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Wednesday, January 29.

Staff meeting, mainly concerned with getting out reaction to Inaugural. And wants public relations staff to read incoming mail and get a feel of what the people think and what they react to. Is afraid they are too much influenced by the columnists, should read and react to people, not columns. Don't get out of touch. White House provides almost total isolation from the real world. Need to know what moves and concerns the average guy. Must not be overbalanced by Washington reaction.

Furious when he discovered there are two prayer breakfasts tomorrow. Long tirade about self-promoters, etc.

Had Tim in the office. Both of them pretty nervous.

Disaster of the day was a Klein leak regarding the European trip - made the headlines in the *Star* tonight. Came out of a backgrounder breakfast. Herb, of course, denies the quote. Strangely, President not too upset even though he's been very concerned about keeping the trip a secret.

Visited the Senate - and the State Department. Both great successes according to all reports.