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Tuesday, September 8.

Back to work. Some critique of dinner, mainly because it ran late and he didn't get a chance to talk with the men before the entertainment. Little lecture to me regarding must do what is important - not worry about the people outside. Wants a massive follow-up program, with plan to go after the winnable leaders, pick off one by one. Some were extremely friendly, especially pleased with Teamsters reaction. Wants a letter from President to each one clarifying our policy about unemployment. Also all our people to write those at their table and send copy of message to Congress regarding our domestic program.

President took tour of Pennsylvania Avenue redevelopment area with Moynihan, came back all cranked up about plan for redoing DC. Wants Mall made into usable park, i.e., Tivoli or Tuileries, restaurants, seats, trees, etc. Really picked up Moynihan's enthusiasm, had Pat in and rambled on about the whole idea. Wants to put Kunzig in charge and see that it's done.

Had long afternoon session with Rogers, Laird, Helms, Mitchell, Kissinger and J. Edgar, mainly about hijacking. Then had trouble lining up a group for dinner on *Sequoia* - ended up with J. Edgar, Rose and me.

Washington development plan inspired reopening the whole Pendleton idea - which led to need for a grand national plan for use of all public land. Wants a project manager on this too - probably Whitaker.

Wants some action regarding women - maybe name a White House Assistant, probably Pat Hitt. Problem is what it leads to.

Almost unbelievable conversation at dinner as J. Edgar went on and on regarding his friends (Clint Murchison, George Allen, Hap Flanigan, etc.), and his enemies (Bobby Kennedy, Lindsay, Mayor Washington, Pete Flanigan, etc.). He really lit into the bad guys. Also full of firm political predictions (most of them pretty far off) and detailed reports of great FBI operations. A real character out of days of yore - hard to relate to current times. Goes to race track as often as he



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can, never bets over \$2.00, loves the fast set, but apparently just as an observer. President seems fascinated by him and ordered me to have lunch with him twice a month to keep up a close contact.