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Tuesday, January 21.

The first day on the job - pretty hectic - family all came to the White House, including Raines.

Staff reception. President and Mrs. Nixon down grand staircase - "Hail to the Chief" at the landing - Marine Band in hall - into East Room for brief remarks.

Back to the office, papers to get ready. Ehrlichman and I in with President for an hour - general discussion before swearing in of staff.

Staff swearing in - Chief Justice Warren. President brief informal remarks, mainly directed to families of staff. Then lunch with Jo and kids in the mess. Good-bye - family back to California.

NSC meeting in the afternoon. Long meetings in my office regarding Arthur Burns problems.

At end of day President decided to see his office in EOB - so we headed over with no notice. First took swing through West Wing. Higby led EOB tour. President agreed on the old VP's office after looking it all over - and checking out the old Betty Furness corner office - agreed it was best. Took tour through first floor, chatted with staff that were still there (7:00).

Back to office. Fifteen minutes with President to wrap up the day.