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In an unrelated matter, Mr. Ziegler said in response to questions that he had been told by White House lawyers that there was "no substance" to a lawsuit filed by Ralph Nader and his reformist citizen group seeking to recover for the Federal Treasury thousands of dollars paid to White House officials while they were working for the re-election of the President.

The suit, filed in United States District Court here yesterday, charged that the salaries of a number of top White House officials should have been paid out of Republican campaign funds rather than with tax money.

Mr. Ziegler said the Administration lawyers considered the suit "without merit and without foundation" because there was adequate precedent for Presidential assistants to work on a Presidential campaign at public expense.

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