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Wednesday, August 23.

At Key Biscayne. President spent the day working on the speech, got into some questions on speech plans for the evening. Told Ziegler to follow-up on hitting McGovern hard on his defense program today—making the US a second power—wants to be sure we get that worked out. Then got into the details of arrangements; he wants to do his make-up in the trailer, be sure there's no commotion. He wants to be at the hall before the Vice President is introduced, he went through the details on how he wants the on-stage procedure, that is the Vice President to come up, and then Mrs. Nixon up, and then the family up. He doesn't want anything with the two families together, and he wants to be sure the Vice President understands no hands-over-head type shots.

Went into the details of getting the family over to Key Biscayne, how we'll work all that out, making sure that the crowd on the floor at the Convention gets up to the podium. Lot of minor details on general arrangements of that sort, and the plan for the hand shaker after the speech, at the convention hall.

That all worked out fine, the speech went over reasonably well, it wasn't one of his great speeches by any means, but it accomplished what he was after, I think, in laying out the issues. Had me over to the house afterwards to sort of talk about the whole thing. Seemed to be in good spirits and went to bed reasonably early.

End of August 23.