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Monday, June 29.

San Clemente. President in just in time for 9:30 meeting with Rogers and his Asian tour group. Then a session with Manescu, the Romanian Foreign Minister. Then stayed around for quite a while, just talking. Decided to move the Wednesday TV up to the studio because facilities here are really inadequate. Some discussion of TV details, i.e., question of whether to use a map (decided not to); question of going up to Century Plaza tonight (mainly to avoid voting tomorrow - decided not to, because has to meet Pat Nixon on return and we worked out a last minute absentee ballot), will go up to Century Plaza tomorrow night.

Decided to announce Bruce appointment to Paris at opening of TV, against Ziegler and Kissinger recommendation that he release it in morning for the afternoon and evening news.

Some more talk about press handling technique. Especially does not want Kissinger giving super long backgrounders and wants to have absolute control over scheduling of all White House staff with press. Mainly mad about Chotiner's blunders in Sperling group where he gave them the whole plan of our fall political strategy - then professed surprise that they printed it. Wants me to get all senior staff together with Ziegler and set up tight coordination and control.

Some thinking about plans for rest of summer. Is in the San Clemente mood now and wants to come back several times and probably stay two weeks at end of August. Thinking regarding press conference out here on next trip, end of July. He's really relaxed, even with working to build up for TV Wednesday. Has been reading more books on past presidents. Concludes the whole trick in this business is to do something different and now to do it for TV coverage. Still feels we need to do more effective job of covering up the time off, but recognized real need for taking enough time off.