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Goldwater Strips Kissinger of Anonymity

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 10— Senator Barry Goldwater ignored White House rules today and revealed that Henry A. Kissinger, President Nixon's national security adviser, was the "White House officials" who defended the Administration's policy toward India and Pakistan on Tuesday. 7 DEC

The Arizona Republican, apparently unconcerned about breaking with tradition, inserted in the Congressional Record the transcript of a "background briefing" on India and Pakistan given at the White House under strict conditions of anonymity.

The 50 newsmen who attended the briefing were obliged to identify the individual who

gave the briefing as "White House officials" and were enjoined from quoting directly from his remarks.

Session 'on Background'

The White House briefing of reporters on Tuesday was "on background" and the transcript as supplied by Senator Goldwater gives the flavor of how the session was conducted:

MR. ZIEGLER. Dr. Kissinger is here with us this afternoon. What he says to you will be background. You can attribute it to White House officials, but no direct quotations. We have, of course, had a number of inquiries and questions about the situation in South Asia. What I am saying to you now is, of course, on background, be-

cause it relates to this. We thought it might be worthwhile for Henry to come out this afternoon to discuss our views on a background basis with you to put the matter into further perspective for you.

QUESTION [from a newsmen]. Ron, is there any necessity for no direct quotation? Could you explain why that is?

MR. ZIEGLER. The purpose of this session is more putting our view and our position into perspective, and we would just prefer no direct quotation. I think it would be more productive for you.

Senator Goldwater, asked why he inserted the material into the Record, said he had asked the White House for a

policy statement to clear up confusion in people's minds on the Administration's reasons for blaming India for the war.

"The night before last I received a hand-delivered envelope from the White House," The Senator said. "It looked like a typical press handout. To me there was no marking to indicate 'secret' or 'off-the-record.'" Besides I don't work that way. Occasionally I'm invited to a secret briefing. I say the hell with it."

At the White House this afternoon, Gerald L. Warren, a deputy press secretary, was asked for reaction to Senator Goldwater's revelation. He coughed, shook his head, and said, "I was not aware of that." He said that he would rather withhold comment.

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