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Thursday, January 23.

Our first morning staff meeting with President, Harlow and Ehrlichman for about 45 minutes. Mainly regarding schedule and general operations. President still getting the feel of the whole thing - but remarkably well adjusted.

Then the first meeting of the Urban Affairs Council and the first major breakdown of the staff system. Moynihan wanted the President to sign an Executive Order creating the Council - with pictures, etc. But he didn't pre-staff the order so we ended up with the Council members cooling their heels in the Cabinet Room, while Ehrlichman calmly reviewed the order before approving it for President.

In the afternoon, several sessions with Harlow and Ehrlichman, and one with Pete Flanigan to report on Ambassadors and commission appointments.

Called Goodpaster to discuss possibility of Cushman as number two in CIA - he agreed to it.