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Saturday, March 3.

The President was in town today for a rare Saturday. We met with the Quadriad this morning in the office for quite a long session. Had me in for a little while before and again afterwards. Was concerned about the "Evenings at the White House", since we've lost Irving Berlin for our one in two weeks, wanted to get Keys in on Rowan and Martin. Concerned still about someone to take charge of these and put them all together. Had some personnel questions in the farewell run yesterday. Ran into a guy named Eril from the Navy Department, who said he was fired because he blew the whistle on Litton, he wants to find out if this is right. He's very concerned about it, because he's afraid he's going to go out and cause us trouble. Also, was concerned about Villa Royal, who wants to stay in Washington. Doesn't want to take the aide job which has been offered him, because he thinks he can do more good as a symbol if he stays here.

Got into the POW question, very impressed with the letter from Captain Denton and wanted some follow-up on that.

Some schedule items, he wants to consider doing the baseball opener in Pittsburgh on the way back from California. Agreed to move the diplomatic reception to October, wants to add a couple of more "Evenings at the White House" in April and May to pick up the finance people, and get a lot of young people in also, wants to do churches once a month, and finish the whole thing up after June 15. Wants to go ahead with the plans for the POW dinner, but move it to the White House, which was Julie's idea and is much better.

End of March 3.