

In answer to questions, Ziegler extended the scope of the White House statement Monday proclaiming the President's innocence in the Watergate break-in and the alleged cover-up that followed.

Deputy press secretary Gerald L. Warren issued a statement Monday declaring that "any suggestion that the President participated in any cover-up activity or activities is untrue."

When Ziegler was told that the statement did not deny Mr. Nixon's "awareness" of a cover-up, he said the original statement "was drawn to make a distinction between participation and awareness."

The statement was issued because of allegations that had been made regarding a cover-up and was intended to deny the President's involvement, he said.

The Monday statement also said that Mr. Nixon had never authorized the offering of clemency to anyone involved in the Watergate case and knew nothing about the Watergate break-in in advance.

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