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Wednesday, February 4.

Rather a slow day, with some juggling of the morning schedule (afternoon clear, Wednesday plan).

Staff meeting mainly regarding obvious move by the "Establishment" to reopen the Vietnam debate. All the magazines hit it this week, Fulbright and Goodell are back at it, heavy coverage in press conference last week, etc. Clear that they gave us 90 days after the November 3 speech and are now back at it. Also lot of effort to revive Moratorium activities. President also raised this point - and we covered in detail at PR staff meeting. Have to remobilize the Silent Majority, and get our own fires burning.

President issued strict orders that Ziegler and White House staff are to say nothing about Vietnam until further orders. Has to keep complete control and not let an inadvertent comment play into their hands. Also has embargoed ABM.

Hit me again on failure to redirect our hiring from New York, Harvard, Ripon types to South, Midwest and West. Is really determined to change the balance. Told the Congressional staff group he would reappoint Haynsworth if we picked up three Senators and could get him confirmed.

Told me to tell Ehrlichman he plans to take on the integration problem directly. Is really concerned about situation in Southern schools and feels we have to take some leadership to try to reverse Court decisions that have forced integration too far, too fast. Has told Mitchell to file another case - and keep filing until we get a reversal. Told Ehrlichman to get Panetta's resignation by Friday (Ehrlichman already has it - has been holding it, undated).

Concerned about mediocre staff - wants to be sure we keep only the very best. Wants me to move hard on personnel, schedule, political and reorganization. Pushing again on the "one man in charge" approach.



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Spent afternoon at EOB. Has a briefing book for possible Chicago press conference. Called several times, mainly about ideas for weekend meetings and several more small stag dinners. Kind of likes that approach. Hope he'll stay with it, could be very productive.