

Another Denial of U.S. Tax Increase



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Roy L. Ash, director of the Office of Management and Budget, said yesterday that the administration's present position is that "no tax increase is in order," despite the fact that President Nixon is studying some proposals to raise taxes.

In response to questions on the NBC television show "Meet the Press," Ash said

that the idea of a tax surcharge to be imposed in inflationary times and refunded during a business slowdown "has been studied as a possible device to use at a time when it is fitting, but this is not considered the time."

He said "I exactly agree" with Secretary of the Treasury George P. Shultz, who had criticized the idea of a

tax increase last week, one day after presidential adviser Melvin R. Laird had said that Mr. Nixon was studying such an increase.

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