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Friday, December 25.

Christmas Day. The President stayed home until about 4:00. And then, he went up to Camp David with the family. They did go to the church service last night, but didn't tell anyone, so no word is out on it. The President called about midday. He said to take five minutes off anytime during the day and enjoy Christmas. He raised the Alsop question again; he's intrigued with pursuing that, with the idea of bringing Alsop in as our top communications man. He suggested I make the point to him that, with such a vitally important two years in the history of the Republic that this would be a very good thing for him to do.

The President was pleased that the stock market was up yesterday, so we had a good Christmas morning headline, but was very disturbed that the *Washington Post*, at least, had buried the casualty figures, which are the lowest in five years, on page 29.

End of December 25.