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Friday, May 23.

The Minnesota concert band played this morning in the Rose Garden. A remarkable event. They had just returned from a cultural exchange tour of Russia, so the Soviet Ambassador was invited. Great concert, and impressive kids- all rose and clapped enthusiastically when President came out - and all sang Alma Mater with genuine feeling and enthusiasm. President very impressed, felt there may be some hope for our kids after all. He spoke at great length at end of concert, then had Dobrynin and Lewellyn Thompson both speak. Dobrynin went on and on - great Soviet-American friendship bit. One of those events that just happen once in a while, you can't plan them.

To Camp David mid-afternoon, with Bebe and Pat Nixon. President bowled 204 and was really pleased. Best he's ever done, by far. The new ball helped.

Dinner at Aspen. Bryce called in the middle and wanted President to call Senator Brooke regarding MIRV test scheduled for tomorrow. Afraid we'll lose him completely if he doesn't. President refused to call, says Brooke is under discipline and it's no use. Told me to tell Bryce to tell Brooke to go ahead and do what he wants - but should know President may be making an announcement in near future that may put him in an embarrassing position.

Movie was *Man for All Seasons*. Would have been great - but projectionist screwed up again - with the topper of getting the reels in the wrong order. Poor guy was panic-stricken.