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King Faisal's visit today. The President ended up approving a full-scale arrival ceremony, and that plus the meeting and then a luncheon, followed by a private meeting with Secretary Rogers—
—not with Faisal, but Rogers and Kissinger to discuss the China-UN situation—used up virtually the entire day until 4:00. At which time the President met with Ehrlichman and Krogh to go over the narcotics situation, and then added Elliot Richardson and discussed that kind of thing with him. The President had sort of a dull session apparently with Faisal, who talked on and on at the arrival ceremony and again in the meeting. The President says he speaks perfect English but won't use it; so they had to go through the interpreting business on the entire conversation, which really bogged it down.

He asked me to look into an odd report that he had gotten from Len Garment, who says that Taft Schreiber has told him that Sam Rothberg in Hollywood has committed to raising \$5 million in Jewish money for the President's reelection. This is because of our position on Israel. The President's concerned that we be sure to have it understood with the Jewish people that we will not accept any strings at all on any contribution in this area. He doesn't want to get trapped into a situation there.

On the dope business, he apparently is really cranking on wanting to get some things going. He's called a meeting of the Joint Chiefs of Staff with the service secretaries for the middle of next week, when he's going to really put it to them, and I guess in the Ehrlichman meeting this afternoon they worked out some other very strong steps. He feels that this is our most important problem, and that we've got to move strongly on it and get something going quickly.

End of May 27.