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Wednesday, February 5.

A big news day; the NPT, Congressional leaders meeting; Mideast announcement, removal of Post Office from politics, feed grain support raised, ceiling lifted on NSF funds, picture with March of Dimes kid. And all done in the morning. Afternoon free for preparation for press conference.

President couldn't get right to work on it though - came into my office - then to Rose's - to try on six pairs of new shoes. Got the briefing book at 2:00 and started to work about 3:00. Left for dinner at 6:30, back at 8:10, still there when I left at 10:45.

Still pushing regarding Departments trying to fill all jobs - wants them to leave some vacant. Still fussing about ambassadors. I took Peter O'Donnell (Texas State Chairman) in for a few minutes - after I had a session with him regarding his complaint of no Texas appointments.

Ehrlichman and I had knock-down with VP, regarding his staff and office facilities. Hard to get anywhere. Afraid we made things worse - and that it will have to go to President. VP has no concept of President's view of how he should handle the role, and I don't think he ever will. Real problem regarding his hiring LBJ advance man. He sees no reason not to - and apparently intends to buck us all the way.

President also upset because VP got into act at legislative leaders meeting and sided with Congressmen versus Postmaster Blount and the President. Just doesn't get it, yet.

Another go-round on ambassador resignations, but President didn't sign them.

Has feeling AP photo editors are jobbing us and wants Ziegler to check it out and if so give UPI some exclusive breaks.