

White House Won't Join In Study of News Media

Washington

The White House said yesterday it has informed the National News Council that it is "unable to join in any cooperative research study" regarding the news media.

The council had asked Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler for further information and specifics regarding President Nixon's reference at a recent news conference to "vicious, distorted reporting."

Asked if Ziegler had given a reply to the council's re-

quest, deputy press secretary Gerald Warren said the White House could not join in the study "because we simply don't have the staff or the time."

The National News Council, which is based in New York, describes itself as a non-profit organization established to consider public grievances regarding the accuracy and fairness of national news reports and to initiate studies and report on issues involving freedom of the press.

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