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PRESIDENT NIXON AFTER TV ADDRESS He brushed away tears and said, 'It wasn't easy'

A Subdued Nixon Visits the Press

Washington

Moments after he completed his television speech tonight, President Nixon walked into the room where the White House briefings are held each morning.

With no Secret Service agents or aides accompaning him. he stepped behind the podium where Ronald Ziegler, his press secretary, usually answers reporters' questions. The lights in that part of the room were out. He stood in the shadows.

Then the President looked out to a group of 15 reporters and photographers who were standing there chatting. His voice was low; he appeared shaken.

"Ladies and gentlemen of the press," Mr. Nixon said, "we have had our differences in the past, and I hope you give me hell every time you think I'm wrong. I hope I'm worthy of your trust."

Then he turned and walked back toward the presidential living quarters upstairs.

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