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NIXON IS PICTURED AS WARY OF PRESS

But U.P.I. Man Rates Him
Cooperative, With Charm

President Nixon was described yesterday as being "much more cooperative" to newsmen than his predecessor, Lyndon B. Johnson, but as having set up "an elaborate apparatus of advertising and public relations experts for monitoring and influencing what is written about him."

The description was given by Eugene V. Risher, White House correspondent for United Press International. He told 900 news executives at his news service's annual breakfast meeting in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel:

"The White House staff makes periodic analyses of individual newsmen and organizations to determine if they are—by White House standards—fair-minded or biased, sympathetic or unsympathetic.

"It's from these studies that Vice President Agnew gets most of his ammunition. They also frequently determine what information is leaked to whom."

A Distrust Charged

Mr. Risher said that President Nixon "has a great deal more charm than is generally known" but that he and other top White House aides believed the press was "either incapable or unwilling to accurately reflect his motives and his personality."

In turn, Mr. Risher said, this White House "adversary relationship" has engendered in many newsmen "a feeling that they are being manipulated and not getting an accurate view."

In other developments at the start of annual press meetings here:

¶H. Roger Tatarian, U.P.I. vice president and editor, said the news service "will resist any subpoena whose purpose is to fish for information that has not been put into the service" sent to news clients. He said U.P.I. had recently been served with a subpoena demanding copies of dispatches about a New York Black Panther case.

¶David Bowen, director of communications for The Associated Press, said his new cooperative would save \$750,000 a year in news transmission jobs, when nationwide new tu-