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President in New York all day, at Waldorf and to dentist in the afternoon. Then back to DC and out to Dulles to see Tricia off for England.

Interesting sidelight. President called me about 9 30 regarding program for Sunday worship at White House. First was upset because the rabbi was from New York - while he had ordered that Senator Scott select the rabbi. (Turned out that Finkelstein had been committed before the order). Then wanted Scott invited upstairs to coffee before service with rabbi to give him some political mileage. (Turned out Scott was in Philadelphia for the week and couldn't come anyway - but was very appreciative). To get this far I tried to call Wilkinson - finally got him at football stadium in Atlanta for All-Star game. He didn't know the situation. Said Flanigan did. So I got Pete in New York. He didn't know, said Bud and Atwater did. So I put call in to Atwater. He out at a party. Finally got him, but too late, I had already talked to Scott in Philadelphia.

Next call from President was concern whether Cy Halpern, the only Republican Jewish Congressman, had been invited. Tried to get Lucy, she out. Rose out. Got Marge and she thought Halpern was invited. Got Timmons, he had checked list with police, Halpern not on. Talked to Bryce about Scott matter and Halpern. He didn't know, so we concluded he'd been invited and declined and I so advised President.

Next call from President was regarding program. He was afraid they had included the doxology - which would be an affront to the rabbi. I tried Atwater again - he on way to airport to meet rabbi - left word out on car radio, never connected. Called Lucy, she didn't know but called usher and found doxology was on program. So she called Sandy Fox and got printers on stand-by to reprint the program tonight. (It was then 11 30 pm). Finally got Atwater at home, 12:15, and he said the rabbi had reviewed the program including the doxology. So we called off the troops at 12:30 and all went to bed. Another day at the White House.