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Navy Shipbuilding Program

Q: Is it true that the decision whether or not to expand the Navy's shipbuilding program will depend on the outcome of the Texas primary?

A: A study is now underway within the Executive on the future force requirements for the Navy. The study is not yet completed, and I would not want to prejudge its outcome. We will, of course, apprise the Congress of the results of the study once it is completed.

(On an if-asked basis)

Q: When will the study be completed?

A: The study is still several weeks from completion.

*RMC*

NAVY SHIP BUILDING CLAIMS SETTLEMENT:

1. Don Ogilvie had his meeting with Navy officials. No major changes from previous report to you.
2. Clements has sent a letter explaining broad outlines of his proposal to Stennis.
3. Assistant Secretary of Defense for Installations and Logistics will have press conference at 11:30 a.m. today.
4. OMB is beginning review and analysis of Defense plan.

(per Don Ogilvie -- 10:45 a.m.)  
April 8

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