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Wednesday, January 5.

The Anderson papers are now back again as a big flap. Ehrlichman and I had a long session with Henry this morning and then some more discussion with the President. Henry's staff got him all cranked up on the basis that the story in *The Washington Post* had totally destroyed Henry's credibility, and there was nothing left for him to do but quit. He, of course, soaked that up. We jumped on him pretty hard on the point that he couldn't go out to the press and defend himself and his credibility, which was one alternative he had decided to take, and that we needed to determine whether there was a credibility problem and then let Jerry Warren handle it on a low key basis. He-- Henry was full of the usual charges of nobody on the staff defends him. We all let him be the victim and so on, but I don't think he really believes that much anymore. He just tosses it out. There-- the President talked to him later and told him the same thing. He told him not to do anything now and not to talk to the press. So we've probably got it pretty well bottled up for the moment.

The President spent quite a while with the NASA people before his space shuttle announcement today.

End of January 5.

Thursday, January 6.

Going back to the 5th, I was in there with him for three hours this morning but didn't really cover anything of any great importance. It was pretty much just sitting and chatting. He just sort of filling the time here before the Japanese meetings starting tomorrow.

End of January 5.