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AT THE WHITE HOUSE

WITH BILL GREENER

AT 10:10 A.M. MDT

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THURSDAY
(Vail, Colorado)

MR. GREENER: As most of you know, Ron has gone over to Aspen.

Q Why?

MR. GREENER: He is visiting Bill Moyers.

Q Just a personal call?

MR. GREENER: Just a personal visit. He has gone with Cindy and Edward.

The President is playing golf at Eagle Vail.

Q Why?

MR. GREENER: His golfing partners are Bob Wolfe, Tom Apple, who is the Pro at Eagle Vail, and Ted Kindel.

At this time, they are planning a meeting around 4:30 this afternoon with Frank Zarb and Alan Greenspan, and we will have a small pool for pictures on that.

He has a presentation tonight of the Bicentennial flag and the Bicentennial certificate to Vail. It will be at the Mayor's house.

Q What is that?

MR. GREENER: A Bicentennial flag and a Bicentennial certificate naming Vail as a Bicentennial city.

Q Is it a city?

MR. GREENER: It will be at Mayor John A. Dobson's house, and we will be outside and will have a pool for that at 6:15.

Q A pool will cover this and film it?

MR. GREENER: Yes, it will cover it and film it.

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Q What does that mean, "a Bicentennial city"?

MR. GREENER: If a city has a project that has been approved and qualifies them as one of the cities participating in the Bicentennial celebration.

Q What is their project?

MR. GREENER: One hundred years of Colorado Skiing Museum, from 1876 to 1976. (Laughter)

We will have some paperwork on that for you later on -- the details of the museum itself.

He will be at the Mayor's house from 6:15 to 6:45.

That is about all I have.

Q When did Zarb get in?

MR. GREENER: Frank is driving in now from Denver and should be in in the next hour or so.

Q Will the President's speech tomorrow be for A.M. release?

MR. GREENER: It will be for P.M. release.

Q When can we get it?

MR. GREENER: We hope to get it this evening.

Q What time?

MR. GREENER: I have no way of predicting that.

Q Early evening or late evening?

MR. GREENER: Part of the reason for meeting with Frank and Alan will be to go over the speech, and it is sheer mechanics after that.

Q Are those the only two participating in the meeting, Zarb and Greenspan?

MR. GREENER: Paul Theis, Bob Orben and Bill Greener.

Q What is going to be your role in that?

MR. GREENER: To get the speech.

Q Has the President made a decision yet on whether to appeal the Court of Appeals decision?

MR. GREENER: There has been no change from what Ron said yesterday.

Q What did he say yesterday?

MR. GREENER: I think you know that, Fran.

Q Can we assume pretty much it will come tomorrow -- not in the speech, but at some point?

MR. GREENER: I have no timing on it, but when we get it, I will announce it.

Q Will it be here or in Washington from the Justice Department?

MR. GREENER: If the Justice Department plans to make any announcement, we will make it here simultaneously, so you are sure to get it.

Q Is Ron participating in that Seminar in Aspen today?

MR. GREENER: I don't think so. I think it is purely a personal visit.

Q Is he going over to seek advice or how to run the Press Office or what?

MR. GREENER: I think it is purely a personal visit. They have known each other before.

Q Moyers was one of his idols, wasn't he?

MR. GREENER: You know more about that than I do.

Q How is he traveling over there?

MR. GREENER: Driving.

Q Is he going over Independence Pass or the other way?

MR. GREENER: I don't know the way he is going.

Q Is the meeting this afternoon only to discuss or to make final decisions on the speech tomorrow?

MR. GREENER: I don't know all that will be discussed. That is part of it, and that is the reason I was going out there, as I said.

Q Would we be remiss to say they were also discussing the other aspects of the energy situation, including the tariff and the Court action, et cetera?

MR. GREENER: I don't think you would be remiss. I am sure that will all be discussed.

Q Has the President been in touch with Kissinger in the last 24 hours, and can you tell us anything about the Kissinger trip to the Middle East?

MR. GREENER: I have nothing on either one.

Q Is he going to talk to Kissinger after his speech tomorrow? Will Kissinger be here in town, and will they have a meeting?

MR. GREENER: I checked on Kissinger's schedule this morning, and he is expected to be in Friday evening. There is no time on it.

Q Where will he come in -- Denver or Grand Junction? Can we find that out?

MR. GREENER: They didn't have the answer when I talked to them about 20 minutes ago.

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Q There is a Jack Anderson story this morning about the President considering appointments for Kleindienst and two other fellows to sort of clear their names and show they have paid their debts.

MR. GREENER: I have nothing on that.

Q Do you know if it is true? Is he thinking about that?

