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Saturday, June 19 at Key Biscayne.

The President had me over this morning for three or four hours at the residence; he had the door open to his study, so it was extremely hot. He had his bathing suit on and a sport shirt and was smoking a cigar; I had on my coat and tie. He had called me about 8:30 in the morning, talked for a few moments on the phone and then told me to come over. I hadn't even gotten up yet, so ended up never having any breakfast. He got into a critique on the Rochester trip, feeling that we had missed some things on the motorcade operation, and so forth, and he had some ideas on kinds of things that he could do in these towns when we're on the road that would be--make the trips more effective. Also, he was concerned about the briefing business, felt we needed to do more in getting speeches on an ad-lib basis, the way he did in Rochester and which Connally reacted very favorably to, rather than so many major written speeches. Then he'll need more specific working material from the research group, rather than the finely-drawn overall speeches.

He also got into his new schedule idea, which is that he'd like to take the last week in July and the month of August and intensively travel the country, doing a lot of states on a nonpolitical basis, hitting primarily small cities in the small states, using different kinds of things for the activities in each of them: in effect, putting on a campaign now and setting a record so that we can do the same thing next August, not worrying about national impact, but going for the local effect -- obviously hitting the key states.

We had some discussion of *The New York Times* problem. The President considering that he may take *The Times* on frontally, going beyond the secret documents thing to get across the idea that you can't trust *The Times*, that they're putting circulation above the interest of the nation. He would go on regarding the Presidency, hitting the disloyalty, unpatriotic act of turning over the papers, and making the point that it's a question of the protection of sources and our ability to conduct diplomacy and to have true advice. Otherwise, every conversation has got to be public. He feels that this has to be made more directly in black and white terms. Another area that concerned him was the stock market drop, which he was having trouble figuring the reason for.



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Later in the day, Rogers called me to say that Cliff Hardin wanted to see him in the afternoon to talk to about a job offer that he's had, and Bill asked me to double check the President on whether we wanted to encourage him to move out. The President confirmed that we did and asked that I have Rogers try to get him to do so, which Rogers apparently did and thinks that it probably was successful. I spent a lot of time during the day getting reports of various kinds on the progress and action on *The New York Times* deal, but there wasn't very much because of it being a Saturday and no major activity on our part or in much of the court process.

End of June 19.