

BACKGROUND BRIEFING

(Administration Policy Concerning Toxins)

AT THE WHITE HOUSE
(KEY BISCAIYNE, FLORIDA)

WITH RON ZIEGLER, PRESS SECRETARY
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Mr. Ziegler: You have had a chance to read over the release which is for 6:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time regarding the President's decision on toxins.

Dr. Kissinger is here to take your questions regarding this subject this morning. You can attribute what Dr. Kissinger says to White House officials. You can quote directly, however, but attribute it not to Dr. Kissinger, but to White House officials.

Dr. Kissinger: Any questions?

Q. Several of us were under the impression that this was all taken care of in the President's November 25 announcement. Can you describe what this additional factor is?

Dr. Kissinger: In the President's November 25 announcement, we determined the policy for biological weapons and for chemical weapons. As it turns out, toxins are somewhere in between. Toxins are produced by biological or microbial processes. But they act like chemicals. They are classified as chemicals by the World Health