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Wednesday, March 5.

Long staff meeting with Ehrlichman and Harlow and Alex this morning because President involved with NSC. Decided on some major changes in operations. Will start daily staff meetings of all top staff - for a half hour in morning - to see if we can solve communication problem. Probably will shift fairly quickly to Monday-Wednesday-Friday. Also will make shift in personnel organization following plan developed by Higby - if I can persuade Flanigan to stay on. Also agreed we need a czar for domestic like Kissinger in national security and decided it should be Ehrlichman. Now have to implement.

Spent lot of time with President as he floundered through the day. Let-down from trip and press conference has set in. NSC was about all he could handle - he canceled a couple of appointments. Was rambling on about lots of trivia - wants Lincoln portrait over fireplace instead of Washington, discussed plans for EOB office, staff odds and ends. Came up with idea of going to Manchester, NH on March 12 - anniversary of NH primary.

Still worried about public relations side - thinks we need another man to propagandize while Ziegler handles straight briefings.

Got great telegrams reacting to press conference last night. But thinks we don't adequately get out the story.

Good meeting with Rogers Morton. Pepped the President up with his enthusiasm. He needed it. Decided to walk around at EOB, see people. Dropped by Klein's offices and the writer group. Looked at his space again, and said to go ahead with plans for redecorating.

Has decided not to go to Key Biscayne this weekend. Will do Camp David instead. Has to make ABM decision - and we need a long staff session with him, so just as well.