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AT THE WHITE HOUSE

WITH RON NESSEN

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MR. NESSEN: I have a little bit of information, but not much.

Q Do you want to explain about the threats on Secretary Kissinger?

MR. NESSEN: What was that?

Q President Ford just sent up a request for an emergency resolution for continuing Secret Service protection.

MR. NESSEN: Doesn't it say who it is?

Q Well, yes, basically. But it doesn't use their names.

MR. NESSEN: Does he use their title?

Q Them and future ones. Can you tell us something about what the threats are?

MR. NESSEN: This is the first I heard of it. No.

Some people asked me about the week end. The week end is that the President will go to Camp David tomorrow about 12:30 p.m., and stay until Sunday afternoon or evening. Mrs. Ford will go with him and four guests will be there. I should say eight guests: Senator and Mrs. Griffin, Congressman and Mrs. Cederberg, Mr. and Mrs. William White, and Mr. and Mrs. Rod Markley. So that is the week end.

Just to look ahead a little bit, as some people asked me to do, on Monday the President will sign the budget and send it to Congress. The briefing will be tomorrow I understand, for release on Monday. On Tuesday the President will sign and transmit to Congress his Economic Report and the international economic report. That is the report of the Council on International Economic Policy.

I don't really have much to project beyond that right now.

Q What about gas decontrol?

MR. NESSEN: There are a couple of matters pending, Russ, and I don't have any decisions on them one way or the other.

Q Do you look for anything in the morning so that the week end pieces are not going to be out of date by noon tomorrow?

MR. NESSEN: I don't look for anything major tomorrow.

Q What about executive salaries?

MR. NESSEN: The President's decision on executive salaries, legislative and judicial salaries, will be handled in the budget and therefore will be announced and explained at the budget briefing tomorrow.

Q Well, Congressional leaders have already said what he has done in that, is that correct?

MR. NESSEN: I am not going to pre-empt what the budget briefing will handle tomorrow.

Q You're saying there won't be a separate formal statement on the salary recommendations?

MR. NESSEN: That's right. It will be handled in the budget.

Q Will there be a formal statement on the question of amnesty?

MR. NESSEN: I just don't have anything. On the other pending matters I don't have anything to say today, Russ.

Q None of that stuff you expect tomorrow, though?

MR. NESSEN: No, I don't.

Q Are there any social events on at the White House, either next week or anything the President is going to in his last week?

MR. NESSEN: I think you know tonight he has the RNC coming over You know about that.

Q Yes.

MR. NESSEN: Over the week end at Camp David, and I don't have anything beyond that.

Q Nothing into next week?

MR. NESSEN: I don't know of anything.

Q Any coverage on the RNC?

MR. NESSEN: No.

Q Okay. You can't enlighten us at all on the Secret Service thing?

MR. NESSEN: I can't, Fran. Doesn't the legislation explain why he requested it?

Q Well, in some respects but it doesn't say what the threats are and why it all came up, etc.

MR. NESSEN: I will see what I can find out for you and send somebody in to talk to you.