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Friday, January 26.

The President wanted to be sure we followed up on the Congressional briefing this morning with letters to all the Republicans in Congress on the budget, making the point that, "As we start the annual 'Battle of the Budget', that I thought you'd like to see the radio speech that I've given. I would appreciate your thoughtful consideration of this issue during the debates." He recorded his radio speech today to be delivered on Sunday night with the budget message going up on Monday. He also wants to have Timmons send a note to all the Democratic members, urging their thoughtful consideration, too.

On the plane this afternoon to Key Biscayne, he got into the question of Kissinger on television on the Vietnam follow-up. He agreed that he should do Howard K. Smith. The President's view is that he should do them all, but on Kalb we should give him maximum guidance. Tell him that he's getting into a dangerous position because the left is playing -- that the left is trying to play the point that the agreement is over the President's dead body, such as the *New York Times* article. He needs to make the point that he supported the bombing, and that the results show that it was the right decision. He should also do the Joe Alsop interview for a series. And Haig and I should do Alsop, too. The President felt that he should skip the meeting with the POW's on the basis that he will not interfere with their right of privacy and their rapid return home.

He's concerned about Rose. Feels she's not in good health and that we need to look into the problem with her because of her attitude, appearance and so on.

End of January 26.