

KCBS - Daniel Ellsberg
transcribed from tape

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..... is almost going out of his way to impress on us our impotence, the fact that no consultation, he feels, is needed. He assures us that he will not use nuclear weapons, in that very same assurance reminding us that the day may come when he personally will decide to use nuclear weapons. Is there anyone here who imagines that this president of the United States feels called upon to consult the Congress before he were to do that? I doubt if you do. You would be wrong. I am certain that he does not feel so constrained, and he's reminding us of that.

*Tape sound is that of a speech, rather than of a press conference.