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Sunday, February 2.

Church at the White House. Bigger crowd - President added a hundred seats. Includes House and Senate leaders and White House drivers and guards. Service not as good as Billy Graham's.

President called me over to Mansion, had talked with Hobe Lewis. Very concerned regarding Rose who had complained to Hobe last night that she was shut out of everything, etc. President told me to get her in line, no equivocating or appeasement. Said he's prepared for her to quit if necessary, can't tolerate bitching and especially within the staff. He was firmer on this than he's ever been. Feels we have to concentrate on the important things and Rose just doesn't understand this. I agree. I went back to office - had lunch with Rose - and talk after. Partially cleared it up, but not fully.

President came over to office after lunch, cleared up papers, called me in to talk about Key Biscayne plans - Bebe there too. He wants to go down this coming weekend, but only two days available unless we can clear Monday, also wants to go the following week. Then immediately starts trying to think up excuses and covers. He's constitutionally unable to say he's taking time off - has to appear he's working. Said, though, that LBJ told him he spent one year of his five in office at the ranch. Also DDE told him to take time off. He just can't bring himself to do it. We'll keep trying. Then he starts worrying about whether Ziegler has gotten out the story of how hard he's been working - long hours, etc.

Went into concern about appointments again.

Chapin reminded President today was one year from date he entered NH primary. Tonight he called me for number to call Stuart Lamprey to reminisce. He's alone at the Mansion. Found some of my notes I'd dropped, read them over and called me about answers.

Showed Bebe the pool and his office.