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Sunday, May 11.

Rockefeller was late for his meeting, so I went over at 10:00 for yesterday's canceled schedule meeting. Nothing very important, but President had obviously been doing a lot of general thinking about planning his time. Feels we haven't adequately weighed priorities in each week's schedule (problem is, we do, but then he cuts schedule up by changes and we get screwed up while trying to re-group).

Has decided to go with peace plan announcement on Wednesday evening - either as statement or press conference. Kissinger all stirred up because he thinks Hanoi may be folding - has had some feelers. Also problem because Rogers wants to announce the peace plan - instead of President - also wants to modify.

We are canceling all possible schedule through Wednesday to allow time for preparation. He's really pre-occupied with this. Hope it works.

Came back to DC on the Airborne Command Post, and they staged a briefing and a test exercise. Pretty scary. They went through the whole intelligence and operational briefings, with interruptions, etc., to make it realistic.

Fascinating plane - with command room set-up, all kinds of communications, display boards, rear projection, etc. Took President a while to get into the thing (his mind was on the peace plan) but he finally did, and was quite interested. Asked a lot of questions about our nuclear capability, and kill results. Obviously worries about the lightly tossed-about millions of deaths.