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Kissinger Identified as Source of China Briefing

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WASHINGTON, March 1—The Boston Globe and the Knight newspaper chain today identified Henry A. Kissinger as the Nixon Administration source who briefed newsmen yesterday about President Nixon's discussions with Premier Chou En-lai of China.

Mr. Kissinger, the President's adviser for national security, briefed all but a few of the reporters who had accompanied

Mr. Nixon to China on the understanding that most of his remarks would be attributed to an "Administration official" and other could not be attributed at all. The briefing was held in the Federal City Club here at the Newsmen's request.

The ground rules, agreed to by the newsmen attending the briefing, further provided that Mr. Kissinger would have the opportunity to review and correct the transcript of his remarks before copies were distributed to the reporters. This is not an uncommon practice at the White House, where official transcripts of the President's statements and news conferences are customarily edited be-

fore distribution.

Both news organizations said they had not been represented at the briefing and that they were therefore not bound by its restrictions. They add that they had learned the briefer's identity from other sources.

A dispatch in The New York Times today about the President's talks in China, written by Max Frankel, who attended the briefing, was based in part on the background session but also included material made available in recent days from other White House briefings for Congressional leaders and Government officials.