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Saturday, February 22.

Last day before the trip. Had our big political meeting most of the morning. Pretty productive. We do need more of this kind of inter-communication.

President pushing hard for student statement - decided finally to release a letter to Father Hesburg. Also annoyed that positive Republican response unit in Congress is not working. No good reaction to OEO move, electoral reform, etc. Harlow slipping on this.

Wants Agnew to run game plan with Governors Conference next week. Get some good positive reaction programmed in advance.

President spent most of the day on the briefing books again. I had to interrupt a number of times with things to be signed. Noticed one time that the book he was diligently studying was a hardware catalogue open to the section on shower heads. For the Quirinale?

Wanted to talk to Rose about reassigning offices, but didn't have a chance.

Cloud on the horizon. DDE having problems with intestine. They were going to operate, but decided not to, because they are afraid he'd die on the table. Talked to President - he decided we'll abort the trip if and when anything happens. Truman also has been ill, but is apparently OK now.

Have everything pretty well cleared up for departure tomorrow. Looks as if I'll have a fairly free ride on the trip. Others have everything under control.