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Nixon flies to Camp David in the evening to prepare for speech ~~tomorrow~~ on the 18th, taking with him Rosemary Woods and another secretary. NYT in another story describes as his "trusted subordinates" Haig, Ziegler and Woods; says presidential trips away from Washington have increased during past five months (gives breakdown), including several recent trips to Camp David at mid-week. This story, by Herbers, also describes Nixon's emotional state: "To some, who have seen him and talked with him, he has appeared worried and distraught. To others he seemed in remarkably good spirits, considering the circumstances.* The President has gone through several periods of anguish and frustration, expressed in occasional outbursts to members of his staff He has not shown any of the kind of physical and mental deterioration displayed by previous presidents such as ... Wilson and ... Harding when under great stress."

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Nixon popularity on eve of speech is the lowest ~~popularity~~ rating given any President in 20 years, according to Gallup poll; percentage of ~~approval~~ disapproval up from ~~37%~~ 25% in Jan and Feb to high of 57% 3-6 Aug.

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Agnew says he will make his personal records available to federal prosecutors, but in doing so "I do not acknowledge that you or any grand jury have any right to records of the Vice President," making the distinction between those and his personal records, "nor do I acknowledge the propriety of any grand jury investigation of possible wrongdoing on the part of the Vice President so long as he occupies that office." Warren denies reports that Nixon and Agnew had discussed the latter's resignation. Nixon, through a spokesman, says he wants federal investigators to take "all appropriate steps" to look into allegations against Agnew.

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*He has been seen to change from day to day.