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Tuesday, June 23.

Leadership meeting, then miscellany through the rest of the morning.

Then more fussing about the Jaycee speech - he still doesn't like Keogh's draft, and also Price's efforts at some talking points. So now has Buchanan taking another stab at it. Goes back and forth between just reading a mediocre speech by someone else, to doing a memorized speech he writes himself, to reading a magnum opus he writes. Feels he can't read an unimportant speech, just has to wing it. Buchanan urges just that -with a lot of cheer lines but no attempt at significance. He's probably right.

Have Pat Nixon's Peru trip pretty well lined up. She's quite tractable on it - won't take Pat Hitt and is worried about going to special Mass, but rest of arrangements are OK.

Got everyone cranked up about CBS plan to give Democrats free time to counteract the time the President gets on TV. Will launch a battle to stop this, before it becomes standard procedure.

President worked at EOB all afternoon - supposedly on speech - but no results so far.

He called at home tonight elated regarding early reports on New York primaries showing Brownie Reid running behind a 28 year old dog food salesman. Reid ended up winning, but by only 7,000 votes in spite of an all-out effort and support of all the regular organization. Good "anti-peace candidate" sign. Also looks like Goodell may have trouble, as Ottinger wins Democratic primary very big, which may give Buckley a real chance.

Had a long talk today with Timmons regarding reorganization of whole Congressional operation. He agrees BeLieu should go - so I'll try to get him Under Secretary of the Army.

Kissinger in for long talk, about his worries about very adverse stories about his dating Jill St. John. He thinks Rogers is planting them to try to destroy him. May be.