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Wednesday, December 29.

We had a problem with Stans. Decided he should be at the Sato meetings, because their trade minister is going to be there, and the President is concerned about numbers of Cabinet members, and so on, at the dinner, but we'll try to work it out. We had quite a bit of discussion about schedule on and off during the day. He is definitely going to leave here Friday at 4:00 and will plan to take Mrs. Nixon to the airport on Saturday night for her departure. The big problem of the day was Ashbrook, who is probably going to announce. The President wanted to be sure we played a hard line with that, that we issue no response, but that we should have no more conservative hand-holding. The Attorney General should handle the Conservative Party in New York. They're the only ones we should worry about. No one should answer Ashbrook, in anyway, except a conservative. We should use Devine and Goldwater, Buckley, people like that only. Also we probably should stir things up a little in Ohio for Ashbrook to keep him honest. He said Kissinger was ecstatic regarding the *Time* article, and that was about it. Bill Rogers was concerned about a flap regarding whether the Newsom's should go with Pat Nixon to Africa or not. Henry didn't want Newsom to go, and it turns out the President doesn't want to either. The thing that settled it, though, was when State proposed it, Pat Nixon said absolutely not.

End of December 29.