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Monday, February 3.

Staff meeting with President, (Harlow and Ehrlichman) covered odds and ends. President preoccupied with getting resignations in, and new appointments made. Then added Kissinger for detailed discussion of trip plans.

Further discussion with me alone regarding Rose, said he doesn't want me to compromise, he's ready to let her go if necessary. Said not to agree to take her on Europe trip until see how she performs as a result of yesterday's talk.

Meeting with Arthur Burns to review a new batch of policy planning directives to Cabinet officers. President skimmed through them - not anxious to spend time on details. Okayed them all.

President called tonight very upset by column quoting Klein that we'll be relying heavily on polls. This problem is always with us. President most anxious to avoid any appearance of being like LBJ.

Decided to go to Key Biscayne for weekend, but taking Kissinger and me to appear to be working. Can't accept vacation or day off.

Settled feed grain question - very reluctant to force Mayo to take budget increase as first revision against his recommendation - but strongly felt Hardin position on behalf of farmers was right one. Then had to face another budget increase regarding lifting ceiling on NSF funds to universities. Asked Burns to work it out with Mayo. They compromised and everyone's happy.

President backed off on his threat to Rogers to accept all Ambassador resignations (non-career) today. Did sign a few - put off the rest. Has Ehrlichman working directly with Rogers, and making some progress.

Still trying to get Tim by his desk - dog biscuits are starting to work.



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President decided to use the pool today for the first time - and had me get him a size 36 bathing suit, and a bathing cap because the barber told him the chlorine was bad for his hair. We got three of each. Also had Chapin's office get a supply of dog bones and a water dish, etc.