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INTERVIEW WITH
MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES FROM
KENTUCKY

Thursday, May 20, 1976

10:30 A. M.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

PRESS CONFERENCE FOR KENTUCKY MEDIA

Thursday, May 20, 1976
10:30 a.m. (60 minutes)
The State Dining Room

From: Ron Nessen
Margita White

Handwritten notes:
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I. PURPOSE

To take questions from representatives of Kentucky newspapers and television and radio stations.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background: Because your schedule did not permit extensive travel to Kentucky and the granting of press interviews there, we responded to the numerous interview invitations from Kentucky by inviting media from throughout the state to the White House. Invitations were extended to editors of all daily newspapers, three weekly news representatives recommended by the Kentucky Press Association and the news directors of all TV stations and radio stations in the larger markets.

Following the press conference with you and time for filing and individual luncheon plans, the Kentucky media will attend an afternoon briefing by Don Rumsfeld, Alan Greenspan and Jim Lynn.

B. Participants: The attendance list of 51 is attached at Tab A. It includes representatives from 17 newspapers, 9 television stations and 6 radio stations. Among the newspapers is the Kentucky Kernel, the University of Kentucky paper which is the fourth largest daily in the state.

Staff Participants: Ron Nessen, Margita White and Bob Mead.

- C. Press Plan: There will be open and full coverage for the participants, including television. A transcript will be made available later to the White House Press Corps. Photographs will be taken by the participants, the wire service photographers and the White House photographer.

III. TALKING POINTS

- A. The participants will be having coffee at the north end of the State Dining Room as you arrive to mingle informally for 5-10 minutes prior to the press conference.
- B. You will open the Q&A session by moving to the podium by the windows at 10:45 a. m.
- C. No opening statement is necessary. However, you may wish to say something along the following lines:

Welcome to the White House. I wish time might have permitted me to travel more extensively in Kentucky and to respond individually to each of the many interview requests for the Kentucky media. Since the responsibilities of the Presidency have required that I spend most of my time here in Washington and that I confine mostly to weekends my travel to the primary states (I have entered all 30, incidentally), I have not had the opportunity to travel extensively in Kentucky. Therefore, I am gratified that so many of you have taken the time and trouble to join me here today.

- D. The press conference will conclude when one of the newsmen says "Thank you Mr. President" at 11:30 a. m.
- E. A Kentucky briefing book has been prepared for you.

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