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Monday, March 17.

St. Patrick's Day. Received Irish Ambassador in Roosevelt Room. Hastily got clearances so we could announce our new Ambassador to Ireland at same time. Urban Affairs - problems on hunger and students. Meetings with Hobe Lewis (regarding new plan for Earl Mazo as our daily chronicler from press viewpoint and sub-rosa informer on press attitudes, problems and opportunities); S. I. Hayakawa (regarding campus problems, he is obviously a real self-promoter - as President quickly discerned); Mayo (to launch budget week - that's the concentration throughout this week. President really determined to cut and very frustrated by inability to get any of the key Cabinet men to make even a 1 percent overall reduction); Tim Babcock, etc.

Ambassador Freeman of Britain presented credentials at Residence - new format - President upset because change made without his knowledge.

Historic day. Kissinger's "Operation Breakfast" finally came off at 2:00 p.m. our time. Kissinger really excited, as was President. Early reports only that it was underway.

Very disturbed by new report of statement by Sol Linowitz that President feels undercuts our special mission to Peru. Told me to call Rogers and: 1) point out seriousness, 2) have him reprimand Linowitz; and 3) fire him. Bill claims have to keep him until May. President feels Bill over-influenced by establishment.

Still can't get a Presidential statement regarding campus problems put together. Widely varying views within staff. Also great confusion in trying to get volunteer program squared away. Poor Ehrlichman has to untangle all this, and Arthur Burns is now driving him nuts, as he did me (and still does).