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Wednesday, June 4.

Air Force Academy speech, defending military. Pretty controversial. President didn't like Don Hughes functioning as personal aide - in hotel, crowds, etc. Had me in plane on way to California to discuss in detail. Also feels he did too much at the airport fence. Wants better coordination between speech writers and advance crew. Should have had TV man along. Speech and Academy show very good.

Decided no more NSC meetings. Result of leak. Can't trust to papers. Will make decisions privately, with Kissinger.

Lot of discussion on plane regarding broad distribution of Air Force speech. Feels it will do a lot of good. Wants whole NASA and Defense apparatus to promote it.

New security flap regarding troop withdrawal story leak. Had me call all Departments again - this time to say we know someone gave a backgrounder, wants report on who. Of course all denied it. Then wanted more detailed push on NSC Okinawa investigation. By evening was really mad. Kept calling me from San Clemente house with new orders to investigate. Kissinger advised me not to go too far. Would be counter-productive - so I ignored some of the orders. Still called Richardson and Laird several times.

Flew from Colorado Springs to El Toro. Then to San Clemente in chopper. Lousy crowd at Coast Guard station, and terrible sound system. Overall bad advance by Ed Morgan. Surprising. President and family and Bebe all went right to house. We to Laguna Lido - for all the phone calls as anger built.

Then I went up to Balboa for dinner and the night with Jo and Susie.