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Saturday, January 16.

The President is at Camp David; I was at the office. The President called a couple of times. Apparently, he was working most of the day but took some time off, didn't have much of any, any importance to cover.

He did go through some of his reactions to the Republican National Committee reception last night. Particularly, he had picked up quite a bit of positive reaction to the "Open Door" concept and wants to be sure we are pushing that hard.

He also came up with the idea of getting Jim Buckley to go to the Republican Women's National Meeting, get a big hand and upstage Rockefeller, which he thought would be effective.

He's got Ray doing all the work on the speech and seems pleased with following that process. He's given him a lot of guidance but is not just stepping in and taking over as he has on the other speeches. He thinks Ray is picking it up very well, and that this will be a productive new approach.

He got back on the PR question again and made the point that we can't worry about being charged with pragmatism or doing-- trying to do too much. If we can get across the "Nixon the Man" story, it will override the rest of it.

End of January 16.