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Friday, April 28.

Still at Key Biscayne. He called me over at 10:00 this morning for a couple of hours. Got into odds and ends on schedule, carrying over from the review we had yesterday. Some things on personnel: he wants to be sure that we're ready to purge all of the disloyal appointed types. Gave him a pitch about how terrible Hartzog at the Park Service is, and he wanted to be ready to purge all these people and to develop some good lists of replacements, particularly people in their thirties. He's pushing hard on the youth idea.

He made the point that for Cabinet, he wants to concentrate on first, loyalty, but then good managers and good salesmen. He said the best Attorney General would be Ehrlichman, but that would be a waste of him, the only other one he could think of is Elliot Richardson. He began on the California party, he wants some heavy thinking done on it as a two day operation, first with a few big wheels that he can have private meetings with. And then an opportunity to sit around and talk with the key people, and then a big deal with all the candidates and governors plus the Nixon campaign leaders, GOP state chairman, National committeemen, and so on. Have them all stay in San Diego, the President will give a speech at the San Diego Convention Center on the night in between the two days of the meeting.

Got into quite a bit on the general schedule, post Russia. Feels that the biggest thing regarding the Presidency after the Moscow trip will be exposure and coverage, and that we should hit as many states as possible, getting a lot of smaller ones out of the way, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, the New England area, Connecticut, Kansas, Nebraska, the mountain and corn states, saving a couple of good ones for the finals. Try to hit cities like Akron where we'll get a big reception. He wants a more comprehensive schedule than originally planned. He doesn't want to just sit back and do television. He makes the point that McGovern and Wallace have come up from nowhere by going to the states and being seen. He also says to look at '60, the value of his just going, that we should not get too obsessed with the national media, we should ignore Rather and Sidey. Do different things, such as a talk show, an informal



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ten minute talk as he did in Birmingham, ceremonies with built in crowds, not county fairs but good events, that kind. National conventions, and so on. He also got back into the political question of whether we could get Ashbrook out. A summary-- wanted a summary of the states that Wallace can't get into, what his Wallace status is on the various ballots.

End of April 28.