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Wednesday, March 25.

Had planned on Key Biscayne at noon today - but Congress is staying in session at least until tomorrow, and the postal negotiations start at 2:00, so decided to wait until tomorrow. President had NSC meeting this morning, then spent rest of day at EOB until meeting with Senator Cooper regarding ABM and Carswell at 5:00 in Oval Office - after that to Residence.

Made point in meeting this morning that under no circumstance would he declare a national holiday for Martin Luther King – said that would be like making Nero Christ. Some more discussion regarding Carswell - still worried for good reason as he continues to decline - lose a few senators each day.

President wanted to visit DC Post Office to thank workers and almost did. Decided against it at last minute because of risk of bad reactions which would mar all the good we have going for us now regarding strike, etc., and school statement.

Arthur Burns called me with good economic news for President. Bank of America and Irving lowered prime rate, and wholesale price index is down.

Had a long general session at EOB in afternoon, President mainly running through trivia. Would like to leave for Key Biscayne but can't. Did get into a few details regarding these negotiations. Feels we'll probably have to force the issue regarding who represents government, and have Labor take over - even if it means Blount resigning, which Bryce thinks will happen.