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Office of the White House Press Secretary

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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The Washington Star News has broken the embargo on the budget. As a consequence, the Economic Report of the President to Congress will not be given to the Washington Star News until noon tomorrow, the release time, and the Washington Star News will not be allowed to attend tomorrow morning's briefing on the Economic Report of the President.

In addition, Fred Barnes of the Washington Star News, who was scheduled to ask a question at the President's news conference in Atlanta tomorrow will not be allowed to ask his question.

News organizations which break a release time are unfair to all their colleagues who live up to the embargo. If news organizations start ignoring embargoes, we will have an impossible situation in which there will be a race to get into print or on the air first and everyone will lose. In addition, breaking an embargo on a message to Congress puts the President in the position of showing discourtesy to members of the House and Senate because members read about the President's message or hear it broadcast before they receive the official copy.