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people very carefully and has almost decided on a man from California, a scientist, who is presently Dean of Chemistry at the University of California -- The President thought that was a very good idea.



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At home in the morning President called me several times regarding his speech at the Columbia Bi-Centennial Dinner. He wanted to change the second paragraph on Page 6 from "the protection of the nations vital secrets" to "the protection of the nation's obvious interests." He did this so that McCarthy could not say he would be perfectly willing not to get vital secrets but that everything else should be given to him. The second time the President called was to read a paragraph which he wanted to insert which slams McCarthy fairly hard and outlines the Constitutional principal which the President believes in the present controversy. During our telephone conversation the President indicated that he was going to make this a finished fight with McCarthy - He believed the question was a fundamental Constitutional one and was going to the people with it.

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