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Sunday, February 11.

In San Clemente. I had no contact with the President. Didn't go into the office today. We spent a good part of the day in a follow-up on our Watergate meeting from yesterday, with Dean, Ehrlichman, and Moore. Basically covered the same ground over as is covered in my notes. Decided to go ahead on several tacks: to move Maury Stans out front by submitting him for a confirmation post, if the President will agree to it, and put Buchanan in as the observer/commentator on the hearings. Several other items of that kind. General agreement on the strategy that we should keep the outward appearance of total cooperation, but our objective internally should be maximum obstruction and containment, so as not to let the thing run away with us.

End of February 11.