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Saturday, May 15.

In Key Biscayne. No personal contact. The President did phone several times. His main thing was considerable concern over the SST, primarily because he had talked with Ehrlichman and MacGregor this morning and concluded that the White House has become so bearish on it, because of Allan's—of Boeing—statement that we've pretty much given up hope and that there's no one in charge. So he had a lot of ideas on needing to push now and get control of it, which I followed up on, and we got everybody moving pretty well. His main concern is that he didn't want Ford to get disenchanted; he felt the psychological effect of defeatism in the White House would be very bad after the guys in the House had fought the battle and won it. His main concern, as always, was that there was no one directly in charge. I got to Ehrlichman, Colson, MacGregor and got all of them cranking, and I think we've got the problem pretty well turned around.

The President got into again the question of how to handle the SALT announcement, and I covered that night-- the Rogers' conversation, and he seemed to feel that it had worked out pretty well.

End of May 15

Incidentally, still on May 15 the President did say, about the weather, that even though it's cloudy and has some rain and all, he was glad we were getting the rain for Florida, and he loves it at this time of the year when it's hot and the water's nice and warm. So he seems to be happy, even though the weather is lousy.

End of May 15.