

Sunday May 11

Rockefeller was late for his meeting - so I went over at 10 for yesterday's cancelled sched. mtg. Nothing very important - but P. had obviously been doing a lot of general thinking about planning his time. Feels we haven't adequately weighed priorities in each week's schedule. (Problem is, we do, but then he cuts schedule up by changes & we get screwed up while trying to re-group)

He's decided to go with peace plan announcement on Weds. evening - either as statement or press conference. K. all stirred up because he thinks Hanoi may be folding - has had some feelers. Also problem because Rogers wants to announce the peace plan - instead of P. - also wants to modify.

We are cancelling all possible schedule thru Weds. to allow time for preparation. He's really pre-occupied with this. Hope it works.

Came back to DC on the Airborne Command Post - and they staged a briefing and a test exercise. Pretty scary. They went through the whole intelligence & operational briefing - with interruptions, etc. to make it realistic. Exercise proved to P. that when the Russians appear to be launching an attack our options are pretty limited & our retaliatory strike power is pretty weak.

Fascinating plane - with command room set up - all kinds of communications, display boards, rear projection, etc. Took P. a while to get into the thing (his mind was on the peace plan) - but he finally did - and was quite interested. Asked a lot of questions re: our nuclear capability - and kill results. Obviously carries about the lightly tossed-about millions of deaths.