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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 10, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: COLONEL LEN RILEY (WHCA)
MARY BURNS (CHIEF OPERATOR) ✓

FROM: RON NESSEN *RHN*

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL TELEPHONE CALLS

During the past several primary election nights, we have experienced a problem with Presidential telephone calls to campaign chairmen in various states being piped "live" to the President Ford Committee. As perhaps you know, these calls are often carried over a public address system at the Campaign Headquarters to newsmen and others who might be present.

On calls of this type we should like to institute the following guidelines:

1. that the calls be placed through the Signal Board to facilitate recording by the WHCA;
2. that no calls be piped to the White House briefing room or to the President Ford Committee without prior approval by the Press Office; and,
3. that no calls be piped "live."

Whenever press coverage of these telephone calls is desired, the Press Office will make arrangements with WHCA and the Admin. Board to facilitate recording. We will notify WHCA when and where to pipe the recordings following the actual call.