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Wednesday, March 18.

Cabinet meeting, with the new table, chairs and decor. Looks great. Uneventful and unimportant meeting.

President had Ehrlichman and me over to EOB after meeting for long general discussion. He had a little list of topics.

First juggling Cabinet around. Would love to get rid of Kennedy, Romney, Volpe, and especially Hickel. But not much hope. Wanted Morton to take a stab at getting Hickel to go back to Alaska to run for Governor again. And maybe Romney to do the Senate after all.

Then, to Mayo. Still wants to move on him - has made firm decision but can't figure out how to carry it out. Keeps trying to figure out a Cabinet spot for him, but really would like to get him all the way out - and should.

Then, wants to blast Muskie regarding how he blew the Gridiron.

Then wants action on DuBridge. Feels we've kept him too long already and have to move him out.

Then finally got to the real point - Kissinger. He's really worried about his psychopathic obsession with the idea that Rogers is out to get him - and even more by his inability to stay out of the Israel problem. Talked about how we could help by trying to get Kissinger to stick to priorities, etc.

President worked at EOB all afternoon on press conference briefing books. Called me over at 6:30 - to talk about book from Kissinger too thick. Problem is, as staff gets bigger, their work gets more voluminous and less valuable and less imaginative and more careful.

I brought up George Murphy problem again - which I had spent several hours on in the afternoon. The *LA Times* ran a horrible editorial against him, and that reopened the efforts to get



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him not to run; but no one thinks it can be done, except possibly by the President. He's perfectly willing to try if we want him to. So we have to get more information. Cliff Miller is here working on it, and Dick Moore in LA. We'll see.