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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

2/10/76

TO: RON NESSEN

FROM: JIM SHUMAN

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Shuman", written over the printed name "JIM SHUMAN". The signature is stylized with a large loop and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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

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 ^{better} 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.

JBS/2-10-76