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Saturday, May 1.

He checked this morning on the demonstration plans and made the point to me that he wants a very hard line taken in Washington on Monday, and that he's going to take a hard line on the press conference, using the term "The party's over, and it's time to draw the line." This concerned me, and I talked with Ehrlichman; it also bothered him. So John called him and talked him out of using that particular phrase. He is concerned, though, that we go hard on this. Fortunately, that's exactly what they developed in Washington, and Ehrlichman called me later in the day to say that their plan now is to bust the demonstrators Sunday morning and probably move in with narcotics agents to arrest as many as they can. This they think will bust up their plans and make it hard for them to do their traffic-stopping exercise on Monday.

The President then had his press conference in the driveway of the Residence, and that seemed to go pretty well. He was very pleased afterwards, thought he had gotten some good questions and had a chance to get in some very good answers, especially on dope with the police state and the demonstrators. These weren't the questions he had wanted to have it for, but he still thought it was a very good thing to do. Now he wants to go hard for picking up the phrase that he used in regard to demonstrators, which is that the right to demonstrate for peace abroad doesn't include the right to break the peace at home.

A little later in the day [unclear] to see if Annenberg's was free. I found it was, and on about 35 minutes later, I had him and everyone up and shipped them over to Palm Springs for the night tonight. He immediately got his gang out on the golf course, and they had a golf game this afternoon and, I guess, went to bed early tonight.

End of May 1.