trip to and from speech site uneventful.

enroute to podium the president had this reaction to mao's death to a group of reporters:

Mao was a most remarkable and great man. He had the vison and imagination to open the doors so the united states and the peoples republic of china could do things in a new era and a new day.

Its tragic of course that a man of later land with a great with the remarkable ability, and skill kery and foresight has passed away.

schieffer, your pooler