoon the Apollo 11 crew arrived on South Lawn - back from their world tour - to have dinner and spend the night at the White House. Then President back to office, for a session about schedule planning, and a meeting with a Congressional group.

Another really good Presidential day, lot of strong positive upbeat stuff. No major news, but yesterday's election and the speech are still riding. Big question is now how to handle the Moratorium next week. All the responsible support from last month is fading away, and this plus



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the strong positive speech reaction and the elections may cause the left to overreact and really blow this one up.