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Friday, January 8.

The President's still at San Clemente and I'm still at Palm Springs. He called over a couple of times today. I gave him the whole report on our telephone study following the TV conversation, which shows him up six points from a week earlier. He was very pleased and had a lot of ideas for dissemination of the information, basically on the usual line of covering the key Cabinet, Congressional, finance and political people. The thought's also occurred to him of the need to build now some columns on the effectiveness of the President on television, making the point that the Democrats are having second thoughts on pushing him for more TV and press conferences, also that, once again, the press have written Nixon off too soon. He wants to be sure MacGregor learns how to use these polls with the Congressional types to cheer them up.

He apparently had a discussion today with Ziegler and Ehrlichman, regarding the question of taking time off and vacations. Ziegler made the point that he's now well-positioned to take time off because of the doctor's instructions, and the feeling that people think he should be off more. He seems to buy this concept and may be willing to take a little more time than he has in the last couple of months.

He also raised the Kissinger problem again. Apparently, Henry had talked with Ehrlichman this morning about the question of whether he should go back to Harvard or not, all of that, and all of his problems with Rogers. Ehrlichman, I guess, took it upon himself to fill the President in on all of this. The President makes the point that Henry craves the ego satisfaction of raising these questions and having people reassure him that he's in good shape and all. He also makes the point that he'd be a damn fool not to stay on.

The President said he went over to Catalina this afternoon and had a very good reception from the people there. He seemed to feel it had been a good move.

End of January 8.