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Ronald Nessen, Press Secretary
to the President
Lt. General Brent Scowcroft,
Assistant to the President

DATE AND TIME: Saturday, November 8, 1975
10:39 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.

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I would agree, our discussion.

T. I have a story about ME but wouldn't
want to repeat it to you here now.

Then, however to witness many things
after a few years in ME.

I saw a few sentences for Albany
campaign which resulted in eventual

I was sent there by letter to sign

Witness to the many

When I witnessed it & in person, discerned

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didn't want to listen to things; too bad.

in a way of course; the We start in January.

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(Anecdote about sponsoring work in Jerusalem)

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fate for people who were killed for that.

(More small talk)