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Sunday, May 3.

Another busy day on the phone working on the reaction. President called several times with ideas for follow-up. Later had Kissinger call me to cheer me up - Kissinger uptight, and I think President was working on him indirectly. Kissinger was concerned because I had given President information on campus problems, etc. - is worried he will toss babies to the wolves instead of hanging tight. Had a meeting of our whole group - attack, speech and Congressional - to assess position and lay plans for next week. President dropped in - gave a great pep talk, then Haig gave a detailed briefing. All our backup plans for broad support are rolling, should pay off soon. President firm on need to keep an absolutely strong posture, show no sign of weakness or give, keep people rolling. I think our pressure has been worthwhile in keeping them from backing down. Networks had specials, etc., today. VP did a great job, and Rogers not too bad - although weak, as usual.