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Saturday, January 30.

At Caneel Bay Plantation, Virgin Islands. The President spent the day without any business. He did try to call me in the morning, and I was out on George Bell's boat. Then he tried in the afternoon, I was still on the boat. I returned the call in late afternoon. He didn't have anything particular in mind, just wanted to know primarily how the Rogers press conference had gone. The news is riding hard on the Laotian buildup, and I reported that to him. Rogers apparently lent a lot of weight to that in his press conference, and that's what caused the flap last night on Buchanan's part. There doesn't seem to be anything he needs to do. And it's basically laying the line that we wanted to get laid anyway, so our plan as of now is just to ride with it.

The President took a boat ride in the afternoon, but only stayed out for an hour. It was a little choppy. And then he came back, he does seem to be relaxed and enjoying the place here, and is generally taking it easy.

[Unclear]

[End of January 30.]