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SUBJECTS FOR PRESIDENTIAL TALKS

1. The Science of Government.

A speech devoted to the importance of administration and administrative reforms in an increasingly complex society.

President could uncork proposals of Advisory Committee on Government Organization.

Title: "The Structure of Freedom"

✓ 2. Disarmament

It's difficult to set a time for this topic.

Might be given at Harvard next September, or in a foreign country if President goes to Asia or Europe.

✓ 3. Education - The Need for Understanding

President has said he wants to make one major speech on education at an American University or College.

4. Defense

A full scale address on the nation's defense and the need for long range defense planning.

5. State of the Union Message

January 1960



6. Politics - The Republican Party

A talk pulling together the President's beliefs about his party and the course of the party.

It might be given on February 27, 1960 - the 100th Anniversary of Lincoln's Cooper Union Institute speech. This is a respectable distance ahead of the July Nominating Conventions and the President could lead off with Lincoln and then toss out some snappy judgments about the contemporary challenge to the Republican Party.

7. Foreign Policy

Foreign trade - foreign aid and the problems of challenge and response in a world of tension.

8. Farewell Address

A speech the President would like to give before Congress.

Here he would stress the need for accommodation of a wide range of belief in the political spectrum, particularly with the greater likelihood of having an executive of one party and a Congress of another.

