

EXECUTIVE

TR 48-1

May 25, 1970
Monday - 1:30 p. m.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. H. R. HALDEMAN

FROM: Dwight L. Chapin

I talked to Billy Graham and he feels Thursday night would be fine for the President to go to Knoxville. He points out that the crowd would probably not be as large Thursday night as it will be Friday night. He said that in his telephone conversation with the President yesterday that he had endorsed the idea of having the service be a "Memorial Day Service." He has thought about this overnight and he feels it would be a mistake to turn the service into a "Memorial Day Service."

Thursday evening, the program is "Youth Night." Every evening they have from ten to fifteen thousand University students, and Graham expects more on Thursday night. The majority of people attending the Crusade are always under 25.

Dr. Graham feels that perhaps we should not announce the trip until Wednesday evening or maybe as late as Thursday morning. At that time, it could be announced that the President is just dropping by the Crusade on the way to California. He points out that there are 140 radical students on campus and that they will probably try to cause some trouble. He feels the bulk of the students will behave themselves properly.

Approve Thursday evening _____

Approve holding announcement as late as possible _____

Other _____

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