

News Executives Briefed By White House Advisers

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SAN CLEMENTE, Calif., June 26 — President Nixon and several of his senior foreign-policy advisers gave a five-hour briefing today to the top executives or editors of 38 selected television and newspaper organizations.

The briefing was said to have focused on Indochina and especially Cambodia, a subject on which the President will report to the nation next week. But he was also said to have ranged beyond those subjects into other and broader areas of international policy.

Gerald Warren, deputy White House press secretary, said the briefing was designed to provide "background on various aspects of foreign policy" and was similar to briefings the White House has held for other groups, such as university presidents and financial leaders.

Joined by Nixon at Pool

Mr. Nixon reportedly did not spend much time at the working sessions of the briefing, which was held at the Presidential compound in San Clemente. He opened the morning session with a few brief remarks, which his staff refused to characterize, and then joined his guests during a luncheon break around a swimming pool.

The bulk of the briefing was conducted by Henry A. Kissinger, the President's national security adviser; Lieut. Gen. John W. Vogt, director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff; William H. Sullivan, deputy assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and Pacific affairs; Ronald L. Ziegler, the White House press secretary, also sat in on the briefing, as did Herbert G. Klein, Mr. Nixon's director of communications.

Critics Not Invited

The New York Times and the Washington Post, both outspoken critics of the Administration's Cambodian venture and general Indochina policy, were not invited, nor were Newsweek magazine and several other organizations.

White House officials have explained that the organizations were chosen on the basis of "geographical balance". New York was represented by The New York Daily News, but representatives from two Chicago newspapers—The Tribune and The Sun-Times—were invited.

The meeting was reportedly arranged by Mr. Klein. The invitations were extended by Mr. Klein's office, Mr. Warren said.