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Tuesday, January 20.

Inaugural anniversary. Hard to believe a year has passed. President had a busy time midday - with VP, the Pope's Secretary of State Benelli, Rogers and the Biafra team, a group of home builders, the March of Dimes kid, and a few other odds and ends. Then down for a haircut, and over to the EOB. Kissinger had Dobrynin in, and President had Kissinger bring him over for meeting. It was snowing pretty hard all afternoon.

Late in the afternoon, President came back over to Oval Office and buzzed for Rose and me. When we came in, he was standing by the desk in his overcoat - he reached over and opened his silver cigar box and it played "Hail to the Chief". He just stood there with a sheepish smile, and then said - well, it was there a year ago. Then chatted a bit about general problem of the speech, then left. Cabinet dinner.