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WASHINGTON, May 16
(UPI)—The White House said today that President Nixon's next news conference was "not too far off."

The White House press secretary, Ronald L. Ziegler said that the President was reluctant to meet reporters immediately because any questions he might answer about the Watergate scandal could be "detrimental to individuals who are involved in the judicial process."

When he was reminded that Watergate could be in the courts for years, Mr. Ziegler said that it was "not our intention or his intention" to postpone a news conference that long.

Mr. Nixon has had three news conferences this year, the last one on March 15.