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At Camp David. I didn't see the President during the day, but he did call, wanting some reaction to the telecast which we didn't have; so we went through a huge flurry all morning trying to get some, had a terrible time trying to reach anybody. Overall, however, the reaction was good, as we finally did track some people down. He then got into the Pentagon Paper question regarding Kansas City again. Dick Moore had raised the point that he was concerned about credibility, and this is a very fundamental thing and that he may have to do it. He feels if he does, the only way is to handle it obliquely. In the time to come, there will be negotiations of the greatest importance, and these will fail if there's not confidence on the part of other governments that they can trust our confidentiality. Then he would just ignore the other factors. Do it very low key to set the groundwork, to jump on it after any major announcement, if we do have one in the next couple of weeks. He feels that the country's interest in this is going to go way down, and that perhaps now is the time for him to make some point on it. In any event, he won't address it directly.

End of July 4th.