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AT THE WHITE HOUSE

WITH RON NESSEN

AT 1:40 P.M. EST

FEBRUARY 7, 1975

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MR. NESSEN: Since I have grown so pudgy, I decided that one way to lose weight was to have my briefing during the lunch hour so I couldn't eat lunch. (Laughter.)

Q What you have done is, you have really immobilized us for several hours. Wouldn't it be possible -- if you could come out at 11:30, whether you were complete or not, and if you were not ready to brief then -- maybe to come back at 2:30 or 3:00 because we have other appointments around town. We have other things we have to do. I realize this is bad, but there have been other days nearly as bad as this.

MR. NESSEN: Today I couldn't even do that.

Q If you could have some sort of schedule where we could --

MR. NESSEN: Today I could not do it. We put a wire note out saying the briefing would be 12:30, and then we announced on the loudspeaker it would be between 1:00 and 1:30.

Q When you do that, you still immobilize us for some time.

MR. NESSEN: I apologize, but today was a day that circumstances were such that --

Q I realize you have your problems, but we have our's, too, and if we could work together something -- an afternoon briefing is not a bad thing anyway, and maybe we should have them occasionally anyway, rather than have it this way.

MR. NESSEN: I will try to work out something to avoid keeping everybody sitting around like this.

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