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Sunday, April 27.

Church at the White House this morning. President came over to office in mid-afternoon. Worked alone for a while, then buzzed. I was in for about an hour and a half. Then he had Julie come over (Pat Nixon still in bed with her cold) - they went to the river to inspect the Patricia and the Sequoia. Returned and went to the Residence. I had to call to report de Gaulle losing the election (Rogers called me, with report from Shriver in Paris) and death of Bolivian President.

Wide ranging discussion in the office started with the ABM battle plan. President went over whole situation, laying out specifics where he wants reports, etc. Not confident of BeLieu's ability. Very upset with AF defection. Wants me to call Laird and raise hell. He's rightfully disturbed by staff lack of strategic planning and follow-through.

Then some talk about staff - Harlow and Klein problems - but feels generally staff is excellent. I covered need for salary increases and overall budget increase and he agreed. Surprising. Was really concerned, though, about raising mid-level staff without raising Rose.

More on Agnew. Wants him added to the political group. Some items in reaction to the news summary. Details about Mrs. Doyle and the office decorating. Plans for White House parties, especially the Ellington dinner. Wants more Cabinet use of Camp David and the boats.

Then a chat on Pat Nixon – wondering how to get her involved. Got into this with Julie when she came over. Urged her to drop out of college. Wants her home to handle things – needs her levelling influence.

I ended up with eight pages of notes for follow-up - and I had hoped to spend the afternoon getting caught up. Actually, I did.