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Monday, May 26.

Busy day, trying to get the week cleared up before Wednesday departure for Key Biscayne. Added starter - secret meeting. Kissinger delighted with smuggling him in, etc. He's going to stay over for another meeting tomorrow - hope he doesn't get caught.

Staff meeting in morning, and brief session at noon - nothing special, routine schedule items, etc.

Flap regarding Midway trip because Thieu is insisting on coming to Hawaii after the meeting, which blows the reason for going to Midway. President says he won't go to Hawaii, will fly direct to Midway instead. Have to work something out. Kissinger says Thieu has a girl in Honolulu and that's the problem.

President discovered - buried in a Kissinger briefing paper - that he had apparently agreed to a visit from President of Gabon. Very upset - said would have to cancel - he'll only do Selassie and Mobutu this year - not Bongo. He deeply resents the proliferation of African nations and hates to give them any more recognition than he has to. Has decided to limit total number of state visits to 10 per year. Still quite a few.

John Lindsay at UAC, playing for the publicity in his mayor's race. Looks as if he might lose the Republican primary. Too bad we have to play his game. Rumsfeld sworn in before the meeting. Big ceremony in the Rose Garden, family, etc.