

### **White House Explains Poster Child Decision**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (AP)—The White House said today that other commitments made it impossible for President Nixon to be photographed with a 13-year-old child from Wichita, Kan., who appears on a charity fund poster.

The parents of Roberta Scott said in Wichita that they had been informed that their daughter, the 1970 poster child for the National Association of Retarded Children, would not have her picture taken with Mr. Nixon.

The Presidential press secretary, Ronald L. Ziegler, said the White House did not know the girl's race (she is a Negro) when the photograph appointment was considered, and noted that two of the organization's former poster children had not been photographed with President Johnson in 1967 and 1968. Another White House spokesman pointed out that Mrs. Nixon substituted for her husband last year in posing with the poster child.

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