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Tuesday, July 14.

Trip day. Office session first. Upset about the McGovern-Hatfield efforts, and "Committee to End War." Dole talked to him about it last night - said they've raised a lot of money, etc. Wants us to work out a counterattack. Called Colson in and put him in charge. Made point he's more concerned about the public issue than the Senate votes. Especially wants to hit the senators up for election. Set it up as a campaign issue.

Had me up to cabin on flight to Louisville. Mainly just to chat. Some more poll follow-up. Mad about *Times* and *Post* stories about Blumenthal refusal to take Vista and slap at Administration. Rumsfeld denies Blumenthal said it, but *Times* reporter stands firm. President convinced we should bring in no more Jewish liberals. Some schedule items. Worried about Congressional pictures for campaign because of dental work. Maybe reschedule. Plan to have Friday press conference in office - no TV, see what we get. Maybe then do one in California for film, not live TV.

Louisville great success. Good airport crowd, great street crowds in town. President up on hood, stopped car, into crowd, etc. Good for him - and especially good to stick it to press. Long meeting with Appalachian Governors. Then on to Cincinnati. Not much crowd there. Too late in day. Great reception at All-Star Game. President pleased crowd by throwing three balls into stands after throwing out first ball. Really late because of extra innings.

Had me back up on flight home. Back onto need for anecdotal type speechwriter. Back onto Huntley issue, regarding Chet's bad quotes in *Life*. He denies them to Klein. Gives us a great chance further to discredit TV newsmen and a dig at *Life* at same time. President now backing off a little on press conference as he is concerned about how to handle question of Vietnam prisons. Does feel though that he needs it to get control of bureaucracy.