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THE WHITE HOUSE

STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY

The President was informed of Secretary Butz' comments late Thursday evening.

Secretary Butz was summoned to a meeting with the President in the Oval Office on Friday morning. The President informed the Secretary that such language and attitudes were not acceptable from a member of his Administration.

The President told the Secretary the remarks were highly offensive to him and to the American people. The President's statement to Secretary Butz amounted to a severe reprimand.

Secretary Butz expressed his regret and informed the President that he was issuing a public apology.

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