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Monday, May 12.

Supposedly a clear day to work on the peace speech for Wednesday night, but started with a staff session, then 10:00 meeting with General Abrams (back from Vietnam for 24 hours) which extended into lunch with Congressional leaders, then long session with Kissinger, plus some odds and ends. Then John Mitchell to discuss the Finch problem regarding school guidelines. Then a haircut, and the Urban Coalition dinner.

Several long staff sessions squeezed in between. President absorbed on speech - and problem of clearing it - especially with Bill Rogers - who leaves today for foreign trip. Cleaned up stacks of notes - they keep coming - on all kinds of things. Some follow-up on ABM.

Very concerned about Finch, both on schools and on campus disorders, because he always appears to be at odds with the rest of the Administration.