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NEWS CONFERENCE

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AT THE WHITE HOUSE

WITH RON NESSEN

AT 12:08 P.M. EDT

MAY 27, 1975

TUESDAY

RRM

MR. NESSEN: I want to move right along so we can get to this 12:45 Rose Garden ceremony.

The President came into the office at 7:30 this morning and held his usual staff meetings first thing.

His other meetings today include right now at noon a regular meeting with Vice President Rockefeller, which he has periodically.

At 12:30, Lt. Commander Steven Todd will go in to see the President. I think some of you know Steve. He is coming in so the President can bid him farewell and express his appreciation for Commander Todd's service as the Naval Aide to the President.

Commander Todd is being reassigned by the Navy after two years of service here at the White House. The President will present Commander Todd with a Legion of Merit as he leaves the White House to go to other Navy duties.

Q Do you have the name of his successor?

MR. NESSEN: There is not going to be an exact successor. As you know, the new Military Assistant to the President, Captain Kollmorgan, is a Navy man. There will be a Navy man of lower rank assigned as an aide.

At 12:45, the President is going out to the Rose Garden to participate in the swearing in of Lowell W. Perry, of Detroit, as a Member and Chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. I think you will remember we announced the nomination on May 12th, and the Senate confirmed him on May 21st. There is open coverage of that. We will try and wind up by then.

I think we already have biographic information available in the Press Office for you to pick up.

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