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Friday, January 28th. The President stayed at Camp David last night, came down this morning in time for schedule today.

He decided to do the Marina Whitman announcement for the CEA tomorrow, rather than today as the staff was recommending. So we get better news coverage since he has a drug story that would top it today.

He did a bunch of memos last night at Camp David, a long one to Ehrlichman outlining his decision on how to handle the integration-segregation issue. He's decided to take the hard line against integration, and wanted me to get the line out on Vietnam, that the others, the critics are now consciously aiding and abetting the enemy. As contrasted to prior to the announcement when they were just echoing the enemy line unconsciously.

The President and I met this afternoon with the Attorney General, on the general, on the overall political plan, particularly the specifics of his departure. It was agreed the announcement would be made the 16th, effective March 1st, and that the President at the same time would announce that he was sending the Kleindienst and Pat Gray nominations up for AG and Deputy, respectively.

He's also agreed that the VP should not go to New Hampshire, but it was okay for him to go the other primary states, but he should only do nonpolitical public events for the immediate future.



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The other question discussed was whether Mitchell could go into the law firm, which he wants to do. Everybody else has felt that he should not, but he talked the President into his viewpoint on the basis that we're going to get criticized anyway, and it won't be any worse if he's in the firm than if he's not. I don't think that's right, but that was the decision.

I did a nearly two hour interview today with Barbara Walters for the *Today* show. The whole thing filmed in my office for use next week. I'll probably really bust things open, because I used the conscious aid and abet the enemy line in answer to one of her questions, and I'm sure it will create quite a stir when it comes out.

The President called tonight after he'd gone back to the Residence...

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...to say that Kissinger had had a very good talk with Dobrynin today and things seemed to be really on the track there.

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Also, that I was not to tell Tkach, but he thought he was getting the flu, and was glad he was doing it over the weekend, so he wouldn't miss any time in the office.



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End of January 28th.