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Nixon Asks Newsmen To 'Give Him Hell'

WASHINGTON (AP) — After addressing the nation on Watergate, President Nixon stepped into the White House press room Monday night and told newsmen, "just continue to give me hell when you think I'm wrong."

Without advance notice, the President stepped behind a rostrum in the press briefing room and began talking into microphones that were not connected.

Looking rather grim, Nixon began by saying he and the press had had differences in the past but added: "Just continue to give me hell when you think I'm wrong. I hope I'm worthy of your trust."

With that, Nixon left the room.

The White House stuck to a decision not to permit customary post-speech photos of Nixon behind his desk in the Oval Office.