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Sunday, April 22.

The President called this morning from Key Biscayne. Said I didn't want this Easter to go by without reminding you of how much tougher it was last Easter, and just remember you're doing the right thing. That's what I used to think when I killed some innocent children in Hanoi. Then he got into the general Watergate problems. Said the question is whether I can say anything publicly. The one factor on the political side is that the Senate come back-- comes back Wednesday, and there's a question of whether the Senators pass a resolution or something that would create a problem for us. He thinks it was good for Ziegler to get Chappy Rose and Pat Buchanan down. Thinks Garment shouldn't come because he's too emotional. Thinks that times have overrun Garment's view, but he would probably say the same thing this week. Thinks the Dean thing is very hard to figure. Can't figure out what his lawyers told him.

Then he reviewed the whole question of what we've talked about before the detail on the blackmail and all that. Said Krogh should clearly say that his motive and involvement was national security. The President says he's aware of all the options and there's no good choice, but we have to do the best we can. We should look down the road to the critical question which Ziegler raises, that is, that we don't want Haldeman or Ehrlichman to be in the position that Mitchell is in, to be named. The question is whether the President, after all, is looking into the matter. Now what do Haldeman and the aides do? Wait until they're named or move ahead? If we take a leave of absence we must fight, but not within the White House. There'd be no consideration of resignation, only a leave. And it's obvious that that's the direction he tends to push in at the moment. Other than that, we had Easter Sunday with the families at Camp David. Spent a lot of time working on the background material for the lawyers. Families went down this evening and Ehrlichman and I went back through my chronological files, while he pulled out notes to be typed up.

End of April 22.