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Wednesday, May 28.

A loaded day - getting ready for departure tonight for long weekend at Key Biscayne.

President absolutely fascinated by Yorty victory in LA. Asked about it several times during the day. I called Yorty in early afternoon to congratulate him - President thought he'd call, then decided not to when he heard I had done it. Then decided just before leaving to do it after all, and he did. Talked a lot on the plane down about Yorty. Convinced it means major setback for: 1) the *Times*; 2) the pollsters; and, 3) Teddy Kennedy. Wanted to get this line out (I did, and it was played exactly that way). Feels maybe this will make possible a change in the *LA Times* attitude. I doubt it.

Long meeting in Cabinet room this morning with group of young GOP Congressmen who have been out talking to students at colleges. President called me in to listen - I had planned to skip it. Also had Kissinger come in. Kissinger sent me a note saying "these fellows sound just like the French aristocracy two years before the Revolution." And they did. They take the radicals at face value - and vastly overrate their influence. Only George Bush seemed to understand their desire for confrontation not solution.

Long afternoon meeting with black publishers. President very patient about it, guess they really harangued him, but he knows he has to go through it occasionally.

Had the FBI Academy graduation in the East Room. President gave damn good talk on law enforcement.

Kissinger all concerned about whether he should go to Key Biscayne - no reason, but he feels he's letting the President down whenever he doesn't go.

Left the White House about 6:00. Just Nixon, Pat, Tricia and me, with Ziegler and Tkach and Secret Service. I had a fairly long session with President in his cabin, mainly regarding Yorty



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and general chitchat. Then he took a nap for the rest of the trip, and had dinner down there, which he likes to do.