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Thursday, January 18.

The President got me on the way back from Key Biscayne on some general schedule discussion on the plane. He's trying to get his time cleared -- now that he's getting back to handle the Vietnam stuff after the Inaugural, and wants to keep everything as clear as he can.

He then got into some discussion on Vietnam and the settlement, and more importantly, the Thieu problem, which he's still sweating out, because he hasn't heard from Haig yet. The question now is whether Thieu will go along. He's refused to give Haig an answer, at least at this point, so we have to wait for Haig to go back there on Saturday. The President feels that's a pretty cheap shot on Thieu's part, and that he should give us an answer before the Inaugural, so that the President will know, and that's the least we could reasonably expect from him, but apparently we're not going to get it.

End of January 18.