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Wednesday, April 22.

Another busy day, as President roars on, in his new energy - with still little sleep. He was up at 5:00 this morning dictating. Really in high gear when he got to the office - wanted everything possible canceled so he could concentrate on Cambodia decisions. But we had a pretty tight morning schedule and the NSC regarding Cambodia in the afternoon. Did shift a few items.

Had a one hour meeting with university presidents. Told Pusey he'd read his report, especially interested in the Kennedy Institute, didn't think it was worth a damn. Guess it really shook him up.

Gradually simmered down as the day went on. As he followed Kissinger into NSC meeting, turned back to me with big smile and said Kissinger's really having fun today - he's playing Bismarck. They have moved South Vietnam troops up to Cambodian border and are going ahead with a strike on Saturday.

He was too busy today to pour much on me, but did get back on need for follow-up, and to build up staff morale and fighting spirit. Has concluded Ehrlichman and I have to be a joint Sherman Adams - and really crack the whip.

Long sessions with Kissinger, and another one with Helms - getting the whole project under way. Kissinger said he was great in NSC - funny, just when Kissinger is getting really low and discouraged a new break comes along and cranks him back up.

Big white tie dinner tonight for Medal of Freedom winners in press. Lots of discussion regarding guest lists and careful selection by President of who to sit at his table and Pat Nixon's. Put Otis and Missy both at their rights - said might as well play to the power. First time we've had them there.