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Sunday, February 16.

President at Camp David this morning. We met with Williamsburg people regarding redecorating West Wing. They're very interested - and President wants them to go ahead. Idea would be to get good authentic reproductions in all staff offices, antiques in Oval Office. Redo Fish Room, Cabinet Room, etc. Also debated whether to change my office with Dwight's. Hard to decide which is best.

On return President came to office to work on briefing books. After getting them all spread out, and his briefcases open on the back table, he called me in and said we should have thought of this as a good picture possibility. So we called in photographers.

He had called me earlier from Camp David regarding story in *New York Times* saying Secret Service was shipping bullet-proof cars to Europe. He has ordered no cars to be sent - and was upset. Later had Ehrlichman come in (just home last night from Europe) to discuss this. John talked him into using our Secret Service cars with communications - but not the bullet proof ones. He's determined not to create image of over-security.

President came back to office after dinner - walked into my office, sat down and chatted about California summer White House possibility that France has found - President very interested. Also the Williamsburg decorator idea - he thinks it's great and says to go ahead.

I left at 8:30 - P still in office poring over briefing books. This week will be a tough one because he'll really want to concentrate on getting ready. Glad I'll be gone.