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Sunday, May 2.

He started the day in Palm Springs. The President did his farm speech first thing this morning and did a tape of it for national radio release, which worked out pretty well, because he just read what had been prepared for him and went ahead on that basis. He got some important [unclear] into demonstration plans, seemed to be satisfied that they were okay. John said that they moved in hard and fast, arrested a lot of them, and that most of the rest were packing and going home, and he thought they'd really broken it up pretty well. The President was somewhat concerned that maybe we had moved too hard on the thing, and that it was a close call as to whether we should have done this or forced them to go ahead with their plans. I think we came out right.

He also wanted me to explore with Scali the need for getting a better play on our POW initiative. Since we got no mileage from Bruce announcing it on Thursday and not very much from the President's statement [unclear] figure out a way to get it to played again sending it to the Pope and having him put it out or putting a Special Envoy or lining up eight neutral nations [unclear] get some mileage out of it. He feels that Henry fell down on this because of no [unclear] go using somebody somewhere to put some steam into it. He also [unclear] speech. [Unintelligible]

[End of May 2.]