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Tuesday, January 28.

First Congressional GOP leaders meeting. Breakfast first with VP, Dirksen, Ford and Harlow. Meeting ran way late - President called Mitchell in regarding DC problems and plans, which John was scheduled to present in next meeting. Part of President's determination to get things moving.

Formally presented the new dog, King Timahoe, in Rose Garden after leaders meetings - they all watched. Rose and I brought Tim up to President, press all there. Lots of gags regarding picking him up by the ears - house-broken, etc. President explained Irish origin of name.

Visit to the House. First, small group in Speaker's office - then on to the floor - long ovation, then members lined up to shake hands.

Meeting with Burns regarding his directives. President approved first batch, wants them out fast, with press release.

Meeting with Glenn Seaborg. Very concerned about report regarding new discovery that nuclear bomb can be made much more easily than had been believed. No one knows this yet - Seaborg has only told members of the AEC. Could have enormous effect on world power balance if smaller nations find out, because would give them potential for nuclear capability without need for stockpile of uranium, etc., as previously believed. Also long discussion about Plowshare and peaceful use of atom. President very interested in this - asked lot of questions. Wants to go forward fast on peaceful uses. Wants to visit AEC HQ for briefing.

And a fascinating meeting with Pat Haggerty, head of Texas Instruments and candidate for NASA. President very impressed with his obvious brain power - and with his concept of institutionalizing innovation. This is main thrust of his work at TI, and President told him maybe this was more important contribution to the nation than actual Federal service.