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In the morning, from his cottage at the Soldier's Home, near Washington, D.C., President Lincoln confers with his secretary John Hay about the ongoing Second Battle of Bull Run. Hay recalled that Lincoln remarked, "Well, John we are whipped again, I am afraid. The enemy reinforced on [General John] Pope and drove back his left wing and he has retired to Centerville [Virginia] where he says he will be able to hold his men. I don't like that expression. I don't like to hear him admit that his men need holding."



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