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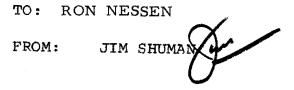
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Attached is the answer I think you should give if someone should happen to ask about the meeting we had scheduled for this weekedd.

There are several reasons why this answer should be used.

SUGGESTED ANSWER TO EXPLAIN WHY MEETING ON PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION CANCELLED

We first discussed such a meeting last summer in an effort to improve ways in which the Office of the President could find out what people in the United States were thinking about national issues and problems.

The meeting was delayed several times because of schedule problems.

We decided to cancel it because we were concerned that in an election year our motives might be misconstrued.

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