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Thursday, April 27.

At Key Biscayne. President called me over at 9:00 this morning, I was there for three hours. He didn't seem to have anything particularly in mind. We reviewed the speech reaction. He was afraid that maybe he had missed the opportunity last night to take the opposition on, he thinks maybe he was too mild in his rhetoric at the end. Be sure we were going all out on the various follow-up activities, which we are. I think we're in good shape on it. We got some good initial press.

He came up with the idea of the San Clemente campaign kickoff to make up for moving the convention to San Diego-- Miami, and wanted us to get started on working out a plan for it. Get grass planted in the field, and so on now. He also came up with the idea of using the gold four leaf clovers, that Bebe came up with, for all the convention delegates. Bebe buy them.

He raised the point of whether we could get Ashbrook out of the campaign now, working through Lee Kaiser and Bill Buckley, try to build some unity in the Party. Make the point to Ashbrook that this would be a dramatic move on his part, would make him a big man and would bring the Party together before the California primary.

We spent quite a little time going over my whole schedule file, and it's obvious that he's not going to do very much in the scheduling area, especially outside the White House, until after the Russian trip, but then he does want to start moving out.

End of April 27.