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Sunday, May 30.

The President's staying at Camp David. Called first thing this morning to get a general reaction to the news, which I couldn't do much on, because I hadn't read the papers yet. We did get excellent TV coverage last night and good press coverage today on the West Point appearance. The President makes the point that this shows the advantage of doing something on a Saturday or Sunday when the news is normally light. He pointed out that he'd found out from Julie, that David had written a blistering letter to the *Washington Post* regarding their attitude towards the Southern trip, and makes the point that we should develop the idea of using a Cabinet officer—or a Congressman, or someone else with a big name—to write letters of this kind as a part of our letter writing program. The celebrity letters, of course, will get a much better chance of being printed.

He raised again the question of a trip to Maine the week after Tricia's wedding. He thinks it would be good to do something different and excellent to go into Bangor to show that we haven't written off the Northeast and Maine. We'd take Margaret Chase Smith along, etcetera.

End of May 30.