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Saturday, February 21.

Another day of long talks, nothing on schedule except Volunteer Army group. Fortunately he took over an hour with them, which helped. Then he left for Camp David at 3:30, and I spent three hours just trying to get my notes cleared up, so I'll have a slew of appointments with staff next week.

A lot more on the school problem - the main preoccupation. Wants to find a way to get into the LA case somehow, to express his view that the ruling is impossible to enforce. Also wants Judge Hoffman invited to Gridiron, to give him a chance to get a big hand, like Hayakawa did last year.

Really got into a harangue on follow-up. Especially distressed regarding Carswell, because we are apparently not doing anything positive - while the opponents are charging ahead just as they did with Haynsworth. Wants someone put in charge - won't accept idea of Justice taking the prime responsibility - but that's the only way we can handle these. Had me call Mitchell, he takes his usual imperturbable stance.

Had a lot of thoughts about the volunteer board last night. As would be expected from Max Fisher, it is heavily Jewish and Michigan oriented. Had a bunch of notes based on individual conversations.

Got the idea of having Mrs. Allen of DC School Board come in today, but held off. Did have Carroll Kilpatrick come in to talk about DC schools since his wife is a teacher in Wilson High School. Poor Carroll was completely overwhelmed. President keeps pushing for more knowledge and a better basis for his approach on this. Talked it all over again. Will have to develop a public stance, and figure a way to present it.

It's been a long week. Tried to set up new office procedures with my move to the corner and Alex into my old office - but I spent most of the week in the Oval Office listening, especially because Ehrlichman gone. Will be nice to have him back. This is another major metamorphosis



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period, this time regarding schools. It will result in major new ground being broken - hard to tell now where.