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Monday, March 30.

Now Kissinger is all stirred up. Had him stashed away at Paradise Island for a week's vacation, but he's afraid to be away if crisis breaks, and Cambodia is brewing one. After numerous calls, I finally talked him into staying, much to President's relief. He knows Kissinger needs time off and rest.

President met with Blount and Ehrlichman at 5:00 when we arrived at White House. Then called me in at 6:00, and went on until 9:30 - with no apparent purpose. Lot of little schedule details. Called Haig in for half hour to get caught up. Lot of talk about President's analysis of vacation needs - two days maximum in Florida, with no interruptions or business. Full week in California, with work in the mornings. One night every week at Camp David or somewhere.

Fairly encouraged regarding postal negotiations. Not really as concerned regarding Blount as he had been before. Got the basic government position pretty well worked out. Has Ehrlichman's crew working tonight on draft statement, and analysis of costs, and required revenue increases. Won't be easy.

Obviously didn't want to leave office, talked on and on. Then spent evening at house on phone. Getting caught up after absence. Toured new press facilities and seemed pleased.