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6/28--To Jim's 6/24 analysis, quotation of Scgurman on Kissinger trip, etc., attached clips, ir read with care, confirm. I wonder if there is not another element, what Nixon and Nixonians consider their election needs, including perhaps Chinese reaction, the long-standing objective of the JCS (before Chinese nukes, anyway). When the policy of total destruction has been expanded to include civilian industrial capacity on the dubious ground these factories make parts for bridges, is there any limit? Assuming the Chinese come to regard as threat to their security and act in what they will call self-defense, that is, against what in effect is an attack, will the USSR treaty become operative? If it does, will USSR respect? Or Chinese want them to? Is this not, really, more complex, assuming Nixon can't control military, as I'm not yet really prepared to agree, not with popular reaction as distinguished from demonstrations what it has become. And with the McGovern status what it has become. But I agree flashpoint is close. H