WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 1954

69th Day

Ember Day

296 Days to come

The Dwight D. Eisenhower Library

Just 8 AM - Pres. Conference briefly at staff meeting - Topics included announcement of tax TV-Radio talk; Coracas, Tax program, Stevenson speech, McCarthy on his books at Army libraries, Indo-China, Senate Rules, Hawaii, Pay Raises, etc - ~~[illegible]~~ at Pres. briefing decided to go on air with tax speech Monday night, and to announce it at conference - as to Stevenson agreed only to say "nonsense" to his charge bad half Eisenhower, half McCarthy -

Good conference - Pres. tough on tax and backed up Flanders and networks - authorized "nonsense", saying "you can use my influence on Mr. H to get him to release it" - also released about 7 minutes of Q & A on McCarthy, Stevenson and Indo-China - Pres. in fighting mood, but bad it as far as tax is concerned - "if he wants to get recognized any more", Pres. told Persons, "only way he can do it is to stand up and publicly say 'I was wrong in bombarding witnesses, wrong in saying the Army is coddling Communists, and wrong in my attacks on Stevenson. I apologize" - that's only way I ever welcome him back into fold."

C. E. Wilson threw monkeywrench in carefully prepared plans by sending his car to Senate today and picking up tax for luncheon at Pentagon - Wilson didn't tell anyone in W.H. about luncheon - just let it happen - when I told Pres. he ~~[illegible]~~ leaned back in chair, muttered a few "goddams" and then said "you know, Jim, I believe Cabot Lodge is dead right when he says we need acute politicians in those positions. They are the only ones who know enough to stay out of traps; the only ones who can play the same kind of game as those guys on the Hill" - Pres. greatly disturbed at Wilson luncheon and called me back several times to see if any announcement had been made from luncheon - "if they are cooking up another statement, then, by God, someone is going to hear from me - but good!"

Have you filed your Federal Income Tax Report for last year and estimated declaration for this year?