

Ziegler Ducks

Quiz Now on Watergate Role

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — White House press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler has told reporters that discussion of his credibility in the Watergate case will have to wait until a later date.

Ziegler was asked why he kept insisting as late as March 30 that nobody in the White House was involved in the bugging scandal even though President Nixon had ordered a new investigation on March 21.

"I made a number of long statements during that period, as you recall," Ziegler said. "I will simply say to you . . . any statement or response to questions I made here as a White House spokesman was based on information I had available to me to base such comments on at that time."

Ziegler said any discussion of the accuracy of his earlier statements might prejudice the rights of some individual being investigated.

"There will be a time, I assure you, for this subject to be discussed and to be raised," he said.
