



H. R. Haldeman Diaries Collection, January 18, 1969 – April 30, 1973

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Sunday, January 18.

Had all the drafts he wanted waiting for the President in EOB at 10:00 - and I waited in my office for his arrival. He didn't get up until about 1:00, and went to the office a little before 2:00. He'd gone to bed last night after the Martin dinner at 12:05. At 12:30 there was a fire alarm, and the ushers discovered the President in the Lincoln Sitting Room trying to light the fire. He worked there until after 2:30.

No word from him regarding the material so I went home. He called me soon after with some instructions on parts of the speech. Wants Ehrlichman to rewrite Buchanan's crime section. (I was interested that in his out box from Camp David, he sent back everyone's notes except mine, which he's apparently still using). Also wants some more inflation statistics.

Came up with a feeling that he should postpone his press conference to give Congressional reaction to the speech a chance to take form, but decided to leave it on Monday.

Was annoyed with Martin - said he's a pretty graceless fellow, apparently used last night's dinner to give a long spiel regarding how bad the inflation is, and little hope of curing it. This, after President and others gave warm emotional tributes.

Seems to be in good spirits and not very concerned about the speech, so must have a feeling that it's under control.