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Thursday, January 15.

President at Camp David, alone, and working I guess. Had no interruptions until noon. Ehrlichman and I talked to him on phone about an hour. All clear through the afternoon. Another hour on phone at 6:30, with me, then Ehrlichman, then Kissinger, then Dave Kennedy who wanted to report action of Fed, to relax credit. Then saw *Star* headline about leak on tax plans - furious, wanted Ehrlichman to set up a counter leak. Then back to work for the evening.

Kissinger called me at home all disturbed about a speech by Rogers today saying our Vietnam troop withdrawal plan was irrevocable - a direct violation of President's policy and refutation of his threat in November 3 speech. Kissinger feels it's imperative to rebut Rogers and clarify, and wanted advice as to whether to contact President tonight. I suggested wait and see how press plays it tomorrow, which he'll do.

In noon call, President agreed to do Indiana-Chicago trip February 4-5 - and had some good ideas on plan and content. Also decided to have a press conference on January 26 - at his own initiative. Will also see press in Chicago - damn good plan and will throw them off balance, which is exactly what he's trying to do. Discussed merits of various time periods for conference, etc. Then called at 5:30 for report, and got into some other ideas for the trip. Doesn't seem to be completely absorbed in speech - as he usually has to be before he starts producing