

Power Failure

Cause Probed

KEY BISCAVNE, Fla., May 26 (AP)—The power failure that caused President Nixon a troublesome moment during his nationwide radio address Saturday may have been caused by a fallen tree, aides said today.

When the lights in the curtained study of his Florida home went out, the President stopped, then stammered, while delivering his speech on the economy.

An aide said an emergency generator quickly switched on as the main power failed, but that the President had reached to open a window blind to get more reading light, causing his momentary lapse. Mr. Nixon quickly recovered and continued his 18-minute talk without further difficulty.