

The original documents are located in Box 123, folder “Intelligence” of the Ron Nessen Papers at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.

Copyright Notice

The copyright law of the United States (Title 17, United States Code) governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material. Ron Nessen donated to the United States of America his copyrights in all of his unpublished writings in National Archives collections. Works prepared by U.S. Government employees as part of their official duties are in the public domain. The copyrights to materials written by other individuals or organizations are presumed to remain with them. If you think any of the information displayed in the PDF is subject to a valid copyright claim, please contact the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.

INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

Q. In your speech Thursday evening you emphasized the importance of our intelligence services for the maintenance of our national security. You also said that it is entirely proper for this system to be subject to Congressional review. To what extent do you think Congress can be informed of our intelligence activities without jeopardizing our national security?

A. As I said in my address to the Congress, I am prepared to meet with the leadership of the Congress to work out mutually satisfactory procedures in keeping the Congress adequately informed concerning our intelligence activities. It is essential that the Congress insure that these procedures safeguard essential secrets. We must all recognize the vital need to protect sensitive intelligence information if our intelligence services are to continue to provide the information required to safeguard our national security.