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Friday, April 16.

The ASNE appearance, which went extremely well tonight. It ended up being carried only on live radio; and it's a tragedy it wasn't on television, because he did a superb job for an hour, answering 21 questions, generally on Vietnam and foreign policy. Handled very well with a lot of humor and great style. He spent all day at the EOB getting ready for it, except to come over at midday to receive a group of high school students in the Rose Garden. Some Mexican kids from a high school in Rio Grande, Texas. He did a sensational job with them, standing in the cluster of kids on the lawn chatting with them about various things.

He called a number of times during the day on items that he wanted for the appearance tonight. He had me over at midday for a general review of some of the things we'd been talking about earlier in the week: the need for Cabinet changes; his concern that Colson and MacGregor and Timmons launch a strong Congressional offensive next week to maintain our initiative; and the follow-up on Vietnam, so that they don't knock the props out from under us; and some shifts in the schedule. I told him of my conversation with Dick Allen, who wants to come in and help on the campaign working on the outside of government. He'd be ideal as a man to take on the opposition in the foreign policy area and to do research, investigation, etcetera, for us in that whole field.

End of April 16.