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Tuesday, November 11.

Veterans Day - and focal point for National Unity Week, one of our several pro-Administration efforts. President observed it by visiting a Veteran's hospital, which came off pretty well - although he called me in before leaving to emphasize no press coverage and no one to accompany him on ward tour. Feels very strongly about capitalizing on another's misfortune and just won't do it. Then he had a full day of general appointments.

Considerable discussion of Buchanan's idea of VP doing a major speech blasting network commentators. President feels it's a good idea. I discussed it yesterday with VP and he too is interested - but felt it was a bit abrasive (kind of humorous with all the attention he's getting for his recent "hatchet man" tactics). Needs to be said and he's the one to do it.

Lot of staff discussion regarding handling mobilization. Still haven't given parade route permit and Justice is hanging very tight - mainly because Mitchell is really concerned about violence. He's still trying to get President to stay in Key Biscayne after moonshot, but President is determined to be at White House. He's right. Teddy White in this afternoon. He too very concerned. Has been talking to Move leaders today, trying to figure the whole thing out, but confused. We are taking all the precautions and should be pretty well covered.

I lunched at *Washington Star* - good discussion with a basically friendly editorial board. They too are worried about this week. Actually I personally think it will be totally non-violent and we will be worried needlessly.

Ross Perot just called regarding his United We Stand. Running more ads and a full TV show - really almost unbelievable. He is really determined and will get some results. Problem is his total lack of sophistication. But that doesn't stop him, our real need is to find a way to channel the energy and money productively. It's an amazing resource.

Big problem of the day is regarding Symington hearings. We were supposed to have an agreement with him regarding non-release of contingency plans, but he's got a State witness on



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the stand and is demanding testimony on plans they already have. Big project for Ehrlichman, Kissinger and Harlow.