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Thursday, April 10.

Some early morning concerns about the schedule. Planning possible press conference next Thursday. Worried about Republican Women's dinner - wants to be sure they know he just drops by. General plan for scheduling rest of April - knocked out Key Biscayne weekends, going ahead with White House Church, etc., so will be in town for a while.

Long discussion of procedures at receptions and dinners. Feels we aren't managing them properly - and I think he's right. Problem is that Lucy has no contact or experience, so it's hard for her to get on top of it. My plan is to move Ruwe in on this in overall command of the whole business. Coordinate guest lists, procedures, aides, menu, decor, wines, entertainment, etc. I'll go to Bliss and NATO dinners and try to get a feel of how to go at it.

President spoke at NATO anniversary - and this again pointed up same problem. Place was 20 percent empty and State had pretty well screwed up procedures. So we have to have complete control of all such Presidential appearances. Flap over rostrum light, which was not adequate at Eisenhower eulogy. Big fuss over it today - still inadequate. Some jurisdictional disputes regarding Aide's office because Hughes wants to handle all this - but we're going to have to move to put Chapin's office in charge.