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[Sunday, May 23.

Key] Biscayne. No contact with the President during the day except a couple of phone calls. Got into the need for scheduling some more trips this summer, making the point that our standing in the country depends on small regional changes and getting the top people in the regional areas talking to each other, which is the value of a visit. For example, he feels that Des Moines we could have turned around with a downtown crowd to top the demonstrators, but we failed to do it. Also, he thinks we should do this traveling during July and August when we can get a big crowd turnout without running into the college problem. He especially wants to get into Chicago during this period and try to do it without the huge mobs of Chicago police that we normally get. He wants to go for unusual things that people have mentioned, such as things like the trip down the rapids, although he doesn't really mean that one I don't think. He was interested in the press reaction to the Johnson Library visit, particularly the-- also the Gallup Poll that shows a big credibility gap. He felt that we ought to follow up with Gallup on this, because some of the questions are worded totally erroneously and so as to get a bad reaction. He seems to be in pretty good spirits and didn't have very much to say except to check up on what's going on.

End of May 23.