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Thursday, September 3.

Diaz Ordaz again, in San Diego. All went very well - good arrival, motorcade, etc. President had afternoon clear at del Coronado - had me in several times, and a meeting with Rogers. He's brooding over Israel situation. Guess they had another round on it this morning before departure. President's strong position is that if they break the cease fire we dump them over. This must be Rogers view also - not sure what Kissinger thinks. President back into problem of Kissinger - doesn't have a real feel of how to handle it.

Reception and dinner were OK - but 700 was way too many guests, reception took two hours, dinner not over until after midnight. Diaz gave a 45 minute speech blasting United States foreign economic policy - highly unusual. Otherwise all was sweetness and light, with LBJ, Ronald Reagan, etc. Made some good mileage, really inundated San Diego.