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AT THE WHITE HOUSE

WITH RON NESSEN

AT 9:06 A.M. CDT

OCTOBER 1, 1975

WEDNESDAY

(Chicago, Illinois)

MR. NESSEN: This is our daily security round-up. (Laughter) We will also be reporting now on a regular basis about stolen cars and that type thing, (Laughter) rapists, trashcans turned over during the night.

This morning -- I am sorry I don't have the time, but probably some of you who saw it have the time -- a man standing in front of the hotel by the name of -- this name comes from the Skokie Police Department -- Thomas Weber of Skokie was seen loitering in front of the hotel with his hand in his pockets. (Laughter)

This same man had been loitering in the hotel last night and had been put out of the hotel. We don't broadcast the briefings and, Dick, we don't file during the briefings.

This man had been seen at the hotel last night. He has been known to the Skokie police in the past, and why he is known to the Skokie police in the past I prefer for you to get from the Skokie police.

A policeman by the name of Sargeant O'Keefe -- I am sorry, I don't have his first name -- and a Secret Service agent approached this man today and asked him if he was going to remain in the front of the hotel, that he needed to take his hands out of his pockets. (Laughter)

The man refused to take his hands out of his pockets. (Laughter) Sargeant O'Keefe then claims the man struck him. The man was arrested, taken to the Skokie Police Department headquarters. He had no weapon and, as far as the Secret Service was concerned, this episode was not related to any threat against the President, not related to the President's visit and they have no further interest in this man.

I don't have any more than just his name.

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Q Have there been any other incidents that we don't know about?

MR. NESSEN: No, that is the only one this morning.

Q What happens from here? Is he going to see a poster child?

MR. NESSEN: They were adding a couple of little minor things this morning, and I will have to nail all that down.

Q What has he been doing this morning?

MR. NESSEN: He has been working on paperwork with Don Rumsfeld.

Q Is he aware the threats against his life have tripled?

MR. NESSEN: I don't know that they have tripled.

Q This is the Secret Service Director's testimony.

MR. NESSEN: I don't know that he is aware of that, but I will check it for you.

Q Is this something that would concern him?

MR. NESSEN: I said I would check it. I don't know one way or the other, Helen.

Q Ron, has he commented on the Coors, the collapse of the Coors network?

MR. NESSEN: No, he hasn't.

Q Can you tell us about the meeting with the mayors?

MR. NESSEN: The meeting with the mayors will go as follows. There will be a pool in there at the beginning --

Q Can we file?

MR. NESSEN: Yes, you can go ahead and file on the man with his hands in his pockets.

The mayors' meeting will be open at the beginning for a pool and then immediately after that I will come down here and give you a very brief fill-in and bring some mayors down with me. We have somewhere around a half hour or 40 minutes after the mayors' meeting to get a briefing on it.

Q What happens after the meeting? We missed the motorcade last night, and I don't want to miss it today.

MR. NESSEN: Neither do I.

Q Who is handling the traveling pool?

MR. NESSEN: Bill Greener and Eric and Dave Wendell will make sure everybody is in the motorcade and doesn't get left this time.

Q Is the Secret Service interviewing Mrs. Pulido?

MR. NESSEN: No, not the Secret Service.

Q What is occurring there now?

MR. NESSEN: I think it is up to the locals now. The Secret Service has stepped out of that case.

THE PRESS: Thank you, Ron.

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(AT 9:16 A.M. CDT)

AT THE WHITE HOUSE

WITH RON NESSEN

AT 2:35 P.M. CDT

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WEDNESDAY
(Omaha, Nebraska)

MR. NESSEN: Okay, I think Jack is handing out now a copy of a message that the President sent to Congress, to the House of Representatives, announcing that he has vetoed a bill which would have increased the subsidy price for tobacco. This bill was passed by Congress.

Midnight tonight was the deadline for taking action either to sign or veto. The President did veto the message just shortly before he left the White House last evening.

Are there any other questions on any other matters?

Q Why so late?

MR. NESSEN: It took time to draft that statement to Congress, Helen.

Q Can you tell us why he vetoed it?

MR. NESSEN: John Carlson is here fully equipped to give you the background on this matter.

Q Is the President choosing up sides in favor of Kissinger in the Schlesinger-Kissinger dispute over the Pershing missiles to Israel question?

MR. NESSEN: I wouldn't say that, Aldo.

Q No, you didn't say it, but is it true?

MR. NESSEN: I wouldn't say it.

Q Ron, did he talk with Schlesinger about this?

MR. NESSEN: Today?

Q Any time?

MR. NESSEN: Of course, he has talked to Schlesinger about it.

Q Schlesinger claims he does not know about this and Ford is rebuking him, in effect saying, "You have the shopping list."

MR. NESSEN: Read the transcript of the President's statement. The Pentagon had the list.

Q He said Schlesinger had the list?

MR. NESSEN: That is what he said.

What else do we need?

To anticipate your questions, the President said in that TV interview that he was meeting a representative of the MIA wives. This lady's name is Mrs. Caroline Stenderwick; and her daughter, Sheryl. This request for a meeting was made by the National League of Families.

Q Are they from Omaha?

MR. NESSEN: The President will meet her briefly at the airport, shortly before departure.

Q On the plane?

MR. NESSEN: No, I think just at the field.

What else?

Bill has told you about the little drop-by by some Republican leaders which is going on now.

Q Where is the National League of Families based?

MR. NESSEN: I think they have an office over there in the American Legion Building in Washington, as far as I know.

Q Ron, what is this package deal on the extension of the tax cut and spending limitation the President was talking about?

MR. NESSEN: The decision hasn't been made yet, Jim, on whether to request an extension of the tax cut, which expires at the end of the year. But, as he did last year when he agreed to sign the \$22 billion tax cut for one year, he coupled that with the determination to hold down Government spending.

Q But that was a determination. Is he tying it to some kind of formula this time that would be by statute?

MR. NESSEN: I don't have anything on that yet, Tom.

Q What he said originally, that he talked about --

MR. NESSEN: I know that. I don't have the details of what he is talking about.

Q I believe Simon said earlier this week the President would reach his decision by the end of this week.

MR. NESSEN: I don't think the decision will be made by the end of this week.

Q Ron, would this be a ceiling on spending or on deficit?

MR. NESSEN: Ted, I don't have any details of what it was he was talking about.

Q Ron, where did he come in? We were riding around the block on a bus.

MR. NESSEN: I think he came into the main entrance of the hotel. He waved to the crowd across the street for 15 seconds and then turned and walked into the hotel.

Q How many were on hand?

MR. NESSEN: I don't know, other than the officials who greeted him at the door.

I was asked which entrance he came in. He came in the Capital Street entrance of the hotel and the main entrance is on Dodge Street. Is this the back entrance or side entrance?

MR. CARLSON: It is a ground or street entrance in back.

MR. NESSEN: It is a street level entrance but it is not considered to be the main entrance to the hotel.

Q Is it a side entrance?

MR. CARLSON: Yes, side entrance.

Q Was there a crowd at the main entrance like there was last night at the Hilton Hotel?

MR. NESSEN: I have not seen the main entrance. You saw the main entrance, Aldo. Were there any crowds?

Aldo says there were not any crowds at the main entrance of the hotel.

THE PRESS: Thank you, Ron.

END (AT 2:40 P.M. CDT)