

---

# The White House Admits a Mistake

S.F. Cheon  
4-10-70

Washington

The White House acknowledged yesterday that it told some senators incorrectly, prior to Wednesday's Senate vote, that Senator Margaret Chase Smith (Rep-Maine), would vote for confirmation of Judge G. Harrold Carswell to the Supreme Court.

Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said the mistake was made "in good faith" and based on what President Nixon's congressional liaison aides considered "reliable information."

Mrs. Smith cast a key vote against the nomination when

it was defeated by a 51-45 margin.

Senator Marlow W. Cook (Rep-Ky.), said earlier in the day in a broadcast interview that the White House had told senators before the vote that Mrs. Smith would support Carswell.

Ziegler said presidential counselor Bryce Harlow's office had passed on the erroneous information to some senators, based on information Harlow received from Capitol Hill. Ziegler did not indicate whether the information came directly from Mrs. Smith or someone else.

*United Press*

---