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Friday, January 16.

President at Camp David, still alone. Called several times, regarding schedule and miscellaneous stuff. Had called Hope regarding his show, and said regarding his patriotic appeal, had enormous reaction. Lot of ideas regarding start new year on take-charge basis, wants to really crank after the speech.

Some ideas on speech - getting new drafts from each writer tonight. Asking for more lift, and now some specific statistics.

Wants to announce new Justice on Monday. Problem arose late today - he failed to file a gift return last year, big debate in staff on how to handle. Mitchell simply shrugs it off.

Regarding speech, said he's going to hit on uplift theme regarding what's ahead, and can just hear the intellectuals grinding their teeth and saying why doesn't he talk about pollution in the rivers.