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Friday, August 8.

The day of the speech. Had GOP leaders for briefing. Then a Rose Garden celebration of anniversary of nomination. Then Kiesinger farewell. In EOB all afternoon working on speech. Frequent calls regarding other items, and had me over regarding wanting to zing Harris on his phony poll. Really pleased with Gallup at 65 percent. Also a lot of ideas on briefings for selling the new program. Then over to Oval Office to check lighting and TV set-up. In an incredibly good mood. Liked the lighting and the whole set up. Very relaxed. No problems. (Did have a flap earlier when he said mid-afternoon that he wanted makeup. Had to fly makeup man down from Oneonta, New York - made it OK). Then to house for dinner. Back to office for TV. Did a great job. Flanigan and I watched in my office - went in and talked to him after - he felt it had gone well, and it did. Especially good was his reading pace, not too fast, as the Vietnam speech. This should be very effective. He called me several times, last one at 1:15 morning, was still riding high regarding reaction.