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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 21, 1975

MR. PRESIDENT:

Attached for your information
is a copy of Ron Nessen's
briefing from February 20.

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AT THE WHITE HOUSE

WITH RON NESSEN

AT 12:06 P.M. EST

FEBRUARY 20, 1975

THURSDAY

MR. NESSEN: The President began his morning with a breakfast in the residence at 7:30 a.m. for the bipartisan leaders of Congress, Senate and House. I think you have a list of the participants. The breakfast lasted an hour and a half, and the primary purpose was for Dr. Kissinger to give a report on his trip to the Middle East.

The President meets at 12:30 p.m. today with Lynn Townsend, the Chairman of the Board of Chrysler Corporation. Mr. Townsend was in town for the Business Council meetings this week. The reason he is coming in is that he is the only Board Chairman of a major auto company who has not met privately with the President, so, today, he is taking that opportunity. The topics of the discussion are expected to be the economy and economic programs, especially, as they relate to the auto industry.

Q Is he seeking any Federal financial aid for Chrysler?

MR. NESSEN: I am told that that is not a purpose of the meeting.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon, the President will meet in the Oval Office with Vice President Rockefeller. This is, as you know, a routine visit, now a weekly meeting between the President and the Vice President.

At 8 o'clock this evening, the President and Mrs. Ford will be the hosts at a black tie dinner in honor of the Governors, who are having their meeting in Washington this week, and the Governors' wives. Vice President and Mrs. Rockefeller will also be there.

Detailed questions on coverage arrangements can be worked out with Bill Roberts and Sheila Weidenfeld. The arrivals will be at 8:10 p.m., and that is for open coverage. There also will be pool coverage of the toasts, I think, and also, the toasts will be piped back here. We also will have a transcript of the toasts available. There will be dancing after dinner, and there will be press pool coverage of the dancing, although no photographs of the dancing.

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