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Sunday, March 12.

President's at Camp David all day. Phoned once this afternoon, said on the ITT thing, we've got to give a lot of credit to the Colson group, and all of the people I had working, that they really have done a pretty good job of getting the story going our way. Made the point that the ITT stock went down after the settlement, so it couldn't have been too good a settlement. Was concerned because Colson said he was doing his best to keep the staff morale up, which was a stupid thing to dump on the President. Then thought maybe we should drop all support from the-- for our Convention and force the Democrats to do the same, as he had suggested yesterday. Also wanted to raise the question with Mitchell as to whether there's a way we could put out some lists of contributors just for primaries, so that we don't let a fire build up on this, but instead just get it out of the way.

Kissinger had called him on the Council on International Economic policy. We had approved a meeting next week, and then Kissinger discovered State was going to be included, so he doesn't want the Soviet thing on the agenda, so we've got to juggle that around. Then the President got into the design of the new Laurel cabin at Camp David, which he had been over to look at. He thinks there should be an office there, wants to take the small lounge and make it a Presidential office, with a desk, and flags, and so on, so he can use it for meetings if he needs to, such as a meeting of Head of State, or something of that sort.

End of March 12.