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MEETING WITH PRINCE GYANENDRA

Q: Why did the President meet with Prince Gyanendra?

A: The President did meet with His Royal Highness, Prince Gyanendra, of Nepal this morning. His Royal Highness, in the company of his wife, Her Royal Highness, Princess Komal, is on a private visit to the United States, and the President met with him while he was in Washington in the spirit of the friendly relations which exist between our two countries. Prince Gyanendra is the brother of His Majesty, King Birendra, of Nepal.

KING OF NEPAL

Q. Do you have an announcement concerning the U. S. delegation to the coronation of the King of Nepal?

A. We have no announcement on that today. It is my understanding takes place on February 24, so we will not have an announcement until later in the week.

Q. Who is on the delegation and does it include the President's friend, Jim Brown?

A. I have seen a press story that Philip Buchen is on this list. I do not know about Jim Brown, but ~~we~~ we will provide a complete list as soon as the President makes it official.

(FYI ONLY: It does include Jim Brown, ~~but~~ but there is a hold somewhere for some reason.)