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Tuesday, March 3.

Full schedule today, but no dinner tonight (was going to have a private one), so he can work on Laos statement. Leaders meeting this morning on education message.

President had long meeting with VP regarding their plans for Gridiron and then into other areas. (They're going to do a piano duet, which should be great.) President called me in regarding VP schedule, wants me to help his staff in planning.

Still emoting regarding the Jews. Says they have misjudged because pressure tactics worked with other Presidents, and they thought it would with him - but instead it has backfired. He is determined to make them realize this.

Long discussion regarding plans for White House Church on Gridiron Sunday. Debating between all music service with a five minute silent period, or a standard format with Billy Graham. Finally decided on the latter.

Also discussion regarding Julie's graduation. VP told him he was wrong in not going, and this caused him to reconsider; thinks now he should just go and sit in audience and take the heat if there's a demonstration or a bad speaker. Tough decision, because can't really win either way.

Quadriad meeting in late afternoon. President startled because Mayo got him at the end and said glad we'll be meeting regarding budget and reorganization on Thursday because there is a real problem of Ehrlichman getting too much power over budget. Looks like Bob is getting ready to move to a basic confrontation on this.

Concern this morning about a press leak that next troop withdrawal will be 70,000. President feels this is a deliberate attempt to screw us by making whatever we actually do look smaller.