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Friday, February 7.

The busiest day yet for sheer volume of activity. Regular staff meeting, Kissinger briefing, Boy Scouts presentation, Mardi Gras queens, Cabinet meeting, session with Yost, Senate Youth Program group (President sensational according to all reports), Volpe's Department heads, the National Guard Chiefs, visit to Commerce Department, Roy Wilkins, Air Force commander in Vietnam, then signed huge batch of appointments and resignations and went through all of Rose's letters. All this before 5:00, when we took off for Key Biscayne. Left by helicopter from White House back lawn - pretty exciting. Poor Tim scared to death.

Called me in near end of plane trip to say he wanted no special cars flown to Europe, and the Secret Service detail cut way down. Doesn't want to look overprotected.

I spent the day getting decks cleared for Key Biscayne trip. Went out to order Jo's anniversary gifts and get my passport. Had long lunch meeting with Ken Cole and Larry regarding operation of our group. Problem is how to keep work and people and calls away from me and handled by others on the one side - and how to avoid the feeling or the fact that people can't get to me on the other. Also need to improve our internal communication. Ken and Larry to work up a plan.

Also long talk with Chapin regarding his attitude and operation. Concerned that he and Ziegler don't do adequate staffing job, but come to me for solutions instead of with solutions. Think it did some good.