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Monday, January 19.

Another day of speech-making. President at EOB all morning and afternoon except for couple of meetings at midday. Took an hour for signing and schedule review. Appointed Carswell to the Court, called him to confirm it. Made point of wanting Justices to balance out regarding the Constitution - and said: after you are appointed I'll never talk to you except socially - but I must appoint men who will bring the balance, and your decisions show you will. Decided to go regardless of the tax problem. Mitchell discussed it with Senate leaders. With great agony President agreed to go to Prayer Breakfast, and move Midwest trip one day later. Had me keep Kissinger out all day again - doesn't want to get distracted.