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Thursday, June 5.

Practice Summer White House at the Newporter. President arrived early and beat Ehrlichamn and me there for the staff meeting. Gave orders he is not to be given cables anymore, wants them retyped.

Long lecture regarding leaks and how reporters get their stories. But he had really simmered down from last night, and it was good I followed Kissinger's advice. Firm orders, all *New York Times* reporters off limits, to punish the institution. Also had us get reports on leaks from OEP and VP, regarding Okinawa leak.

More follow-up on Air Force speech promo and Congressional reaction. Feels we need to take the offensive, about MIRV, ABM. Wants someone to take on Teddy and Fulbright

Long meeting with speech writers - good session. Interrupted for announcement of Don Johnson as VA head and brief shot with draft advisory group. President gave writers a lot of insight and background and they discussed a lot of PR specifics, ie., Apollo 11, etc. Need to do this much more often. Hard to get him to do it, but he realized this was worthwhile.

All afternoon at President's house about decorating plans, new pool, etc. Then he kept Ehrlichman and me for general chat in his little hideaway.

Went to El Adobe for dinner, and Preisdent kept calling me about getting promo going on speech. Kept thinking of new ideas. Long discussion with Ehrlichman and Chapin about whole trip operation. Agreed we have to add some new advance men. Old ones have worn out, and are not responsive to Chapin