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Sunday, March 9.

Ehrlichman and I to President's at 10:00 - long two hour talk on his personal finances, the California property, and a few brief notes on business. Kissinger called me early in great distress because Rogers had reversed United States policy in his talk with Dobrynin yesterday. Kissinger feels it is disastrous and is really upset, but will spend today developing recovery plan and come down tomorrow to see President. Kissinger feels the policy question is so serious that if continued he'll have to leave. Can't preside over destruction of Saigon government. Feels we have great chance to take hard line and Rogers gave it away. Spent rest of the day in the sun and sailing. Tough.

Kissinger called to say had canceled Sunday strike (ref. activity in Bonn) and Packard very disturbed - wanted to call President, feels we're wrong, should go ahead even if have to hold off ABM. Kissinger will figure out recommendation and call President this afternoon. Rogers still opposed - and he reflects establishment press view. Kissinger feels better to be clobbered now by *Times*, etc., if it will help end war sooner. He thinks it will. Rogers is right regarding immediate reaction, but not for long haul. Have to do it before starting private talks.