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Monday, March 2.

Pat Nixon left this morning on her college tour. President had light schedule all at midday because day had originally been kept clear for press conference tonight which was dropped. He had a meeting with Raspberry - black columnist - regarding his thoughts on the school problem. This continues to be the main item of interest - plus work on the Laos statement - which occupied a good part of the available time.

Then at 2:30 we left for New York and the Pompidou dinner, moving the departure up an hour to confuse the demonstrators and the press. Trip turned out a huge success. We went right to the Waldorf - spent balance of afternoon there - President meeting with Kissinger about Laos - and a private meeting with Pompidou who was deeply touched and impressed by President's gesture of coming to the dinner. President got great reception at the dinner and scored with his remarks. A darn good maneuver.

Had me up in cabin on flight up - regarding some general thoughts. Especially regarding Cabinet officer relations, which concerns him. Got back into this at the hotel too. Had discussed with Ehrlichman and me this morning - wants to go back to monthly Cabinet meeting, but have more frequent individual sessions, especially with the problem types: Volpe, Blount, Hickel, Romney and maybe Stans. Is really trying to figure how to keep them happy and on the track without having to get into all their minor problems with which he should not be concerned. Also recognizes the constant and growing staff problem vis-a-vis the Cabinet. There is definitely an area of concern here, but no clear answer as to how to handle.

Had to re-route motorcade into Waldorf because of threat of man with gun on FDR Drive - so went through crummy area of lower Manhattan. President went into quite a harangue at the hotel regarding the miserable city of New York, and the whole impossible problem of how to make such cities livable - really can't be done.



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Lot of Jewish demonstrators, chanting, a block away. Got President going again against Jews' attitude. Now wants no messages sent to Jewish meetings, etc.