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Tuesday, January 27.

A loaded day, trying to catch up. Prime Minister Wilson arrival with usual fanfare. Big feature was the new uniform of the White House police. President met first thing in morning with new draft director, then a session with Kissinger, the arrival, and the rest of the morning with the Prime Minister, and then with the advisers.

At midday break did all the signing and then chatted about being worked too hard - especially in having to do so much speech writing. Busy afternoon - with a bunch of cats and dogs. Finished at 5:00 right on schedule. Decided to drop TV press conference on Friday, and do one in the office instead. Feels he's overexposed, and doing too much. Real reason is problem of having to get "up" again after State of the Union and veto speeches. Obviously is anxious just to let down a little. We talked him into leaving it on - partly because Ziegler had already announced it - but also because he knows he really should do it. But then he really lashed out regarding how hard he has to work, and the inadequate staff support, again especially about speech writing. Flared up a bit for a few minutes, then simmered down - and obviously realized he had little choice.

Kissinger encourages the view that he should limit his exposure - Ehrlichman argues just the opposite. After they had left and he was on the way out, he made the point that Ehrlichman et al., will always push to do more - and that I must hold the line.

Did agree to add a Congressional reception tomorrow night for those who voted to sustain the veto. Looks like a darn good vote - and that will be a major Congressional victory - which will help to set the stage for the rest of the session.

I had several press interviews today - Oberdorfer doing a feature story on me, and I gave him a lot of new stuff regarding philosophy, etc. We'll see how he uses it. Other was AP feature on how President works, changes in White House, etc.

State Dinner tonight for Prime Minister. Alex Butterfield covering it.