

on speech to nation

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WASHINGTON — Having congratulated his proposed successor in a phone call, former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew returned to his office yesterday to continue work on a speech to the nation tomorrow.

It will be carried live on NBC at 7:30 p.m. EDT.

Agnew's designated successor, Rep. Gerald R. Ford, said Agnew had telephoned him Friday.

"He was very complimentary and I thanked him," Ford said.

Agnew's speech is expected to run about 15 minutes and to include denials that he is guilty of a series of allegations detailed against him.