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Friday, February 18.

In Hawai'i. The day dawned dark and cold, and has stayed pretty cloudy all day with a fair amount of rain, and a very cold, very strong wind. President called me over at 10:00 this morning, I was there for about an hour. He was just discussing sort of things in general. We went over the schedule for next week, and he discussed some of his tactics for handling the meetings, and the techniques that he's going to use. He says Henry's urging him to do it Henry's way, which is to get into the long, drawn out historical and philosophical discussions with Chou, which the President is not inclined to do. Henry is also urging him to start in the plenary session with a reading of a written statement, which the President also is not inclined to do, and intends to follow his own technique on this rather than Henry's advice. He feels that he'll do much better that way, and I think he's absolutely right.

He thought about having the whole official party over for cocktails this afternoon, but then decided to drop that idea. He did have Henry over for a little while for discussion and then folded up for the night.

End of February 18.