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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 18, 1975

MR. PRESIDENT:

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

Don

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "DR" with a flourish, likely representing Donald Rumsfeld.

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AT THE WHITE HOUSE

WITH RON NESSEN

AT 11:30 A.M. EST

FEBRUARY 18, 1975

TUESDAY

MR. NESSEN: I have rearranged my schedules in the morning in an effort to get the briefing started on time, and it looks like it is working. At least, it has worked today, and I hope we are going to be able to do this every day.

The President, at 7:30 a.m. this morning, had a breakfast with Republican Congressional leaders. I think you have a list of participants. The purpose was to discuss the President's energy program and his economic program.

This was a regularly scheduled weekly meeting and was not any sort of a special meeting. In fact, only two of the Congressional meetings this week were specially arranged. This morning's breakfast and the bipartisan leadership breakfast on Thursday are both regularly scheduled meetings, and the reception for the Republican House Freshmen on Wednesday was a regularly scheduled meeting.

Q He has them all the time.

MR. NESSEN: I am sorry. The reception was a protocol matter that had been scheduled for some weeks, or, I guess, more than a month, so, actually, the only meetings that, really, you could say were special would be the --

Q Is there some point you are trying to make here, Ron?

MR. NESSEN: I don't know how I got myself into that. I am just going to push right on.

Q What are the special meetings?

MR. NESSEN: That would be the steering committee, the Wednesday Club and the Southern Senators.

Q Three?

MR. NESSEN: Yes, three.

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