



H. R. Haldeman Diaries Collection, January 18, 1969 – April 30, 1973

National Archives and Records Administration, Online Public Access Catalog Identifier: 7787364

Tuesday, February 17.

Leadership meeting - first in a long while. Main subject was Kissinger's review of tomorrow's foreign policy message. Very impressive. Made point this is first time ever done; that we are moving to build new approaches and new institutions to meet new needs; and trying to game plan how to manage crises, but to avoid them. Considerable discussion - all very impressed.

Then a long discussion of school problem, with even Scott agreeing we should go for another Congressional vote against busing - to try to impress the Courts and deflect their present trend toward ordering end to de facto segregation nationwide at any cost. President made very strong statement of his position and his real concern that we may be headed for total chaos unless the courts let up. They all seemed to agree. This has become the major cause of the moment - and may really be very serious. Great advance political possibilities.

President also cracked Lindsay and Rockefeller for their utter hypocrisy in snubbing Pompidou – after “slobbering all over Kosygin” who is direct cause of Mideast war.

Couple of long talks during noon and late afternoon, as he broods over the school problem and some other current issues, especially recession. These clearly the two big ones now. Great detail regarding Agnew speech, he's inclined now to think he should do it - especially on Harlow's recommendation, based on talk with VP at lunch which convinced him that VP has valid point that if we don't move out on this, a Southern Democrat like Russell will - and might unite the right and left wing Democrats on a strange basis - both against the Courts but for opposite reasons. Feels we can preempt the proper position by going first - and also must avoid being trapped in the position of having to enforce integration by busing or gerrymandering in the North.

Session with President and Bud Wilkinson - locked him in to stay with the Voluntary Action program, at least for awhile.

Dinner tonight for General Hershey. We had dinner party at home for old-timers on staff.



H. R. Haldeman Diaries Collection, January 18, 1969 – April 30, 1973

National Archives and Records Administration, Online Public Access Catalog Identifier: 7787364

Kissinger all cranked up about his secret trip to Paris - fully covered, and no one knows he's going. He loves the intrigue and Preisident enjoys it too.