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Saturday, February 7.

President had farewell breakfast for Bill Rogers, who is off to Africa. Then came to office about 8:45 and no one in yet. Finally got Kissinger. I had meeting with Ash and Ehrlichman and Mayo, lasted until 11:00. President stayed in office alone after Kissinger left at 10:00 until he called Rose at 11:15. Then had me in for a long session at noon - cleaned up all my schedule items, etc. He reviewed the trip again. Wants to be sure we use the family to the hilt – Pat Nixon pleased with her independent schedule on trip.

Wants to try to build a group of Nixon friends all over the country - about one hundred we can count on for the long haul.

Wants more analysis of LBJ and JFK use of TV - press conferences and other types of appearances. Must use all the power and means at our disposal to achieve maximum impact. Need to study all this carefully and develop new ideas and approaches.

Going again on his determination not to play to blacks and professional civil righters. Is convinced we gain nothing. Ogilvie apparently has come to same conclusion in Illinois. Key is to limit all our support and communication to the good blacks and totally ignore the militants, etc. Along this line he's really furious with John Gardner who keeps hitting us, on an odd basis - disregarding all the help we've given him.

Afternoon meeting with the Cabinet group working on Southern school problem. Then off to Camp David with the whole Mitchell family, plus Rose and Chotiner.