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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN *ag*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 10, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

VIA: DON RUMSFELD

FROM: RON NESSEN *RHN*

Some time ago I mentioned to you a request from Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, the investigative reporters of the Washington Post who developed the Watergate story, to interview you off-the-record for their forthcoming book on the last days of the Nixon Administration. They have talked to many of the personalities involved in those last days totally off-the-record and not for quotation or attribution. They would very much like to talk to you on this same basis to learn of your memories of those days. In the book none of what you tell them would be attributed to you by name.

The initial decision you made on this was not to do it.

Woodward and Bernstein are coming in to see me on Saturday to informally give me a progress report, at their request, on what they have learned in their research. They have already indicated to me that they have learned nothing which casts any doubt on your role in those last days as it has already been publicly reported.

I am not urging you to reconsider your earlier decision not to talk to Woodward and Bernstein, but their visit to me on Saturday gives you an opportunity to review these options.

I don't want to see Woodward and Bernstein.

You can bring them in for a short courtesy call while they are here on Saturday, but no interview.

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You can bring them in to see me when they are here Saturday and I will answer their questions off-the-record for 30 minutes.

I will do an off-the-record interview with Woodward and Bernstein but at a later date, not this Saturday.

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August 18, 1997

Dear David,

I wanted to thank you and your staff for providing such great assistance last week. I showed the documents that I copied to Bob, and he has found them to be very useful. Per our conversation, I also asked Bob if he ever met secretly with President Ford. He said the meeting did not take place, but he was amused to see the memorandum authorizing his access to the president. He said he plans to ask President Ford about the authorization when he interviews him in September. As the project progresses and new questions arise, I will definitely be in touch. Thanks again for your help.

Sincerely,

Jeff Glasser

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Assistant to Bob Woodward