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Friday, June 2.

Had the leadership meeting this morning. Then the President took off for Key Biscayne. I didn't go. He called this afternoon to say that there was bad weather down there, but the base commander had several thousand people out with flags, signs, and cheering. Much stronger reaction than after China, and he feels that the Russian trip goes to the heart of what people are worried about and, therefore, creates a greater reaction than China's more superficial effect.

He is talking about the McGovern buildup and said to turn off our people who want to move the President to the center or to the left because of McGovern being on the left. He wants to carve out a clean cut position on the right, away from McGovern.

End of June 2.