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Friday, January 24.

Hickel sworn in finally - President had some very good gags - all his own notes.

Meeting with Harlow and Ehrlichman, added Burns and McCracken regarding procedures for developing programs. Agreed Burns would develop directives to implement his program points by the departments. Also need Presidential message to Congress regarding reorganization authority renewal. President ordered all of us to read Burns' book tonight. Very determined to get things moving-- wants action. Burns is great, has good effect on President.

DuBridge meeting -general report. President again pushed for what can we do now, i.e. raise National Science Foundation ceiling.

Economic Policy group meeting delayed by Ehrlichman who was held up at the Mansion with Mrs. Nixon, and was late to President's office to review two Executive Orders - one holding up CAB (Civil Aeronautics Board) route case (major impact, first big decision, Ehrlichman sat on couch in Oval Office imperturbably reviewing the papers while President - determined to be at Economic Policy meeting on time - fidgeted); and the other formalizing the Economic Council which became the Cabinet Committee on Economic Policy. The Order had been drawn at the last minute because this Committee wanted same status as Urban Affairs and they had an Executive Order.

Pete Flanigan made his farewell report - President at last minute had Chowder and Marching group to lunch - and also at last minute had Rose to dinner.

President ready for haircut tomorrow but worried about the White House barber, wanted to know if he really did LBJ and JFK - did he really have full instructions from the President's California barber, etc. Finally set appointment for 3:00 Saturday.



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President came up with the idea of a writer type in each major meeting to do a memo for his file on the tone and flavor of the meeting, and to consult about what to say to press and how to get follow-up mileage.

Wants all Ambassadors to resign, especially Carter Burgess. Wants high appointments to move ahead. Bliss settled.

Discussed procedure for press conference preparation. First one will be Monday. He wants precise answer input from all departments. Book to President 6:00 Sunday, then all staff meet Monday morning 7:30 - key people with President at 9:30. Press conference at 11:00.