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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 14, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

DONALD RUMSFELD

VIA:

JAMES E. CONNOR *JEC*

FROM:

WARREN RUSTAND

SUBJECT:

Proposed Addition to the President's
Schedule for the Week of April 21

Monday, April 21
10:00 p.m. (60 minutes)

One-hour Interview with the President at
10:00 p.m. on Monday, April 21 with
Walter Cronkite alone or with Bob Schieffer and
Eric Severaid.

CBS has requested a one-hour interview with the President on April 21 at 10:00 p.m. It could be done live or pre-taped the day before.

The other two networks have already done interviews with the President and it is legitimately CBS' turn. In addition, the President personally promised Cronkite during a recent chat in the Oval Office that he could do an interview whenever he was ready.

Ron Nessen is in favor with one concern: it could be there would be some major development in Southeast Asia at the time of the interview and the President would then be committed to go on live TV and, obviously, would not be able to avoid responding to questions about the development, perhaps before he was ready.

APPROVE _____

DISAPPROVE _____

(Live: NR7 Pretaped _____)