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Tuesday, March 4.

This being press conference day, the President concentrated primarily on preparation. He met this morning with the bipartisan Congressional leaders. I had planned to go in a little late - while I was shaving, the phone rang - the President was checking to see if Secretary Rogers had been invited to the meeting. He had.

I spent only a little time with President in the morning after his meeting and haircut - to get some things signed. He was relaxed and in good spirits but anxious to get to work on briefing materials.

He worked in the office until noon - then went to the Mansion for the rest of the day.

I had long session with Higby regarding moving the press to EOB, and other minor matters. Kind of a relaxed day. Arthur Burns in to make his case for a daily high-level staff meeting. Bud Wilkinson in to discuss his youth program problems and his feeling that President needs better physical care program.

Press conference went very well. Did it at 9 00 pm to get prime time coverage. Ran for full hour to allow longer answers and more questions. Should get good reaction, although he didn't make any major news.