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Saturday, January 25.

Six and a half hours of NSC with break for lunch. I had to go into luncheon with stuff for signature. VP big problem because committed to Republican Women in New York. President made him go.

The first haircut turned out fine. President says Martini is the best barber yet. I took huge stack of letters down to barber shop - he signed during haircut, after calling Harlow to ask how to sign letter to Congress (RN, Dick or Richard Nixon). Liked the barber so much he invited him to church tomorrow.

Received beautiful silver cigarette box from Bob Gray. Presidential seal and name on top, date on front, plays "Hail to the Chief" when lid lifted - most appropriate!

Flap in the early morning regarding Mississippi tornadoes. President called me at breakfast - wanted some action. We released a statement and I called the Governor to tell of President's concern. Can't declare a disaster because requirements not met.

President wandered into my office and around to others to see what everyone doing. Stopped by Ziegler's on way up from haircut - during briefing - President spoke to press, said he'd had his first press conference as VP in this room, so maybe Ziegler will be President some day

President met Butterfield briefly - for first time. Rather awkward. Will take time to develop.

Kissinger was very enthusiastic about the way President handled the NSC. Kissinger is really impressed with overall performance - and surprised!