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Sunday, March 16.

Another day off, more or less. Took Jo to White House Church service, then some time in West Wing with the Williamsburg people regarding decorating. Then off for a little more house-hunting before the Ladies replay of the Gridiron. Then from there to White House for surprise birthday party for Pat Nixon.

Beautiful party - she was really surprised. Made grand entrance with family to what she thought was stag party. Had all the close friends - receiving line, dinner at round tables in State dining room. Highlight was *Singing Strings* during dessert, then toasts. Elmer Bobst paid wonderful tribute to President - as did Bill Rogers. Rose toasted Pat Nixon. As President started first toast after cake came in, Pat Nixon said, "Wait until I blow out the candles." Tricia and Julie agreed - and it worked out very well!