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Sunday, January 26.

The first White House Church services. Very, very impressive. People all seated in East Room at 10:45, organist playing. Then piano solo. Then Mrs. Nixon, Tricia and Mrs. Graham entered from front of room - all stood. A little more music. Then President and Billy Graham and soloist George Beverly Shea entered. All stood. President to rostrum for brief opening remarks. Graham conducted service. Very good understandable sermon. Shea solo was unforgettable. Quite a show. Lots of kids. White House phone operators. Most of Cabinet. Short reception in State Dining Room after - coffee, juice and rolls. President and Graham in receiving line.

I took California Disaster Proclamation to Church - had President sign it at reception. I called Reagan to notify him - and set up procedures for getting relief underway.

Have everyone grinding on press conference preparation.

Chapin and Alex and I took tour of Mansion in the afternoon when President and family went out for a short drive.

In the evening I took the briefing book to President in his bedroom. He was sitting by the fire with papers all around - doing his homework.