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Monday, October 5.

Ireland, and home. Made the morning pilgrimage to Timahoe to visit graveyard and former meeting house site of the Milhous clan. President seemed to enjoy seeing it. They had done a good job of clearing the grass, uncovering foundations of the meeting house, locating a grave and placing a commemorative cement tablet. President chatted with the 94 year old man who remembered the Milhous's - and Mrs. Goodbody, the Secretary of the local Quakers, read a little speech and gave President copies of documents tying him in to the area. President gave an excellent mini-speech on peace, Quakers, Irish, Catholics, and back to peace. Very moving. Sensational little boy's band played "God Bless America" and we were off by motorcade across the countryside.

Some good crowds in the little towns. A bit scary in one, as the kids surged up to his car, and in between the other cars. Horribly dangerous, but no accidents. Got caught in a real downpour - but President stayed up in his open car, and he and the crowds got soaked.

Then the meetings with de Valera, Prime Minister, luncheon, etc. President's car was hit by eggs on way to Dublin castle, and it splattered all over him. Almost canceled the final Dublin motorcade - but went ahead. Some more eggs, so President kept the car moving at good pace in spite of very good crowds. Too bad one or two can spoil it for everyone.

Then Air Force One, and the long trip home. President spent a lot of time on his Vietnam speech for Wednesday night - had me up a number of times, regarding odds and ends he kept thinking of. Was in a good relaxed mood - had Kissinger, Rogers, Jessamyn West up, came back and chatted in staff cabin, etc. We had a long review of the political situation and established general guidelines for our support of candidates. Wants to move now on some major chunks for the real possibilities - using Mulcahy's new money, plus what we have left.

And so the trip ends with the usual ceremony at Andrews. VP did excellent introduction and President reiterated his "use of power for peace" and "generation without war" themes.