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Friday, March 5.

No regular schedule today because of the plan for going to Camp David-- or going to Rochester, which was canceled yesterday. A lot of aftermath from the press conference. The President called a mini-NSC meeting this morning on short notice, and that took up a good chunk of the morning. He also invited Rockefeller to come down and met with him from 3:00 to 4:00 this afternoon. The rest of the day was pretty much taken up with phone calls, checking reaction to the press conference. He also added the Quadriad today, so that he won't have to do them on Monday. All-in-all it worked out to a darn good day of activity and gave him a chance to get some follow-up on last night. He was obviously very tired today and took some new pills from Tkach to try and help him sleep better. He apparently didn't sleep very well last night.

He was particularly charged up about a reaction to CBS's counterattack on war coverage. They want us to really get moving and cite the examples of all the bad stuff they have been doing as a follow-up on their reaction to his press conference last night. It upset them. We should now, he thinks, pick an enemy and go with him, and that the networks should be it. He thinks we've got a lot to gain from doing this at this point, particularly on Cambodia and Laos coverage, and then really write this up, give it to the columnists to use to take off on the network. There's a lot to be done here productively as a follow-up on the President's press conference last night.

End of March 5.