MR. GREENER: I have nothing on it. I will be glad to check it.

Q Harry Dent, also.

MR. GREENER: I understand. I saw the column, and I asked someone to check it, but I do not have an answer for you.

Q Did you see the President today?

MR. GREENER: Yes.

Q What was he doing?

MR. GREENER: He met this morning with Rumsfeld, at 8:30, and with Ron and myself at 9:00. He, as you know, was getting ready to leave after that and go play golf. He was going over papers.

Q Why is he going to a private course?

MR. GREENER: I don't know that it is a private course, is it?

Q I understood it was.

MR. GREENER: He is just playing another golf course, Phil. If you are a golfer, you like to play a different course.

Q I wondered if it was because he was tired of the coverage.

MR. GREENER: Not at all.

In answer to that, before someone has to drag it out of me (Laughter) on the pools, the rules will be that the protective pool will go out. If, after you get there, you want to stay and do unilateral coverage, you will be asked to turn in your pool pass, but not your regular pass, at that point, which will be returned to you when you get back here.

Q We just were talking to the pool, and it is our understanding they can go out and see him off on the first tee and that will end the pool. So, that is all we were asking for at that point. There is no question.

MR. GREENER: There is no change from what you asked for, Fran.

Q I would like to know about the modus operandi tomorrow. When he is asked questions from the floor, will they be limited to energy? Who will ask the questions? Will they be handpicked?

MR. GREENER: They will just be asked from the floor.

Q On any subject?

MR. GREENER: We presume most will be on energy.

Q This is an important question. Are they going to be asked not to ask questions on other topics?

MR. GREENER: No decision has been made on that, Ralph. I will check on that.

Q How many people will be there?

MR. GREENER: I don't know.

Q Can you characterize that speech tomorrow?

MR. GREENER: Not until it is finished.

Q What is Mr. Kissinger going to talk to the President about?

MR. GREENER: Foreign affairs. (Laughter)

Q No, he is obviously going to talk about the Middle East, isn't he?

MR. GREENER: I don't know. I will have to check on it. I haven't gotten to him.

Q We have known he is coming for four days and the State Department said they will talk about the Middle East.

MR. GREENER: I am sure they will if the State Department said it.

Q Did the President ask him to come out?

MR. GREENER: Let me check whether he is coming on his own or whether the President asked him.

Q Do you expect any announcements?

MR. GREENER: I don't anticipate any major announcements.

Q Can we see Zarb or Greenspan after the meeting this afternoon? Will they have anything to say?

MR. GREENER: I don't believe they will have anything to say. It is possible we can get up a meeting with Alan and Frank later. I will have something on that for you.

Q How about a meeting with Kissinger?

MR. GREENER: I will have to check.

Q Will there be any possibility of setting up a meeting with Alan and Frank after we get the speech?

MR. GREENER: I will try.

Q You don't know what time this will be?

MR. GREENER: We have no way of knowing. It depends on how many changes they make in the speech. It is sheer mechanics at that point.

Q What time will Zarb speak tomorrow?

MR. GREENER: At 11:00.

Q Will he have an advance text?

MR. GREENER: I don't know. We will check.

Q Can you tell us whether the President has done any swimming or other sports activities?

MR. GREENER: Yes, he has gone swimming.

Q How much and where?

MR. GREENER: He has been swimming in the swimming pool at the Bass house. That is the only place I know of. How much, I don't have the full details.

Q Did Jack arrive last night, and was he at the dinner?

MR. GREENER: He was at the dinner.

Q Were there any added starters at the dinner?

MR. GREENER: No.

Q Did they do anything after the dinner?

MR. GREENER: The President worked on some paperwork, and it was a quiet family evening.

Q You say you don't anticipate any announcements. What about a Middle East breakthrough? Would that change? Are you saying if Kissinger went back to the Middle East next week the President would not announce it from here?

MR. GREENER: I am not saying he wouldn't. I am saying we do not anticipate any major announcements at this time.

Q Would you know if there was one coming?

MR. GREENER: I would not know if there was one coming.

Q Do you consider that a major announcement, an announcement that Kissinger was returning to the Middle East for another attempt at getting an interim settlement?

MR. GREENER: Yes. (Laughter)

Q Bill, how long do you expect Kissinger to be in Vail?

MR. GREENER: He will leave some time Monday.

Q Has the President received any information from his legal advisers on the Church Committee subpoena?

MR. GREENER: The answer is yes, and it is exactly as it was given yesterday, which is the Justice Department is trying to check to find out exactly how and if it can be accomplished under the injunction.

THE PRESS: Thank you, Bill.

END (AT 10:25 A.M. MDT)