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Miscellaneous items today, no heavy schedule. He wanted to be sure I read Hutchnicker's book on *The Will to Live*, because he thinks the thesis that Hutchnicker lays out is clearly related to Kissinger's suicidal complex. He also wants to be sure I make extensive memoranda regarding Kissinger's mental processes and so on, for his file.

Got into the Dole thing, and I explained to him what the problem was with Dole's blast at me in his conversation with Colson. And we moved to get Harlow and Mitchell to work it out, which they succeeded in doing by midday, but by then we had a sleet storm up at Camp David, and there was no point in trying to get Dole up. So we didn't. He was concerned about the public highway assault on Brinegar, who was supposed to be on the right side on that.

Got back into the Watergate/Segretti thing, wanted to be sure that he gets his Dean report. He thinks Dean ought to talk to the press, rather than Ziegler, to give the summary on it. Wants to have a meeting on that subject the first of the week.

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Then he said Boggs won't do for the Secret Service, he tips too heavily, drinks too much, and chases girls too much around San Clemente so gotta get someone else.



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The Kissinger thing turned out to be a four and a half-hour meeting today and a plan for another meeting tomorrow, with the possibility of sending Haig back tomorrow night after the meeting's over. The President had me in again on getting Rogers sold on Scali, that he wants to get him to announce that. I finally told the President that Brinegar was not a Catholic, which came as something of a blow and disturbed him considerably. He feels we're wasting Krogh at the Transportation job and ought to move him up to something else. Got into his White House health unit again. He wants the thing set up for the family. The bowling alley, sauna, tub, dressing room, and Ryland table.

Then he had Julie come in, and we talked about her plans, first with the family's Christmas plans and then the idea of her taking an East Wing staff job, which would be superb. The key to that is getting David out of the Navy now, and setting it up so that he can run for the Goodling seat in Pennsylvania. So I'm going to try to work that out, so we can get Julie in.

Eliot Richardson called me this morning, wants to get together in the next week or so, because he wants a feel from me about his process of communications with the President. Will be in town all week. Also wants to talk about people, such as Bob Moody, he'd like to stay on. He then got to the Evans and Novak column this morning which told about the fight between the White House and Richardson, particularly me. Said he had never heard of one guy they said he was moving in, and the other guy, Moore, he has been using to handle the transition on both ends. And he remembered that I told him Moore could not go over to Defense, but he obviously is going to try and push that through. Says he wants to talk with the President, not under time pressure, to get a full sense of his thinking on what needs to be done in Defense. Says he's been talking with all of



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Laird's top staff, and he'll have the background against which to understand all the President's views, which he'd like to get in the near future.

I came down in the late afternoon, and we went to the theater with the Ehrlichmans tonight. The President is staying at Camp David over the weekend, pending Henry's return...

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...and the possibility of Helene arriving up there with Pat at some point.

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End of December 8.