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Saturday, May 2.

Fortunately our poll came out darn good, so I had good news for President when he called about 9:30. I was on the phone solidly from then until 3:45, on follow-up. Moved the basic poll figure - 65 percent in support of President's actions, to all our troops. Never even hung up phone between calls. Got a lot going. Analyzed the negatives in news and moved to try to counteract.

Rogers called upset by Oberdorfer story in *Post* based on Kissinger backgrounder that gave whole story of the decision. He's a real pillar of strength. Took a lot of talking to get him to go on the CBS special tomorrow night, but he finally agreed.

Everyone in good shape and working hard, getting pretty good response. I spent six hours on phone, cranking.

President called about 2:00 and said to let everyone go home and relax - I said "No, not now, when we've got things rolling. Will let them up later." He was pleased.