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Thursday, November 13.

A surprise visit to Congress. President called Harlow last night late to say he'd decided to go up to the House to thank them for yesterday's signing of the resolution. His judgment was confirmed by the morning papers - which carried nothing about the support, or very little. Trip up there will force coverage. Decided to speak to House and just visit Senators on floor. Harlow set it up last night, called me very late to confirm it. President never even mentioned it this morning until I called him about it. Worked out extremely well. He got a really great and prolonged ovation when he came in - and at the middle and end of the speech. Did a great job. Then had lunch in Mansfield's office with Senate leaders, then spoke in Senate also.

President very disturbed this evening to find Tricia and Julie gave interviews to *Newsweek*, to gal who did hatchet job on Tricia last year. Wants me to get this turned off or around. Determined to toss *Newsweek* out altogether.

VP gave his speech tonight attacking TV network newscasters. Will create a major stir. Big problem is to be sure it's his speech, not White House. Actually it was all Pat Buchanan's idea from the start and he wrote the whole thing - with some modifications by President and Agnew. Both President and Buchanan really pleased with it. Networks immediately retaliated with inane stands by president of each, thereby proving VP's thesis. All three nets carried it live, from Des Moines, so he really got the coverage.

The March started tonight at 6:00. No problems at the White House. Just single file of candle carriers with name placards of war dead. Ehrlichman and I stayed at White House all night, he in his office, I in the shelter. Not too bad. Went out and watched them for a while - mostly kids, some very young. Mostly solemn and quiet, a few kooky types. Will continue all day tomorrow and tomorrow night. President not interested - spent two hours at the bowling alley.