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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 5, 1975

MR. PRESIDENT:

Attached for your information is
Ron Nessen's briefing for today.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several vertical strokes and a diagonal line at the bottom right.A handwritten signature in black ink, featuring a large, rounded loop on the left side and a vertical line on the right side. The word "Don" is written in the center of the loop.

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AT THE WHITE HOUSE

WITH RON NESSEN

AT 11:50 A.M. EST

FEBRUARY 5, 1975

WEDNESDAY

MR. NESSEN: We do have some Pakistani correspondents with us today covering the briefing.

As you know, the President met last night -- after his return from Atlanta -- with a group of 95 Members of the House, Republicans, to continue the explanation of his energy program and economic program and to urge them to do what they can to get quick Congressional action on his programs.

And then again this morning, he met with 85 Democratic Members of Congress at a breakfast for the same purpose.

Q Why were there more Republicans than Democrats?

MR. NESSEN: Aren't there more?

Q I heard it was the other way.

MR. NESSEN: If you go back to the beginning, you will see there has been a whole series of evening events, or breakfasts or meetings during the day and the hope was that he would get a chance to talk over here with every Member of Congress before the vote on delaying his tariff increase. I don't know whether he has made that or not, but that was the goal.

Q Has every Member been invited?

MR. NESSEN: The hope was that they would be. I am not sure whether we have run out of time to do it or not.

Last night's meeting and this morning's meeting, Democrats and Republicans, also represented a sort of a broad spectrum of opinion in both parties.

As for this morning's meeting, the President opened the meeting and the other speakers were Secretary Kissinger, who talked about the international impact of the President's energy program; Alan Greenspan talked about the economic impact and Frank Zarb spelled out details of the program.

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