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Saturday, February 8.

Key Biscayne - beautiful weather - and almost a day off! President spent the day relaxing, went out for a short boat ride, says he slept ten hours last night and another two hours on the beach today.

Called me at 4:30 to say the aide had awakened him to say the VP was calling. Didn't take the call - wanted me to instruct the aide no calls down here except family. Agnew then called me, to see whether he should fly to Palm Springs and back tomorrow to present Bob Hope Golf award. Said I'd ask President. President told me to come over at 5:30.

Spent two hours on odds and ends, first hour out on lawn by Bay. Reviewed plans for return to DC, California house, dinner for Earl Warren, need to set list of columnists we can trust to put out the truth, National Committee organization, Mrs. Martin Luther King phone call, Klein problems, etc. Ehrlichman called from Brussels regarding schedule. Bebe came in at 7:00, had a martini, then to Key Biscayne Hotel for dinner with Kissinger and Rogers.

Whole dining room stood and applauded for both entry and departure. Good dinner chat regarding trip plans, the Olympics, the girl in the bikini he and Bebe saw on the boat trip, plans for Brosio dinner and the decision to leave for Europe from here - after two days here.

President very relaxed, great humor. Impressed by fresh flowers in all rooms of his house - realized need for this kind of weekend off, and especially the need for sleep. He's only getting six hours at the White House, which isn't enough for him.

Good day - Kissinger and Rogers staying in Villa 41 spent the whole day together, sunning on the porch. The three of us walked to the lighthouse in the afternoon, were going to go to Jamaica Inn for dinner until President invited us. I spent the day in the sun on my porch, Villa 15, except for calls from Bliss, who is now set to leave in April; Roy Ash to line up his committee plan; Rose regarding Don Nixon; and John Eisenhower regarding his trip to Belgium.



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President signed his first bill today - House Joint Resolution 414 appropriating extra funds for unemployment payments to ex-servicemen and ex-federal employees. I kept the pen. We won't announce it until tomorrow because Ziegler has "the lid on" for today.