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Thursday, March 6.

Day started with a schedule snafu - and stayed pretty well screwed up. Problem was President beat Chapin and his crew in, and the schedule they had left on his desk was wrong. He started out with Kissinger - then added Rogers - about ABM, and used up all the time until start of UAC. It was screwed up because Moynihan had not properly staffed the agenda, and had sneaked in a four page release and a new volunteer plan. President pretty upset. Hope our plan for Ehrlichman to oversee domestic matters will overcome this.

President met with Scranton to try to persuade him to take over OEO. According to Ehrlichman, President gave him complete control of everything - until John snatched it back.

President gone most of the afternoon for Uncle Ernest's funeral in Pennsylvania.

I had a couple of sessions in between. He's trying to figure a way to get over our activities and accomplishments in the domestic area. Also going back and forth on whether to go to California for the weekend, to see the property. Some further talk regarding office decor. I met again with Williamsburg guy, they'll take on the project. President ordered name change from the Mansion to the Residence.

Stans worried about details of his European mission - President wants him to work it out with Kissinger and State. President decided to drop idea of Vatican representative.

GOP leadership meeting for cocktails in the library - fire warming, very homey. General discussion of campus disorders, Finch HEW school problem, special election in Tennessee, ABM, NPT and electoral reform. Not much progress.

I had dinner date with Finch in the Mess - halfway through phone rang - President asked us to join him for dinner - told him we'd come for dessert. Went to Residence, President alone in Lincoln Sitting Room eating dinner on TV table, by the fire. Sad - trying to escape Helene Droun. Was in great spirits. Talked for couple of hours - mainly about HEW problems, and some



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politics. Decided not to go to California. Pushing hard to do something regarding campus disorders. Doesn't want to let Reagan get the whole ride on this issue. Leaders urged this too. Probably will make radio address.