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Tuesday, February 3.

Leaders meeting on farm policy - then all to memorial service for Glen Lipscomb. Harlow and I rode out and sat with President. Diplomatic credentials on return. President really hates them - a waste of time - three of the four were African. President said to Harlow those three all put together have less people than are in Glen Lipscomb's district.

Kept things waiting while he talked with me regarding his pleasure with my planned new role - wants Alex Butterfield to start right away on the details. Feels we're weak in two areas: scheduling, both for President and for all other key staff and VP; and organization, per last night's discussion. Wants me to move in on both these areas with iron control - ruthless from the top of the heap. Urges that we zero in on what matters and stop trying to do too many things. Get the chaff out of the way. Feels we dwell on too much detail - memos too long, etc.

Discussed White House police uniforms - major flap of the season. At first thought we should change the hats - but then agreed with my concern that this would just reopen and continue the story.

Very concerned by TV analysis showing NBC continually shafts us. Wants a plan for taking them on somehow.

Had a session this afternoon with FCC, didn't like it much and doesn't want to do these any more. Then a meeting with Rogers regarding his African trip, followed by major session at EOB with Kissinger, Rogers, Laird, Wheeler and Mitchell. Has to drop by Pat Nixon's reception for the press ladies tonight. We'll hear about that tomorrow.