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Friday, February 21.

Flew back last night, Alex met the plane. No great developments - until I called Ehrlichman from airport to find the Chotiner plan at RNC had blown up because Rogers Morton won't take Murray. Chotiner blew it by pushing too hard. Now we have to find a job for Chotiner and a man to run the RNC.

Trip plans going well, all under control. President concentrating on preparation - poring over briefing books.

President still wants to do something about campus disorders problem. Said to have Buchanan work on it independently of Price, who's doing radio address. Also very anxious to get out letters regarding Job Corps and Head Start to Shultz and Finch to demand changes. Kept returning to these points during the day and into the evening. Decided to put out school statement tomorrow, before he leaves.

Also got cranking on political problem. He's obviously concerned about reports (especially Buchanan's) that conservatives and South are unhappy. Also he's annoyed by constant right-wing bitching - with never a positive alternative. Ordered me to assemble a political group and really hit them to start defending us - including Buchanan, Sears, Harlow, Ehrlichman, Timmons, BeLieu, Ellsworth, Dent, Whitaker, Ziegler, Klein, Wilkinson. Will meet tomorrow morning.

Long hassle with Burns, et al., regarding domestic planning – upshot - made him Chairman of 6:00 Group to meet daily to coordinate. Should help.

President planning dinner for Duke Ellington's birthday, wants to have "all the jazz greats, like Guy Lombardo"—oh well!

President wants me to hold regular staff meetings like Sherman Adams did - feels we need the participation level raised in the staff. Probably right, but I hate to do it.



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President came into my office in the evening to chat about the California residence possibility. He's very interested and I think he'll go ahead.