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Ⓐ - "Arthur Sampson says [no date] he was called in to sign the [agreement] at the White House the night before it was made public."

The Quill, Jul/Aug 75, Lyle Denniston, p. 29