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Friday, March 7.

President presented his first Congressional Medals of Honor today. Ceremony in the East Room, with the Marine Band, families, etc. He did a marvelous job of personalizing the presentations and broke from the script to have the families each come up for a picture afterwards, while he chatted informally with them. Very well done - and a departure from the past when LBJ used these occasions to defend his war policy.

Rest of the day was clean-up appointments, and a visit to the CIA. Decided this morning to go to Florida for the weekend, had planned on Camp David. Problem is Helene Droun. All the troops really had to hop, but we made it. Ehrlichman and I spent most of the flight down in the cabin with President. General discussion with no particular results. He had a few drinks and was thoroughly relaxed.